

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Cochrane Pickleball Club

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023

Location: Frank Wills Hall, Cochrane, AB

Attendees: 30

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3 pm by Greg Young, President

Greg explained that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and make changes to some of the club's bylaws.

2. Bylaw 2.1

Joanne Ferster presented the rationale for the change to bylaw 2.1, which was the addition of the following statement: "If the 'affair' involves a deviation or contradiction from the current society's norms, the board must poll the membership to ensure member support on same 'affair'."

Discussion: none

Motion to approve: Catherine Burdett

Seconded: Leona Stock

Voted: for: 29 against: 0 abstained: 1

3. Bylaw 3.1

Joanne Ferster presented the rationale for the change to bylaw 3.1, which was the change in date of the Annual General Meeting from "on or before May 20th" to "on or before October 30th".

Discussion: questions about who reviews our bylaws; further clarification by Greg to rationalize the change; concerns that October 30 may be too late because of people going to the US for the winter

Motion to approve: Dave Stock

Seconded: Roxanne Pynn

Voted: for: 30 against: 0 abstained: 0

4. Bylaw 3.3

Joanne Ferster gave an explanation for keeping bylaw 3.3 the same as it currently is.

5. Bylaw 3.6

Joanne Ferster presented the rationale for the change to bylaw 3.6, which was the change from "The quorum for all General and Special Meetings shall be no less than 10% of the total Cochrane Pickleball Club Membership" to "The quorum for all General and Special Meetings shall be no less than 6 members in good standing."

Discussion: question asked about people not being at the meeting being able to vote; question about who provides the tie-breaker if the vote is tied after electronic and in-person votes are in; question about whether or not web-based meetings would be allowed – the answer is no.; question about how people will ask questions during a meeting if they aren't at the meeting – Joanne explained that the information would be sent to everyone one week before the meeting and people can direct their questions to the board during that whole time. Joanne explained that Zoom meetings or Google Meet are extremely difficult to do with a large number of people.

Motion to approve: Cindy Kassian
Seconded: Judy Rogers
Voted: for: 29 against: 0 abstained: 1

6. Bylaw 3.8

Joanne Ferster presented the rationale for the change to bylaw 3.8, which was the addition of electronic voting at general or special meetings.

Discussion: see the discussion in section 5

Motion to approve: Colleen Adair
Seconded: Linda Hemmaway
Voted: for: 29 against: 0 abstained: 1

6. Bylaw 3.9

Joanne Ferster presented the rationale for the change to bylaw 3.9, which was the change in timing to submit an electronic vote.

Discussion: A question was raised about the wording of the first sentence. The wording was changed, and the motion will be made on the modified text in the bylaw. Shannon Davidson amended the bylaw.

Motion to approve the amended bylaw: Carmen Katulka
Seconded: Leo Charney
Voted: for: 29 against: 0 abstained: 1

Motion to adjourn: Joanne Ferster
Seconded: Lorraine Makowecki
Meeting adjourned at 3:33