



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2025 @ 6 pm @ Dan Gorman's Residence

In attendance: Wendy Trepanier, Dan Gorman, Tina Sieben, Aubrey Brewster and Rhonda Little, Ian MacDonald (via zoom)

Regrets: Ginny Groenhyde, Jo Porta, Connie Craig, Jim Nelles

1. Call to Order 6:06 pm Wendy Trepanier (Chair)

2. Adoption of Agenda (additions/deletions)

-Tina moved to adopt the agenda, Dan seconded, carried

3. Review & Approval of Previous Minutes January 15, 2025

ACTION Items Updates:

3.1 Dan has talked to Jason Bradshaw as an addition to the maintenance crew. He has accepted.

3.2 Dan was to talk to the city to help with the cost of the drainage issues, he decided not to as we have money to do it ourselves

3.3 Confirmed that Dan dropped off the posters at ARC with the code of conduct for pickleball players

3.4 Dan requested a phone number to call at the field desk at eastlink, but they have not done that

3.5 Wendy has not heard back from corporate registry at present

3.6 Jo Porta has been added to our account as a contact.

3.7 The transition has been made from our old website to our new website. Everything is running smoothly.

3.8 Dan moved to approve the minutes, Aubrey seconded, carried

4. President's Report - Conversation with the city around booking our courts, mostly school groups, but the odd business requesting team building activities. The city is going to look after the bookings through email [bookings@cityofgp.com](mailto:bookings@cityofgp.com).

Schools in the past have shown up with more students than will fit on the public side. If they want to use our club courts or have an instructor then they have to contact us.

-Dan isn't convinced that the city taking over the bookings is the best idea. The city would only have 5 courts available for use and they may have students sitting. This year it will only be on the back end of the season ( Sept- Oct) for schools to book, not May or June.

**ACTION ITEM:** Wendy will message them to tell them they have the time 1230-3pm on those courts starting in September.

- Eastlink has new nets available to use, especially for the B side if needed and the court is available

-A \$5000.00 check from Rotary for Cars for Christmas has been deposited into our account.

-Our current user agreement for the use of the outdoor courts has terminated and Wendy signed it off. A temporary User Agreement has been signed with the City for Club use at Dave Barr this summer.

-A Chilliwack pickleball club member has developed a web application for event management to streamline managing events. We are not interested at present.

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#### 5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Finance Committee ( Treasurer's Report) Wendy/ Dan

- Line Painting at St. Joe's Courts - \$3000
- 10 Portable Nets - St Joes Outdoor courts – approx. \$3000 - we can't do anything permanent there right now. The CITY wants it to be more of a community type facility. We can look at the idea of nets with locking wheels on them. We need to look at buying these nets right away so we are ready for this 2025 season.
- Outdoor shed at St. Joe's location - \$2000 - or a sea can.
- Additional Screens? - \$3000 - 8ft screens are available at Uncle Weiners instead of the 6 ft ones we have. The old screens from the outdoor courts are to be used at St. Joe's
- Misc for courts - \$1500 - could be tables, chairs etc
- Drainage repair (north fenceline) - \$34,000

- Resurfacing and finishing outdoor Court surface - \$93,000

- These items total \$138,500.
- Dan requested we move funds from our Servus chequing account into an HISA (High Interest Savings Account).
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Dan made a motion to approve the portable net purchase, the outdoor shed, additional screens and misc items listed above, Aubrey seconded the motion, carried.

**Current balance in account is \$188,977.43 - \$138,500 = \$50,477.43 remaining if all above items are purchased.**

5.2 Communication Committee Report (Ian, Wendy, Dan)

5.3 Membership Committee Report (Tina Sieben)

New Person? (Community Engagement?) Find someone that would be good for this position.

-we will continue to work on finding the right person.

5.4 Sponsorship Committee Report Dan Gorman (& Don Moon)

-Don Moon was not able to meet with us tonight.

5.5 Maintenance Committee Report Aubrey Brewster ( or Dan Gorman)

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5.6 Governance Committee Report Dan, Joanne, Rhonda, Wendy (Someone Chair?)

- nothing new

5.7 Fundraising/Grant Committee Report ( Wendy/Connie/Dan)

-We will be getting into this in a big way once we have concept drawings for a dedicated indoor pickleball facility.

5.8 Special Projects Committee Report (Dan)

St. Joe's Courts Update- go there over the next few days with Morgan to figure out a way to build dividers between the courts.

5.9 New Facility Update- road Trip- Dan/Aubrey

6. New Business

6.1 Washrooms Unit - Outdoor courts – Dan has convinced a sponsor to help us with outdoor washrooms. Our Pickleball Club has permission to move their (the football club) shed further west along the fenceline so we can fit toilets in that space. Meeting with Rob from Horizons North on Thursday at 130 pm. Dan talked to Rob about the possibility of connecting the toilet trailer to a sewage line.

6.2 Power approval & hookup – Dan - we are waiting for the city to approve our presentation for the power for the washrooms. Talked about putting a fence around the toilets so they don't get vandalized but we need to work with the city and or the school division on whose property it is and can we do it?

6.3 Lethbridge PICKLE POINT – Dan - This is an 8 court facility privately owned, they have different prices for high impact times, they will send us the info. Okotoks is just about ready to build their outdoor courts. Dan took photos of the coffee shop and canteen area. Talked to Dyck Fisher from the Red Deer Pickleball club to tell them that we want to stop by sometime in the next few weeks to gather information. Then have an open house with our club and present the ideas and what we have planned. Dan met with 1 businessman who felt he could probably raise between 2-3 million dollars for our indoor facility.. If we are not for profit we can apply for bigger grants. We need to decide if it will be a business or not for profit.

6.4 Paddle Play Rotation Idea - Dan -sheldon brought an idea forward for a system for our courts. Discussion of a paddle holder for our outdoor courts and will it work for us? Discussion of a challenge court for the club side. Discussion on the cost of this system or having it made to try for this 2025 outdoor system.

Dan made a motion to table this topic of paddle play until we can get more information, Rhonda seconded, carried

6.5 Referee Clinic - Wendy - talking to Richard Walasar about doing a referee clinic here so we can have referees for tournaments. We want to have sanctioned tournaments here at some point. We would need a minimum of 12 people interested in order for Pickleball Alberta to come to GP and run a referee clinic (at no cost to our club).

**ACTION ITEM:** We will put it on our FB page to see if anyone is interested in a referee clinic.

6.6 WhatsApp group chat - Wendy - is wondering if it is time for the club to take over the chat. Currently it is wide open with public members and club members. It was agreed we will leave the whatsapp chat as is.

6.7 April 23 Special Olympics – Wendy - little mini lessons for 3-4 of their athletes. 2-3 people volunteer their time to help these athletes. April 23rd at 10 -11 a.m. at ARC.

6.8 Proposed North51 League – Wendy - Kallum Katou sent a message to clubs in the area to get a league going. It involves some travel. Is this something we want to look at? Starts early May and finals late August. Looking for someone to spearhead this. Decision was made to look at this next year.

6.9 Signage at outdoor courts - table this topic for when our courts are resurfaced and we have washrooms.

## 7. Additional Agenda Items:

7.1 Options for play while our outdoor courts are being resurfaced.

Dave Barr 8am - 12 pm CLUB MEMBERS ONLY Monday - Friday 8am- 12 pm Eastlink members play for free.

Someone has to be identified as an acting liaison while there, incident reports will need to be completed for any injuries while playing at Dave Barr. Someone has to be provided every single time we are there as a club.

There was discussion that it would be a sign that would be put up with the information that an incident report has to be filled out.

Dave Barr also wants postal codes of club members. Also will need to have someone identifying club members. Discussion was made around club members providing their pickleball canada ID number. Players will be privately messaged if they attend and are not updated as members. They will be told they aren't allowed to play during club time.

7.2 Dan brought up the topic of deciding how we are going to manage the nets and dividers coming in and out at St. Joe's outdoor courts. Dan's suggestion was to consider looking at teams (volleyball, 4H etc) to open up and put up nets and dividers to make money as a fundraiser. \$20 per person, per open/close session to a max of \$80/day was put forward as a suggestion.

7.3 As a club we plan to set a meeting time with all the club members to relay information about the club and what is happening. Planned for : **April 24, 2025 @ 7-830pm at the Elks Hall.**

8. Next Meeting - April 15,2025 @ 6 pm

9. In-Camera - Ian MacDonald

10. Adjournment- 8:11 pm