



MINUTES

North Shore Pickleball Club Directors Meeting

January 16, 2020

Present: Heather Fleming, Allan Gauthier (remotely), Ron Precious, Estha Parg Murenbeeld , Larry Harper, Anne Watson.

Regrets: Dale Harvey

Call to Order: 1:00 pm

Prior to commencing the agenda, Kerry Strongman, the lead at Little Cates, joined us to discuss the upcoming January 24th meeting with the Tennis Society. We hope to find common ground for the sharing of the facilities at Little Cates this summer. Our representatives will be Heather Fleming, Kerry Strongman and Allan Gauthier. The team expects that this exploratory meeting will create connections and give the two clubs a roadmap of how to proceed in reaching a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Motion to approve the January 16 agenda: Moved Larry, seconded Ron. Passed.

1. **Motion to approve the October 28th minutes as amended:** Moved Heather, seconded Larry. Passed.

2. **Review of action items of October 28:**
 - a. The WVan presentation to Council was done November 18 by Heather and Anne.
 - b. Anne is communicating with VCH to get the required reporting form for our Healthy Living Grant which is due in March.
 - c. The Arbutus Room is booked at Delbrook Community Centre for 6:30-9:00pm on May 14 for our AGM.
 - d. School program – see Item 8 below.
 - e. 2020 tournament plan is being developed and will be reported on in our February meeting
 - f. The website comparative statistics grid is in development and will be sent to



Heather asap to support discussions with the Tennis Society, the districts, etc.

Action: Larry

3. **Financial Report:** deferred

4. **Update on Little Cates:**

See the pre-board meeting above.

5. **2020 start up plan including Mahon:**

Mahon will have four new courts that we expect will be available for play this spring. We need members, especially ones living in the City of NV, to develop a leadership team for hosted play at this new facility. Heather will connect with some identified members and will talk to the CNV Parks regarding the placement of a small box and signage at the facility. Action: Heather.

The 29th Street team may want a small box also for the storage of balls, attendance records etc. Ron will talk to Ed to discuss this. Action: Ron.

NSPC has submitted a request to NVRC for Club play seven days a week from 8am to noon. This may be adjusted depending on what happens at Mahon.

Discussions ensued around possibly formalizing women-only play times, family times etc. Club members who want to host are encouraged to contact a board member to discuss their thoughts. We are very open to suggestions and want to engage as many volunteers as possible. A review of how the team at Little Cates makes group leadership/hosting work to reduce the commitment on any one member was very informative. This model may serve other locations well.

We also looked at what we offer members for their fees.

Advocacy is one of the most important roles of the Board. This year it has had numerous very positive results:

-- two novice and beginner times at Gleneagles in addition to the 3 all-level

and advanced times

- added Wednesday morning play at Parkgate
- added Friday morning play at John Braithwaite
- four new outdoor courts at Mahon with permanent nets
- five permanent nets at Murdo Frazer
- the opening of discussions with the Tennis Society and NVRC for the increased sharing of the facilities at Little Cates.

We're now looking at providing lockboxes at outdoor facilities where we don't have them and where they are permitted. Insurance through Pickleball Canada, social events, tournaments, web information, and the gathering of statistics to promote the game are all Club directives.

Motion: to provide balls for outdoor courts this summer season. Moved Heather, seconded Ron. Five in favour/one against. Passed.

6. 2020 outdoor tournament:

Deferred to our February meeting. **Action: Allan**

7. Communications report:

The website and monthly newsletters are being well received. Estha is now encouraging members who play while travelling to forward the locations of play opportunities to her for posting.

8. Schools' program

Our leads in the North and West Vancouver areas haven't indicated any new school programs. Allan asked us to contact the principal at Carson Graham and see if we can provide some instruction in February. **Action: Heather.**

9. T-shirt, visors and hats research:

Ron has contacted and visited numerous potential suppliers. The quotes and quality vary as to the order quantities. Ron will provide recommendations at



our February meeting. **Action: Ron.**

10. Social Committee report:

A pub night is planned for January 29 at Jack Lonsdales.

Pot lucks are planned for May, Canada Day and Labour Day at MF.

A grand opening will be organized for Mahon when more details of the court availability are held.

11. New Board Member recruitment:

An open call has been made for interested board members. Expertise that would further the Board's work include members with a legal background, individuals interested in managing the school program, a tournament lead and a secretary.

12. PB rule changes

PBBC circulated the new rule changes over the holidays. If members find changes that they feel should be highlighted, please let Estha know.

13. Next meeting:

Wednesday February 12, 1-3 pm

Location: Larry & Anne's 1160 14 Street, WV