



MINUTES

North Shore Pickleball Club Directors Meeting

Feb 14, 2019

Present: Linda Sullivan, Allan Gauthier (by phone), Larry Harper, Pat Crawford, Ed Orlovsky, Anne Watson

Regrets: Dale Harvey

Call to Order: 1:00 pm

1. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of January 9, with a small edit to #3. Moved Allan/seconded Larry.

2. **Review action items from January 9:**

#4 – Letter to Tennis Society regarding the neighbour’s concern at Little Cates is pending. **Action: Linda**

#5 – Linda wrote to the supervisor at Delbrook and Parkgate concerning possible levelling problems. The response was that everything is fine from the Community Centre perspective.

Anne spoke with the Gleneagles supervisor and with Bob who teaches PB101 to suggest that the Monday 1:30-3:30 slot be designated for novice play. This has been done, and Bob will be there to assist new players when possible. A note has been sent out stating that “experienced players may be available to help at that time”. Allan sent an email to all members and the website shows the new designation.

Anne set up a “winners & runners-up” system for all levels play at Gleneagles.

#7 – The Social Committee has opted to continue the \$2 donation to door prizes rather than explore communal appetizers again at this time.

#9 – Linda will write Dale, who is currently away, asking for an update on the information he is requesting of PBBC. **Action: Linda**

#11 – Allan advised that it’s too early to consult with BC Hydro regarding



electrical upgrades to Murdo Frazer. The work is not taking place until 2022.

3. Financial Position:

A report will be provided at our next meeting when Dale is back.

4. Membership:

Twenty-nine people have taken out membership since January 1 of which 23 are new members.

5. Outdoor Courts:

Little Cates:

Congratulations to the Little Cates Leadership Sub-Group which held 3 meetings this winter to look at improving that venue. Key issues that they ask the Club to help address with the District of North Vancouver are:

- installation of permanent and adaptable PB usage signage
- new PB lines on under-utilized west tennis courts
- permanent nets or a system to modify tennis nets
- improved PB waiting area (their top priority)

There are also a number of items internal to the group that they have identified. **Action: Allan & Linda** to work with the group and liaise with the District on issues identified by the Little Cates group and important to all North Vancouver outdoor courts.

Action: Pat to work with Heather Fleming to determine the state of the nets.

Murdo Frazer:

Our DNV contact for permanent nets returned to the office this week.

Action: Allan to follow-up with her.

6. Indoor Courts – Levelling

a. Parkgate – Members have expressed concern that the new 3.5+ play is on Wednesdays, the same night as advanced play at Gleneagles. As the two

venues are at opposite ends of the North Shore, and Gleneagles is fully subscribed, this may not be a problem. **Action: Linda** to determine usage Wednesday night at both venues.

b. Delbrook – No feedback has been received.

c. Gleneagles – good take-up. Sometimes over capacity

7. Communications

a. **Newsletter** – Allan has sent out an email including several items when warranted. This worked well.

b. **Advertising** in the Leisure Guides may be an option in future. An insert costs approximately \$400. **Action: Linda** to determine when the deadlines are for Fall. Tabled for later discussion.

c. **Website** – Larry distributed new mock-ups of the Home Page and the Where to Play for discussion. Changes included new headings such as a space for current news, a click through to archives, a grid for play times at the various venues, and click throughs for the addresses and costs at those venues.

Action: Larry – to fine tune the drafts and send them to the board and to Maddy. Make live when ready. **Action: Court hosts** – to request the “where to play” grids be posted in the Community Centres.

8. Social Committee

The next social is a Pub Night at Two Lions on Thursday, Feb 21. The March social will follow Picklemania, Saturday, March 30 at Colony Bar, not too far from Parkgate.

9. Pickleball designated facility/courts

a. **North Van update** – Murdo Frazer - Allan has received no response to two emails regarding the status of outdoor nets and posts. Our contact has been away but returned Feb 13.

b. **Mahon Park** – PB is still in the running for the sport area upgrade. There is an open house February 27, 1-4 pm. All club and board members are

encouraged to attend. Linda and Pat are attending on behalf of the club.

10. Picklemania

There have been glitches in the registration system that we're using for the first time this year. Linda is working with Randy to ensure players can register in a second category after they have initially registered in only one. The site is being edited to add the "find me a partner" button after each category. The way it is currently designed, it incorrectly looks like only 3.5 + players can have assistance getting a partner.

Registration is slow. One reason may be that potential registrants can't see who else is playing in the category they're interested in. Another is that other clubs haven't yet been invited to join in. **Action: Linda** – to work with Randy to ensure registered names are visible to all, and to invite other clubs.

11. Request from PBBC

Assistance with funding and instructing high school students was requested by PBBC in December. Additional information is needed for a club response. **Action: Linda** – to follow-up with Dale.

12. Other business

a. John Bishop has retired from the Sports Council and was replaced by Roger Nichol.

b. **Motion:** all requests for blast emails to our member list are to funnel through one person (currently Allan) to ensure our members don't get email fatigue. Moved Anne/seconded Pat, all in favour.

c. The AGM is due mid-May. Tabled to next meeting. **Action: Linda** – to include in the next Agenda.

Meeting adjourned 2:40 pm

Next meeting at Larry and Anne's 1:00, Thursday March 21.