



## **MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING**

27 West Pointe Manor, Cochrane, AB

Thursday, Sept 14, 2023 | 2pm

### **Members present**

- ❖ Greg Young, President
- ❖ Bob Marescaux, Treasurer
- ❖ Joanne Ferster, Secretary
- ❖ Lorraine Makowecki , MAL
- ❖ Les Franke, MAL

### **Members absent**

- ❖ Bill Cooper, Vice-President
- ❖ Krissy Thompson, MAL

**CALL TO ORDER:** Greg Young

**SECONDED**

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** of the previous Meeting Approved

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Greg Young

**SECONDED**

**APPROVED**

**BYLAWS STAMPED AND APPROVED:**

Joanne reports that the bylaws approved at the Special Meeting held on August 10th, 2023, at which attendance met quorum, were formally submitted and have been stamped and approved.



### **AGM AND BOARD ELECTION:**

- ❖ As a result of the change in the Club's bylaws the AGM will be held on October 19th, 2023. This means that all Board Members, originally elected for a two-year term in May of 2023 will now serve only a 17 month term until the AGM in October 2024. However, the Vice President's position, currently held by Bill Cooper, will become eligible for election on October 19th, 2023 since Bill Cooper was elected to this position in May of 2022.
- ❖ The Board must ask Bill Cooper to relinquish his Administrative Access to the Pickleball Canada Website, and bank signing authority.

### **RESIGNATIONS:**

- ❖ The Board received a written resignation with regrets from Krissy Thomson. This means that the position of Member At Large will be eligible for election at the AGM held on October 19th, 2023.
- ❖ Joanne Ferster also announced her intention to resign from the position of Board Secretary with an intention of running for the position of Board Vice President. Therefore, the position of Board Secretary will be eligible for election at the AGM held on October 19th, 2023.
- ❖ **IN CONCLUSION:** Three positions will be available for election at the AGM scheduled for October 19th, 2023. Vice President, Secretary and Member At Large.
- ❖ An election committee will be formed and notice will be given to the membership.

### **CLUB NAME:**

**MOTION MADE** by Lorraine Makowecki to change the Club's name back to its original name The Cochrane Outdoor Pickleball Club (COPC). The use of the word "Outdoor" will hopefully ensure that those joining understand that the Club runs solely outdoors.

**SECONDED:** Joanne Ferster

**APPROVED:** Unanimously

This Clubs name will be changed back to the Cochrane Outdoor Pickleball Club (COPC) in the near future.



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- ❖ The Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the new bylaws, will be scheduled for October 19th, 2023. At least 14 day's notice will be given to the membership.
- ❖ Following discussion regarding voting electronically two questions are raised:
- ❖ Lorraine asks what happens if the wording of a motion is changed during the meeting and the members voting electronically are not attending the meeting and do not know?
- ❖ Les asks what happens when members are nominated for board positions at the AGM and those voting electronically are not present physically and do not know?
- ❖ Joanne determines that the bylaw needs to be changed to facilitate voting after the AGM. She will prepare the bylaw change, circulate the new bylaw change to the membership, schedule a Special Meeting, and solicit votes electronically and file the new bylaw with Alberta Societies before the AGM.

### **CFEP GRANT UPDATE:**

Joanne advises the Board that four more documents were recently requested for completion for the CFEP Grant. All documents have now been submitted. Joanne feels that we should know by December, 2023 whether we have been chosen as recipients of this grant.

### **YEAR END SURVEY:**

- ❖ A survey will be compiled for circulation to the Membership. Board Directors will submit questions to be included covering Ratings, Player Development, Round Robins, Ladder, and Tournaments. Survey will be submitted to the Board for approval by September 25, 2023.
- ❖ Lorraine will be responsible for circulating the survey by October 4, 2023. Completed surveys should be returned by October 11, 2023. Lorraine volunteered to be responsible for collating the results.



### **WEBSITE:**

Joanne reported that website viewing has been high. (users on the site for the past 28 days are 487 which is 48.9% up from the past 28 days) People are accessing the website for information on the Club, training, and photos from the inhouse tournament.

### **RATINGS REPORT:**

Les reported the following results:

- ❖ 226 out of the current 262 members are skill rated.
- ❖ 10 members remain solely DUPR rated players.
- ❖ There are 32 unrated players.
- ❖ There are 6 fully trained raters and 2 partially trained raters.
- ❖ The success rate for achieving desired rating is currently 51.5%.

There was no report about DUPR due to Bill Cooper's absence.

### **TOWN MEETING:**

- ❖ The upcoming meeting with the Town of Cochrane is on September 18th, 2023 at which time there will be discussion regarding the Town's record of court usage during the past season, court usage for next season (2024), scheduling and which of the multi-use courts will be available to us.
- ❖ Will the Town provide a bike rack?

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bob Marescaux presented a financial statement to date. He explained the Income, Expenses and Net Cash to the Board. Bob will prepare the Financial Statement for the AGM.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 PM.**

Minutes prepared by Nikki Franke.