



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

(January 15, 2025 – Dan Gorman’s Residence)

In attendance: Wendy Trepanier, Dan Gorman, Connie Craig (via Zoom), Ian MacDonald, Aubrey Brewster, Jo Porta, Tina Sieben

Regrets: Ginny Groenhyde, Jim Nelles, Rhonda Little

1. Call to Order – 7:05pm Dan Gorman (Chair)

2. Adoption of Agenda (additions/deletions)

-Tina moved to adopt the agenda; Aubrey seconded; carried

3. Review and Approval of Dec. 3 minutes

ACTION ITEMS updates:

-Wendy and Jo to contact Corporate Registries to get Jo added to our account as a contact (Our 2024 filing has been done for Corporate Registries, and we are waiting for confirmation of accuracy) - **continuing**

-Ian to be given access to Club Facebook account as Admin – done

-Dan to connect with Jason Bradshaw regarding interest in joining a maintenance committee for the Club – **continuing**

-Board to email Club members to gauge interest in a rating system – **continuing**

-Tina – need 2 individuals to close Dream Home ticket sales each day of our assigned week – **continuing**

-Wendy to respond to Pickleball Alberta regarding Club rating policy – done

-PB Alberta Symposium – additional info to be requested; Connie is interested in attending.

-Dan to approach the City regarding cost sharing for the drainage issue at the outdoor courts-
continuing

-Aubrey moved to approve the minutes; Jo seconded; carried

4. New Business

4.1 Board Resignations

4.2 Dan’s suggestions and Vision for Club future

4.1 Lionel Frey and Steve Harvard have resigned from the Board. Both were within a few days of each other and were effective immediately

4.2 Establish plan for 2025 outdoor season

4.2.1 St. Joe's courts – City has advised they are only available for the 2025 season. Tomko quote \$15,000 for line painting. There is space for 10 pickleball Courts at the St Joes Courts. This is tabled for now. Dan and Wendy are going back to the City (& St Joes) to discuss additional pickleball use at this site. (ie- a potential 5-year deal) The City wants to see it be more of a Community use space. The City will also be completing a geo physical survey on this site. Ian has a contact who paints traffic lines, who can potentially paint court lines as a 'gift in kind'. Coordinating agreement with St. Joes – tabled until we have more discussion with City

ACTION ITEMS: a) Dan to send diagram to Board of proposed courts at St. Joe's

b) Ian to get info on line painting

4.2.2 Club rating system – Committee needed to bring options back to Board. Rhonda provided info on DUPR (discussion) Pros and Cons. Tabled at this time due to outdoor court resurfacing in summer 2025.

4.2.3 Special project committee - This committee would organize and help coordinate Special Projects (outdoor court resurfacing, court drainage remediation, line painting at St. Joe's, etc.). Dan has been coordinating these unofficially. The Co Ordinator would have spending authority of \$1000, for smaller purchases. *Aubrey moved to create a special projects committee, with Dan as coordinator; Tina seconded; carried.*

4.2.4 Architectural drawings – Dan would like a group of 4-5 people to gather info from other pickleball Clubs. Scheunhage may do free conceptual drawings of new pickleball complex. It is a 4-5 year project to get a complex built; need to start planning. *Aubrey motioned for Dan be allowed to approach Scheunhage; Jo seconded; carried*

4.2.5 Dan – Acquire sponsorship manager – no salary, get paid a percentage of whatever the sponsorship amount is - 3.5% potentially

Motion - Dan to identify sponsorship manager and bring it to board for discussion. 3.5% possibly slightly more - Table to spring Dan may still attempt to identify a person

4.2.6 Social media hire – Ian now has access to Facebook as admin

Motion from Aubrey for Ian to research websites for Board to decide what look we want for ours; Tina seconded; carried

Action item – Wendy and Dan to discuss with Jo Stewart about getting access for website

4.2.7 Grant application writer – Discussion around hiring a grant writer as large grants become available. Salary to be negotiated at the time those grants are identified. *Dan made this motion; Ian seconded; carried*

5.0 President's Report - In a recent email from the City, we were advised there would be no pickleball during Community Time at Smith. Dan and Wendy met with Chenoa and were able to negotiate pickleball play during Community Time during the week. Weekend Community Time will not allow pickleball. The rationale for the City's decision was complaints about pickleball players acting disrespectful to other users. This had not been communicated to either Dan or Wendy. Dan advised Chenoa that we would drop off posters for pickleball players at Smith with positive conduct requirements, and include a pickleball Board phone number to contact us immediately with any concerns in the future. The new (still in the bag) nets are only to be used during drop in pickleball time; the used, older nets will be used during Community Time pickleball play.

Motion to approve President's Report – Ian; Tina seconded; carried

6.0 Finance Report – Jo has difficulty understanding all info, as has no access to Quikbooks account. All appears in order.

Action item: Wendy to contact Andrea at Focus Bookkeeping to allow Jo ‘view’ access to our QuickBook account.

Aubrey motioned to accept financial report as presented; Dan seconded; carried

General Discussion:

Action item-Wendy to distribute info to Club about times that City is giving for Club play while resurfacing project is underway.

Goodfare has requested help setting up pickleball play there. Suggestion to refer them to Beaverlodge for help.

Action item: Dan has requested a phone number to call at Fieldhouse desk at Eastlink.

8. Adjournment – 9:06pm