



MINUTES

North Shore Pickleball Club Directors Meeting

January 9, 2019

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

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

1. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of November 7. Moved Ed/ seconded Larry, all in favour.

2. **Financial Position**
 - a. Dale reported the current bank balance as approximately \$7100.00
 - b. Allan reported there were a total of 305 members registered with the last two joining in December. It was agreed that their memberships would run until April 2020. The website will be rolled over immediately to accept registrations from now until April 2020.
 - c. Payment will be accepted by credit card only except in very unusual circumstances.

Motion: To accept the financial position reports. Moved Pat/ seconded Larry, all in favour.

3. **Membership Renewal**

Allan will have an email generated to all members to encourage early registration. Club business cards will be passed out by court hosts and members.

4. **Response to Joint PB/Tennis Letter**

The neighbour who complained about the noise from club pickleball at Little Cates, wrote directly to Linda. No response will be made except to report the continuing situation to the Tennis Society. **Action: Linda**

5. **Indoor Courts – Levelling**

There are concerns at Delbrook and Parkgate about newer players feeling unwelcome and being driven away. Linda will talk with the coordinator to try to resolve this. **Action: Linda**

Linda and Pat suggested one way to deal with this is to have a green sign-in level so that newer players can indicate in green ink that they want a game and that they receive priority for the first available court. If four players have not signed up for green level, someone above needs to volunteer to fill that court before other courts are allotted.

Gleneagles has a pickleball slot for Mondays from 1:30-3:30 that could be used more effectively if new players know it's there. Bob who instructs Pickleball 101 at Gleneagles and the Centre staff need to be consulted.

Action: Anne

Parkgate has been approached and is contemplating a new pickleball session on Sunday mornings for level play of 3.5 and above.

Parkgate and John Braithwaite work well with white boards.

Ed and Lilly manage the West Vancouver Community Centre with no concerns.

Anne will introduce a "winners & runners up" rotation system at Gleneagles to reduce the complaints at that location. **Action: Anne**

An email needs to go out to all new players reminding them of the lessons available. **Action: Allan**

6. **Communications**

Nothing to report.

7. **Social Committee**

The next event is Thursday, January 24, 6:00 pm, at the Red Lion in Dundarave. We need feedback on members' preferred format – whether they prefer appetizers provided for a nominal entry cost, or whether they prefer to buy their own. Allan has asked for a list of all who attended both the first two events. A Survey Monkey link will be used to get feedback from attendees. **Action: Anne**

8. **Picklemania Tournament**

A four person committee has been formed including Shashi Shrivastava (chair), Linda Sullivan, Gael Hannula, and Deborah Nykyforuk.

Registration will be \$45 (down from \$55 last year) and will include food, coffee and snacks. Teams will register by level for men, women and mixed. Members can enter two events for the one \$45 fee. This will be done by



levels with each level restricted to 8 teams. Linda will do the scheduling.

9. Request from Pickleball BC

- a. We've been asked to provide funding to help with school programs including the purchase of paddles and nets. There was a general discussion (see below) but no motion was tabled due to some unanswered questions.
- b. They would also like NSPB to assist with the school program by providing instruction directly to students. Based on experience with other programs, and the number of schools in our 3 serviced districts, we suggest the preferred model would be to provide professional development to physical education teachers and have them use their expertise in teaching the students. Finding and coordinating volunteers on the scale needed to teach the game directly to students would not be feasible for a volunteer club such as ours at this time.
- c. We remit \$7.50 to Pickleball BC (PBBC) for each member. PBBC then forwards \$5.00 of that to Pickleball Canada (PCO).

Queries of PBBC:

1. What are the current funds being collected from each member (\$2.50) across BC being used for? Initial financial information is needed before we can commit to special funds.
2. Please provide a detailed plan of how any addition funds, over and above the \$2.50 member fee, would be used?
3. PBBC and PB Canada are looking at membership systems that would allow them to collect fees directly from our members. As our system is new and we are now testing the renewal feature, it isn't a good time for us to look at another registration system.

Action: Dale

10. Fee increase in North Vancouver

The fee for night play has increased to \$4. This was done by the North Vancouver Recreation Commission and is not a fee our club has had input into.

11. Other Business

Pat went to a focus group on PB. The districts are aware of the lack of times



available. Future possibilities include a site at Cap Road & Marine, and one at the new rec centre in Seylynn.

BC Hydro is spending millions on their substation in Murdo Frazer which will change access to the pitch and putt and may cause congestion in our area. As Hydro is committed to providing park facilities in the process, we will explore the possibility of court lights, and other enhancements with them. **Action:**
Allan & Dale

The City of NV has been advised that Delta is committed to putting in 28 new PB courts over the next few years. The NV mayor says the dollars are allotted for improvements to Mahon and will look at that project and beyond.

The District is still studying permanent nets at Murdo Frazer

All this needs to be put in the context that our club is not yet two years old, and much has been achieved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. (Moved Ed/ seconded Pat)

Next meeting February 14 at 1:00 at Pat's, 1753 Layton Dr. NV