



MINUTES

North Shore Pickleball Club

Annual General Meeting

May 30, 2019

1. **Quorum:** A quorum was established with 43 members in attendance.
2. **Call to Order:** 7:00 at Delbrook Community Centre, Maple Room.
3. **Approval of the agenda:** Moved Bruce Foskett/seconded Maureen Jarman. Approved.
4. **Approval of 2018 Minutes and Open Discussion:**
One correction was noted – 29th Street now has three courts not four.
Moved Lorinda Rawlings/seconded Estha Murenbeeld. Approved.
5. **Reports from the Directors:**
 - a. **President's Report:** see attached
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Club fees are currently \$20 per year. Of this 50% goes to Pickleball BC, Pickleball Canada, and bank and credit card fees, 30% is spent on court supplies, 10% is spent on business cards, special events, meeting rooms etc. and there is 10% left at the end of the year. Our current bank balance is approximately \$8,000 of which the majority is funds from the Seniors Games originally designated for refurbishing Mickey McDougall [Note: no longer possible due to the City's plans for Harry Jerome]. Ideas for these funds include new nets for Little Cates; however, nets will be transferred from Murdo Frazer when permanent posts and nets are installed at MF this fall. A question was asked as to whether we should provide balls for indoor play. This is the responsibility of the hosting community recreation centres which all charge for play.



Third party liability insurance is expected to be required for club play at outdoor courts by the three municipalities. The directors are exploring the requirements and the options. The cost of this insurance is expected to exceed \$1,000 per year. Directors' insurance may also be needed.

It was noted that Pickleball Canada insurance covers personal liability costs such as if an injured player requires physiotherapy etc. Members should expect fees to rise in 2020.

c. Registrar's Report: see attached

6. Election of Directors:

The Board resigned as per our by-laws. Linda Sullivan, Allan Gauthier, Pat Crawford and Ed Orlovsky announced they would not run for re-election. The Board consists of new directors Heather Fleming, Bruce Foskett, Estha Murenbeeld, Ron Precious, and returning directors Dale Harvey, Larry Harper and Anne Watson. Motion to approve this Board: moved Allan Gauthier/seconded Maureen Jarman. Approved. Allan Gauthier will continue to act as Registrar as a non-board member, and Linda Sullivan will assist as past president.

7. Vote on Special Resolution:

"To remove the clause from the Constitution of the North Shore Pickleball Club that prescribes it to be a member-funded society and allow the Club to operate as an Ordinary Society." See attached. Moved Ed Orlovsky/seconded Larry Harper. Approved.

Open Discussion:

The Club applied for \$1,000 from Vancouver Coastal Health to fund the purchase of equipment and sundry expenses for the high school program in North and West Vancouver. Funds were approved by VCH. Pickleball BC has declined to be involved in the program. The lead volunteers concurred with the Board that the purchase of paddles and balls was important but that badminton nets would suffice in most instances. John Tailford who runs the North Vancouver school program with assistance from Bruce Foskett, stated that wooden paddles would be appropriate. It was suggested that the Club needs to explore an insurance policy for volunteers. Patty Tougas would like to see an application for funds for Little Cates to purchase



banners and nets.

The Board was asked if pickleball lines would be painted on more outdoor courts. The policy of the DNV is no more lines. It's also not in the Club's interest to see lines on multiple WV or CNV tennis courts. We need permanent dedicated courts. All members need to look for unused space for a dedicated indoor facility such as the Tennis Society did many years ago.

Kudos to Maddy Jones for the work she has done on our website, and thanks to Jill Andersson who continues to work on the North Shore Pickleball Club's Facebook page, which is a work in progress.

Why join PBBC and PBC? There are currently 5 provincial organizations that are members of PBC. Until there are 10 out of 10 provinces involved, no federal funding is available for pickleball.

Everyone – please make new players feel welcome! We all started at the beginning, some with more racquet skills than others. Only by being open and inclusive will we grow our sport. Please make a point of having a game with new players every time you join into club play.

Game Rotations: Many systems have been tried both indoors and outdoors. Each work for given situations and given times. We will continue to adjust club play to include everyone. Good ideas are always welcome by court hosts. Permanent courts will mean we can host specific events such as men's, women's or junior's play; level play; novice skills etc. Penticton has a skills assessor who will provide ratings for \$15.

Player Misbehaviour: We don't currently have a discipline committee. As we grow we will need to address this. Players need to be told when their behaviour is not appropriate. Members want to see the website address appropriate behaviour. Also, it was suggested that each year, members be reminded of their commitment to this when renewing their memberships.

Social Committee:

The chair, Shashi Shrivastava, would like to have a method to send out emails of social events more easily than is currently in place. It was explained that about 10%



of members attend an event and that the other 90% want fewer communications. Too many emails cause people to unsubscribe from Club news. Other options may be available.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm. Moved Ed Orlovsky/seconded Erin Pope.
Approved.



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AGM - President's Report

The North Shore Pickleball Club Directors have been very active this past year, May 1 to April 30.

We have a healthy operating bank account, and a strong strategy for moving forward. I want to thank everyone for their support of the Directors. The following are the Club's many accomplishments since May 2018:

Meetings with Government Officials

- **City of North Vancouver:** The North Shore Pickleball Club participated in two Open Houses and follow-up surveys for the redevelopment of Mahon Park. Currently the City is planning to install permanent pickleball courts at Mahon Park, likely in September; 4 pickleball courts with permanent nets will be separate from a basketball hoop practice area. Allan Gauthier has been discussing these plans with City planners.
- **District of North Vancouver:** The District of North Vancouver is planning to install permanent nets at Murdo Frazer park this summer. We are expecting 6 permanent nets, including access to the practice backboard for tennis players. Allan Gauthier has been negotiating the design with the District Parks Department.
- **Harry Jerome Planning Team:** With the planned cutback in the overall cost for the Harry Jerome Recreation Centre, the rooftop outdoor courts for pickleball have been eliminated from the Harry Jerome project.

Events hosted by the Club.

- **Social Committee Events:** The Social Committee held its first organizational meeting in September. Pub night events were scheduled regularly in different locations across the North Shore. The first gathering was October, followed by November, January, February and April. These events have been well attended, with between 30 and 40 participants.



- **Pot Lucks at Murdo Frazer:** The club hosted its annual pot-luck pickleball “all-play” event at Murdo Frazer on July 1. The event was attended by almost 90 participants. Other pot lucks were hosted on May 19 and September 1.
- **Picklemania IV:** The Picklemania IV tournament at Parkgate was cancelled this year. Compared to the same time last year, registration was down. We heard that Picklemania was scheduled at the same time as another tournament in the USA, the biggest tournament on the West Coast, including Oregon and Washington. Many participants we had expected to participate in Picklemania entered that tournament instead of ours.
- **WOT:** Silvia Simpson again scheduled and managed a very successful Women’s Only Tournament at John Braithwaite. While this is not a Club organized event, we gratefully acknowledge the enthusiasm and support this tournament gives to pickleball.

Activities of the Club:

- **Meetings:** Since the last General Meeting, the Directors attended eight meetings, at several Directors homes. Minutes are posted to the website.
- **Sport Council:** We continue to be involved in the North Vancouver Sport Council through our racquets representative – the tennis association. Allan Gauthier has been our alternate representative.
- **Membership with Pickleball BC and Pickleball Canada:** The Club continues its involvement with Pickleball BC and Pickleball Canada for insurance for individual players and to give our members access to play in sanctioned events.
- **Outdoor Courts:** All courts were supplied with a battery operated blower. Summer play began with limited times in April and finished in mid-October, then resumed again in March, 2019. Evening play was introduced at Little Cates and Murdo Frazer. National Pickleball Day was celebrated at Murdo Frazer on August 11 with a Learn to Play event for new players, including several under 21 and 16 beginning adults. A game for all Ages was played on Saturday August 18, including 90 and 92 year old players. Master the Third Shot Drop was introduced in May by one of our members. After five years of lobbying, Ed and Lilly Orlovsky finally succeeded in getting



permanent courts set up at 29th & Marine. The three new permanent outdoor courts at 29th & Marine Drive opened on October 3, 2018 – our first success in getting permanent outdoor courts!

Achievements of the Club:

- **Website:** Our website has undergone a number of changes to make it more user friendly. Our Where to Play page now has a simple table that provides information on all indoor and outdoor venues, with times for play. Other webpages are updated regularly with Social Events and other news.
- **Facebook Page:** The Club is using its Facebook page for added information about the club's outdoor play (i.e. where/when) in addition to the schedule posted on the website (for example, play when the courts are wet).
- **Level Play:** Level play was introduced at Parkgate on Wednesdays at 6:00 on February 13, 2019 (in addition to the level play that already exists at Delbrook and Gleneagles)
- **Spring Fest at Gleneagles:** The Club again helped set up pickleball play at Gleneagles for children on May 4. The event was well attended and successful.
- **Court Hosts:** Little Cates initiated a schedule of Court Hosts for the summer and Murdo Frazer initiated Court Hosts for additional afternoon and evening sessions. Little Cates Court Hosts provided a detailed description of Court Host duties which is being shared with all Court Hosts.

I believe this summarizes the considerable effort everyone has put into managing the Club for the past year. Thank you all.

Linda Sullivan

President, North Shore Pickleball Club



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

North Shore Pickleball Club

Balance Sheet as of:

April 30, 2019

	2018-2019 Actual	2019-2020 Budget
Cash	10,297	11,563
Prepaid Expenses	1,865	2,000
Pickleball Nets	1,344	1,344
Storage bins	784	784
Accum. Depreciation	(2,128)	(2,128)
Net Assets	-	-
Total Assets	12,162	13,563
Payables	61	-
Deferred Membership Fees	4,600	5,000
Net Surplus	7,501	8,563
Total Liabilities and Equity	12,162	13,563



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Income Statement

For the year ended: April 30, 2019

	2018-2019 Actual	2019-2020 Budget
REVENUE		
Membership Fees	5,520	6,500
Tournaments (net proceeds)	-	-
Shirt Sales	260	-
Misc. Revenue	43	-
Net Revenue	5,823	6,500
PCO & PBC fees	2,145	2,438
Court Equipment	838	800
Balls	683	700
Bank/Credit Card/Registration System Fees	587	650
Website Expense	458	400
Depreciation Expense	355	-
Meeting Room Rentals	120	100
Advertising	96	100
Special Events	65	200
Miscellaneous	40	50
Total Expenses	5,387	5,438
Net Surplus for the Year	436	1,063
Non cash expense: depreciation expense	355	-
Net Cash Flow	791	1,063



REGISTRAR'S REPORT MAY 30, 2019

The North Shore Pickleball Club's year runs from May 1, 2018 until April 30, 2019.

As at May 29, 2019, we have 349 members, 219 from renewals from the previous year, and 130 new members. This total already exceeds the approx. 300 members from May 2017 until April 30, 2018. With more renewals from last year still to come, we can confidently predict our club size will be 400 before the year is out.

Some interesting statistics from our current membership indicate Female to Male ratio at 62%/38%.

260 of our members live in District of North Van (200), and City of North Van (60). This comprises 72% of our membership. The remaining members live in District of West Vancouver (22%), Burnaby, Vancouver and the USA.

Our membership includes 10 players (3%) who are over 80, and this includes 2 members over 90. We only have 5 players under the age of 30, but we are developing a program to teach children in the North Vancouver schools and to introduce pickleball into their curriculum. 71 % of our members are over the age of 60, so we are seeing an active older generation on the courts. Our oldest member is 93, and our youngest member is 11 years old.

Player Statistics:

We have kept statistics on the number of players at Murdo Frazer for 2 years, and at Little Cates for one year.

The total number of attendees at Murdo increased from 3704 to 4763 from 2017 to 2018. Last summer there was an average of 36 players every dry day at Murdo.

Note: Play is cancelled on rainy or wet days.

Little Cates' attendance for 2018 was 1012, which is a daily average of 8.7 per day. Little Cates has increased the frequency of play this year, so that players in that area can schedule play every day now.



West Vancouver has 3 dedicated courts at Marine and 29th Street. These courts opened in October, 2018. We hope we will soon be able to capture the number of attendees on those courts since we know that accurate statistics provided to the local bureaucrats can help us acquire additional playing space on the North Shore.

Allan Gauthier

Club Registrar



SPECIAL RESOLUTION: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

An amendment to the Bylaws is allowed under Part 11 of our Bylaws; however, there is no statement in our Bylaws which allows for an amendment to the Constitution. Under the *Societies Act* an amendment to the Constitution is allowed as a Special Resolution at the AGM and must be included in the notice to all members about the AGM, along with the agenda. The *Societies Act* does not specify the voting majority required to amend the Constitution. The Directors recommend that a 2/3 majority be achieved as required to amend the Bylaws.

The current Constitution specifies that the Society is a member-funded Society as follows:

“This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members.”

SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

Motion: To remove the clause from the Constitution of the North Shore Pickleball Club that prescribes it to be a member-funded society and allow the Club to operate as an Ordinary Society.

Rationale: There were a number of advantages of being a member-funded society (see Table 1 below); however, there are restrictions on funding. Under the *Societies Act*, a member-funded society cannot receive the greater of \$20,000 and 10% of the society’s gross income in a two year financial period from public donations (outside the club) or government grants. This severely restricts the Club’s ability to raise funds for projects such as support for high school pickleball, special events featuring pickleball, or some other future endeavour.

Table 1. Differences between Member-funded Society and Ordinary Society

	Member-funded societies	Ordinary societies
Distribution of assets on winding up	No restrictions – assets could go to members	Assets can only be distributed to certain entities (such as, non-member-funded societies, registered charities or community service cooperatives)
Number of directors	One director is sufficient – no residency requirements	At least three, one of whom is ordinarily resident in B.C.
Composition of board of directors	No restrictions on number of board members who are employed by or under contract with the society	Majority of board must not be employed by or be under contract with the society
Financial statements	No public right to copies	Public has right to obtain copies
Disclosure of remuneration	No disclosure of remuneration required	Financial statements must set out remuneration paid to directors and to highly paid employees/contractors
Conversion to company	Can convert	