

# Minutes

## North Shore Pickleball Directors Meeting Friday, September 10, 2021



Mtg started at 1: 09 pm.

In Attendance: Allan Gauthier, Estha Parg Murenbeeld, Karen Wilson, Kit Chan, Randy Reimann, Shashi Shrivastava, Sheri Shepherd (Rep for JoAnn), Betty Eisenhauer (Aki Takeda was present as observer/note taker)

Regrets: JoAnn Harrington

1. Approve agenda: **approved** as presented.

2. Approve August minutes: **approved** as presented. Motion by Shasi, Randy 2nded.

3. Reports:

- **Financials for August: Approved** as presented: 1st Allan, 2nd Betty, all in favour.
- **Membership:** 522 current total. 70% are 60 yrs old or over; trend is for more new young members joining in August.
- **Trainings:** Estha - No training done since the last one in August; Wed evenings for novices have been popular; drop-in very popular.
- **League:** Allan reported that teams would play till the end of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> league: Mountain Side league – 12 teams but extremely labour intensive to manage; 2<sup>nd</sup> league: Northshore A - 12 teams joined; and 3<sup>rd</sup> league, B: 10 teams now. Allan - investigation under way for more affordable software to keep track next year.
- **Round Robin** tournaments took a lot of email exchanges (roughly 24 hrs of labour) by Kit. Many cancelations and changes; Kit will do it again, and will research for an adequate software; Wed tournament was made successful with 5 volunteers helping out.

4. Area Updates:

- **29th:** Sherri – Ambleside is currently targeted/proposed for the site for new PB outdoor courts by WVD; now 29th will be open to play till 6 pm; this situation will go on till the new courts are opened; by the end of Sept., however, some announcement is expected from the WVD Parks; 8 plus courts together is what NSPC is advocating for.
- **President on LC and 29th advocacy:** Estha reported that NVD parks manager and architect walked around Murdo Frazer courts, and in a couple of weeks, we should have an announcement.
- **LC:** Karen reported that a signage got posted; permits were given for 2 courts. Karen reported that the last 2 wks saw no tennis players playing; no DNV Council meeting decision is forthcoming as it is not scheduled until Oct. Estha submitted a design for 6 courts at LC to the DNV parks manager.

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- **MF:** no dog sign by the District's bylaw; visual screen went up on the low fence, thanks to Bruce's volunteer labour; a complaint was heard on the tournament not being fairly treating participants; a Code of Conduct should be created for the Club. Everybody should be treated with respect.

***Action:** Randy is to first investigate the possibility of creating Code of Conduct to be incorporated into our club.*

### 5. Discussion:

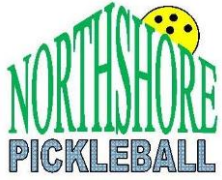
- **End of season procedures:** i.e. permits end Thanksgiving  
**Boxes at Murdo:** what to do in winter - agreed to leave it as its only \$260; Estha to ask permission; leave the white board thru winter.  
**LC:** Karen will decide what to do with the box; Estha suggested to use old nets for winter plays.
- **AED:** Estha has emailed STANS president but hasn't heard back yet; the Key issue is who to obtain the access number/code to open the lock; partnership with tennis is to be investigated further.
- **Signage:** Estha talked with the District; court numbers signage for MF was mentioned but not pushed; a subcommittee is needed to develop our signage requests.

***Action:** Estha and Karen will deal with it.*

- **Permits:** Now 17 % of total court time at MF is preoccupied by the club permitted hours; we should ask for exactly what we have now; Estha will design an email asking members what times they want; MF courts doors/gates should stay unlocked thru winter - this should be asked to the District as we have good attendance numbers to ask for more club hours if we wanted but DNV is protective to keep courts for public use; a garbage can should be placed.  
**Evening hours:** As is or less? July/August more suitable to do this in the evenings; why not ask for 9-12 six days a week; new players need assistance when using the courts as we are facilitating to all players.
- **Ranking:** As \$40 - \$80 to have individually ranked, we will self-rank the members in April instead.
- **Question:** Button maker could be returned next week.
- **New business card:** is to be ordered. **Allan to take on.**
- **Membership fee for next year:** the fee for next year is to be re-examined at the next meeting. We will know our operating costs better after the LC and WVD announcements.
- **Signage request:**  
**LC** - sun screening addition is to wait till next spring to reassess.  
**MF** - (?)  
**Mahon** - Often club members facilitate rotation.

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- **Capital Plan** - input priorities: our priority is to create a Hub sites, not a neighborhood courts; a preferable candidate site - William Griffin box, south of soccer field located at south of the Delbrook Rec Centre (*Allan found, post meeting, that this was not being used right now*).
- **Recruiting:** Estha emphasized the need to start recruiting new board members now, not next year; let's invite whenever one sees a prospect for new board members.

10. **Next meeting:** October 14, 7:30 pm Thursday at Jack's on Lonsdale.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:18 PM

Draft respectively submitted by Aki Takeda and edited by Estha

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