



OPEN DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE 2018 AGM MAY 31ST 2018

Securing a permanent Pickleball Venue?

Linda Sullivan said that the tennis community raised \$75,000.00 and had a business plan before they approached the city/district for a permanent facility. She suggested the NSPC can amass money over time, continue to collect valuable statistics and approach the city/district in a similar fashion as the tennis community.

Allan Gauthier reminded the members that we did have \$15,000.00 in pledges in the past, which shows the Pickleball community is willing to raise funds. He said we need to encourage membership. A large membership is impressive when requesting grants and/or a permanent pickleball venue.

NSPC could have a contingency fund started for a future venue. Encourage members to donate—even a \$1.00/member will help to build a fund. Bruce Foskett talked about the idea of a one dollar donation per member each time they played outdoors.

NSPC needs a budget.

Ways to encourage membership in NSPC?

Offer level play to keep membership up.

Have business cards to hand out to newcomers.

Have membership forms at all venues and remind members to hand them out to new players.

Improve our online visibility so that it is easier to find our website.

Have ambassadors at all venues to welcome and talk-up Pickleball.

Have an email list for those who wish to be notified more often of club activities or who wish to communicate with other club members.

Inquire about the (old) tennis centre on Gladwin Drive, which is now rented as a mosque and is reported to be a District owned building.

Locked equipment boxes at outdoor venues?

Allan Gauthier commented that on two separate occasions over the past two weeks, a net was left out one day, and the lockbox with all the club's assets was left unlocked on another day. As a result, the combination locks were changed immediately, and the new combination locks were provided to the Little Cates court hosts, rather than sending the combinations to everyone on the LC email list. This change was required to protect the club's assets. Nobody has come forward to acknowledge their negligence.

Since we originally gave the combinations to all our club members, we need to seek agreement from our members on how to protect our club's assets going forward. The question put to the attendees was, 'Should the combination codes be given to only the court hosts, and not to every club member?' All attendees voted yes.

The discussion also touched on the premise that "personal" games should not be held using the club owned equipment, and it was determined that the new board should address these issues in an upcoming meeting.

Relationship with Tennis

Allan Gauthier emphasized the importance of our players being respectful and cooperative with the tennis community, since they were responsible for providing pickleball playing space at both Murdo Frazer and Little Cates, where the "30 minute" rule holds in sharing courts, although this hasn't been used since June, 2017.

We need more players to offer to be a host!!!!

The discussion included a request for more advanced level playing time on the North Shore courts, so we don't lose more players who play elsewhere for advanced play.

More time slots are available at both Murdo Frazer and Little Cates, but court hosts are needed to commit themselves to a certain time period to enable us to offer more times to play. It was mentioned that two court hosts came forward today to offer a time slot of 12 to 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Murdo Frazer for Drills and Skills.