

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the COCHRANE PICKLEBALL CLUB held on APRIL 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Young - President, Joanne Ferster - Vice President, Nikki Franke - Secretary, Bob Marescaux - Treasurer, Les Franke - Member at Large, Ken Little - Member at Large, and Catherine Burdett - Member at Large.

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00 pm by Greg Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Greg

**SECONDED: Joanne
AGREED: Unanimously.**

UPDATE ON RATINGS:

Les reports the following:

- 212 members as of April 11th, 2024
- 43 requests for ratings

Catherine inquires as to whether capping the membership has been considered since our membership continues to grow beyond 50 players per court. Discussion ensues regarding the prior failed attempt to cap the membership in 2021. The Board agreed that it was probably better to leave the membership to grow for this season since we are so close to having more courts.

MOTION TO APPROVE \$56 FOR COURT RENTAL PRIOR TO SEASON START IN ORDER TO COMPLETE INITIAL RATINGS FOR NEW MEMBERS: Les

**SECONDED: Greg
AGREED: Unanimously**

Les asks Catherine to ensure that the Round Robins are filled according to the policies that currently appear under "Ratings" on the website.

UPDATE ON PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:

Les reports the following:

- There are 33 volunteer coaches. Coaches may only teach .5 lower or less than their own rating.
- The initial Skills and Drills meeting for Coaches will be held at the Cochrane Toyota on May 7th.
- The BTNI (Basic Training for New Instructors) is scheduled for May 13th.
- Pre assessments are scheduled for May 16th and 17th.
- Ratings for initial members begin anytime after April 22nd, twice weekly.
- Skills and Drills start on May 27th.

UPDATE ON TOWN:

Les reports the following:

- There is an email from Trish (Town of Cochrane, Recreation) stating that tennis courts will be unavailable for use July 1st for the balance of the season due to the Camden Courts being closed. The Tennis club will be given full use of Quigley tennis courts and the Pickleball nets will be removed.
- Les has already sent a notice to the Cochrane Pickleball Club membership stating that under no circumstances shall the tennis courts be used after July 1st for Pickleball.
- Tennis players will be instructed to abide by the same parking restrictions as the CPC follows.
- The Town will endeavour to have the courts cleaned and opened by April 22. We are able to reserve court time from then until May 12th, then our scheduled play begins.
- It is recommended that those who are running the Season Opener complete and submit a form as soon as possible to reserve the courts for that time.

Joanne asks that whomsoever is in charge of court maintenance this season ensures that they have zip ties in the shed to help secure the wind fences since the Town does not check them often enough. Ken offered to check the shed and see what tools were available or required and check on the condition of the batteries and whether they were in fact there or not.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FLOW CHART:

Les reports that the up-to-date flow chart is viewable on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Toward ratifying business discussed during the last Board Meeting and following at the Board's Weekly Update Meeting the following business needed to be ratified by Motion in this Meeting:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEASON OPENER SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8TH, 2024: Greg

SECONDED: Ken

AGREED: Unanimously

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COURT RENTAL EXPENSE FOR MAY 8TH, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128. TO BE COVERED BY THE CLUB: Greg

SECONDED: Ken

AGREED: Unanimously

GRANT UPDATE:

Joanne reports that we are currently awaiting the Town's signature on an MOU. New Town staff member is being brought up to date on project.

Ken will contact Entity One regarding the temporary poles and power lines that have been installed on the land designated for the courts in Greystone.

COURT RESERVE:

Greg defers to Catherine to present on Court Reserve.

Catherine asks for clarification from the Board regarding the extent to which the Club would want to pay for the various features available in the Court Reserve App; particularly in regard to collecting payments for ratings, social committee events, and the Club tournament.

Catherine explains the legal obligations of disclosing fees to members. She also explains the costs of administrative access and the pros and cons of hibernating service.

MOTION TO USE COURT RESERVE FOR ONE MONTH AS A PILOT TEST AT A COST OF \$77: Greg

SECONDED: Catherine

AGREED: Unanimously

COURT SCHEDULE:

After much deliberation regarding maximizing court usage equitably among all the skill groups, as well as consideration for selecting optimal times for Skill Development and Ratings, the following Motion is made:

MOTION TO KEEP THE SCHEDULE AS IT APPEARS ON THE WEBSITE (with the understanding that it may be revised during the season if necessary): Catherine

SECONDED: Greg

AGREED: Unanimously

- **Currently the format for play on Wednesdays is yet to be determined. This decision will likely be made by the members of each individual skill group.**
- **Round Robins will accept one spare per court per event.**

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:25 PM.

Minutes prepared by Nikki Franke