



Minutes

North Shore Pickleball Directors Meeting Thursday, August 12, 2021

Mtg started at 1: 15 pm.

In Attendance: Estha Parg Murenbeeld, Karen Wilson, Kit Chan, Randy Reimann, Shashi Shrivastava, Betty Eisenhauer (Aki Takeda and James Min were present as observers/companion)

The attending members introduced themselves.

Regrets: JoAnn Harrington

1. **Selection of Meeting Secretary: Aki** (temporary fill in)
2. **Approve agenda: approved.**
3. **July minutes: Approved with one amendment.**
4. **Financial report: Estha**
 - Allan sent a report on income from the PCNS that reflects the \$17.50 NSPC collects for membership up to August.
 - Dale created the July financial report. This version reflects income as \$17.50 plus the PCO and PBC fees, and then shows a remittance to PCO and PBC which are no longer actually made. The discussion about this way of showing income was tabled till the next meeting.
 - The July financial report submitted by Dale was verified by Betty and approved by the Board.
5. **Registrar's Report: Allan via Estha**
 - As of August 9/21, our membership sits at 488 members (18 new members already during the month of August), the highest ever. This surpasses our record year of 483 members in 2019-the year before Covid. Though we lost many old ones, we gained many new ones.
 - Successful recruiting was by such efforts made by Betty, handing out club cards every day at Mahon, as well as Shashi, talking to many new players at Murdo.

Allan's more detailed report is available.
6. **Training report: Estha for Walter & Maggie**
 - **Kids' day:** Maggie reported that despite being repeatedly advertised, only 14 kids showed up from our membership. Maggie wants to do more kids' day, maybe in September.
 - **Beginner instructions:** Walter wants to do some sessions.



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- Court hosts are in short supply. Estha has an idea and will explore software like Trackit Hub to invite members to a session.
- **Referee instruction day:** Walter also hosted this. Such activities were praised by the meeting participants.
- *There was discussion that some members are using evening Club hours but for their own group play. As long as there are no hosts for these times, they will operate with "public" rules.*

7. Little Cates report: Karen

- LC now has exclusive Club hours permitted: Mon to Sat at 8 AM – 1 PM, and Tue and Thu 5 – 8 PM.
- NSPC wrote to the Mayor and Council after the August long weekend, when tennis players refused to vacate courts for waiting pickleball players.
- LC is waiting for promised signage that assigns the practice area to PB. .
- DNV will place their own box with portable nets next to ours at Little Cates for the general public to use.
- A sun screen is needed on one wall facing Sun.

Motion: that NSPC to spend up to \$300 to add a screen at LC.

Approved

8. Murdo Frazer report: Randy

- Randy mentioned mornings are very busy. Evenings are often not hosted. There was a dog issue. *No dogs, no Bikes* sign in the courts are needed.
- Estha noted that we have requested permanent signage from Apr to Oct like tennis has.
- Permit to apply for the next season and whether to extend the club season into the winter was tabled to next year.
- Randy thinks more black screens on North side is needed to cover the cyclone-fence divider between the courts 1-4 and 5 & 6 to make it easier to see the balls.

Motion: that NSPC spend up to \$300 to place further sun screen on the divider fence.

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9. Communications report: *A club email will be circulated to Board members after this meeting. Board members are asked to comment or approve it asap so Estha can get it out.*

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10. Summary -- Going Forward initiatives: Estha

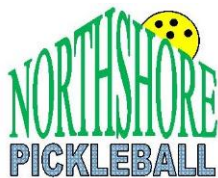
- To promote further membership from new players, Estha showed a sample scheduling of a Round Robin format. This is good for both beginners and competitors.
- *There is software available that needs to be evaluated, including TrackIt Hub and Pickleball Brackets.*
- League plays are not allowed during the Club hours but games played at their own time/initiative is permissible.
- Karen said that Little Cates have competitive players during 8 – 9 AM. Randy clarified that there were two groups existing: beginners and competitors
- Estha is preparing a report of 2-4 priorities for the Sports Council's Capital plan tweaking. The report will include hub sites in all regions of the north Shore and more indoor space.

Action: Shashi and Randy to do research on possibly incorporating more organized plays during the Club hours.

11. West Vancouver report: Estha on behalf of JoAnn

- . West Vancouver Parks indicated that they would not be building temporary courts this year but will spend the money on a permanent solution in 2022 at Ambleside.
- Sheri, JoAnn and Estha advocated for Hugo Ray Park as the better site, and requested the geotechnical report.
- We pointed out parking issues at Ambleside and insisted that new construction should be for 8 courts.
- NSPC has also argued for permits.
- Parks says there will be no change to the 6-pm locking of the 29th St courts.
- NSPC has offered to contribute financially if necessary but a definitive project needs to be proposed before NSPC can fundraise.

12. AED proposal and Equipment report: Kit



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- There was a discussion about the possibilities of purchasing AEDs for each PB site as EMS response times seem to be increasing. A defibrillator costs about \$1,600.
- Steps to pursue before purchasing:
 1. Ask DNV to purchase and install AED's in the park near the courts.
 2. offer to reimburse members for CPR training.
 3. investigate liabilities and whether operators need prior training.

Motion: that NSPC spend up to \$500 to reimburse members for CPR/AED certification/training.

Approved

13. Social: Shashi

A multi-site party at MF, LC, West Van on the Labor Day weekend is proposed. Flag, table and snack.

Shashi also proposed once a month party but the board decided to table this idea until Covid concern is over.

Motion: that NSPC spend \$120 per site to have the proposed multi-site parties.

Approved

14. Other business:

Randy mentioned that Rick Campbell had 1/2 dozen Club T shirts and we may wish to organize some T-shirts-related action to advertise/identify the Club's presence at such occasions as tournaments. *(Randy, please verify this statement, please?)*

15. Next meeting: All

Friday, Sept 10th at 1 PM at Estha's

16. Mtg adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Minutes draft respectfully submitted by Aki Takeda, and edited by Estha