



## MINUTES

### North Shore Pickleball Club Directors' Meeting

August 14, 2019

**Present:** Heather Fleming, Allan Gauthier, Dale Harvey, Ron Precious, Estha Parg Murenbeeld , Larry Harper, Anne Watson.

**Call to Order: 3:00 pm**

**Motion to approve August 14 agenda with amendments:** Moved Estha, seconded Larry. Passed.

1. **Motion to approve July 9, 2019 minutes:** Moved Allan, seconded Dale. Passed
2. **Review action items of July 9:**
  - a. Anne to meet with Linda on provincial filings – done.
  - b. Insurance certificate – complete.
  - c. Signing authority update – by next meeting.
  - d. West Van delegation request – completed and submitted.
  - e. Social committee banner – see item 3 below.
  - f. July outdoor courts leadership meeting – outcome was the current member survey as per item 4 below.
  - g. Card to WVan Parks done and a meeting with Andrew Banks and Ian Haras complete. WVan is considering the budget for a bench and painting parking lines, but no signage is allowed to indicate club play times. Ambleside court and area expansion are at least 2-3 years away.
3. **Financial Position**

Revenue to date is \$8400 less expenses of \$4500 for a current surplus of \$3900. Due to the rapid increase in membership, the budget has been adjusted to automatically allow for growth.

**Motion:** Purchase a new Swift Net for Little Cates for a maximum of \$475 incl. tax. Moved Ron, seconded Allan. Passed.

There are 32 undistributed balls left which should be enough for this year. Members are required to bring their own balls to no-host play.

The Social Committee has thoroughly researched banners and has found an option that will serve several functions.

**Motion:** Authorize the purchase of an SC banner that can be used elsewhere as needed for a total cost of up to \$350. Moved Ron, seconded Dale. Passed.
4. **Survey of Members from the Outdoor Courts Meeting** (item 2f above).

The early results of the Survey Monkey email are as follows:



- members want level play, a supportive and inclusive club, court hosts, drills and skills, and social events.

There is also an appetite for indoor play changes, but the club has limited control over this as it is the purview of the community recreation centres. We do however actively advocate on our members behalf and we have excellent contacts within the system. Member concerns are noted and will be discussed with the appropriate people. Once the full results are in, a summary will be sent to members.

#### 5. **Vision, Mission and Goals:**

**Mission:** NSPBC promotes pickleball for people of all ages and abilities.

**Goals:**

1. Secure four dedicated courts east of Seymour with the site identified and confirmed by Spring 2020. **Action: Heather**
2. See Mahon Park up and running by Spring 2020. **Action: Allan/Heather**
3. Negotiate better times and more access on indoor recreation centre courts by October 2019. **Action: Heather/Anne**
4. Develop and implement the VCH funded school program, in concert with our designated club volunteers, for successful completion by Spring 2020. **Action: Ron**
5. Develop a needs assessment then determine what facilities are possibly available for expanded indoor play on the North Shore by Spring 2020. **Action: Allan/Heather/Larry**
6. Integrate new players and provide a path for them to achieve an intermediate level of play. New members are now 47% of our club. Much work is needed here and the involvement of the leadership teams at the courts will set the agenda.
7. Finalize a contract between the Club and NVRC/DNV/CNV for Club play at their outdoor facilities by October 2019. **Action: Heather**
8. Host a Club outdoor tournament at various sites on the same day/week in May/June 2020. **Action: Allan/Ron**

#### 6. **Shirts and Equipment Report**

Purchase a new net and banner are recorded in item 3 above.

Members have indicated a desire for Club t-shirts. **Action: Ron.**

Vests or shirts to identify court hosts is being researched. **Action: Dale.**

#### 7. **Social Committee Report**

There will be a pot luck the weekend of August 31 at Murdo Frazer. The SC will coordinate this with the MF hosts. Name tags have been found to be too expensive, but we may offer the option to purchase them with 2020 membership renewals.



## 8. Stats and Membership Update

We have 452 members of whom 47% are new this year.

Females 59%, males 41%.

Residency: DNV 52%, DWV 23%, CNV 19% Other 6%.

Age distribution: 60+ = 72%, under 60 = 28%.

Renewal rate: 2019 = 82%, 2018 = 75%.

## 9. Outdoor Courts

**Murdo Frazer:** The July turnout was an average 29.2 players each day for Tempe/Murdo Frazer. A drop in attendance was noted when play was transferred to Tempe.

Fun-based skill development/testing will commence at MF during all-levels play on Saturdays.

**Little Cates** averaged 12 players per day in July. The next intro to pickleball is scheduled for August 24. Novice play is held Sundays and Wednesdays at 11:00 with the assistance of experienced members.

## 10. Opening of Murdo Frazer

An official opening is being organized by the District for September 24.

An unofficial opening was hosted by Linda Sullivan the week MF opened with a toast and a thank you to Allan Gauthier. Without Allan's dedication and perseverance, we may never have seen permanent nets and posts. Thank you Linda for your thoughtfulness.

**Next meeting: Friday September 27**  
**1:00 – 3:00 at Dale's**  
**4510 Lions Avenue, NV**