

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

May 12, 2024 6PM @ Dan Gorman Residence

In Attendance: Wendy Trepanier, Dan Gorman, Jo Porta, Rhonda Little, Aubrey Brewster, Tina Sieben, Quinn Greonheyde, Ginny Greonheyde, Connie Craig, Ian MacDonald via Zoom.

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

2.  Adoption of Agenda (additions/deletions)        **Aubrey motioned to adopt the agenda/Dan seconded/carried**

3.  Review & Approval of Previous Minutes – held, to be reviewed/approved at the next meeting

4.  President’s Report - Wendy Trepanier

4.1 City resurfacing Eastlink Fieldhouse – (Sam advised white lines again) June 9- 22; fieldhouse will be closed during this time.

4.2 User Agreements have been received and signed by Wendy and Dan – All User Agreements now in place (Dave Barr, Outdoor Courts, St. Joe’s and the Construction Agreement for the outdoor courts).

 4.3 St Joe’s & northside outdoor court update – Dan will report on this. Delay till 5.2

 4.4 Great turnout at our General Meeting (review/approve -  minutes to follow)

4.5 Lucas Stepanko approached Wendy to see if we, as a Board, would be willing to bring a 6.0 PB pro to put on a clinic for our members. Emmanuel is from La Paz, MX. Discussion/decision as a Board that we would like to use our local PB coaches if we are to put on any clinics.  We have local coaching talent and do not need to pay to bring in a high level pro. Our Club doesn’t have Club members who play at the 6.0 level.

4.6 League Play – Discussion regarding League play Tuesday/Friday evening  –  Would require captains to organize & share info. Lots of interest in having league play but it will take lots of volunteers.

 Discussion around using DUPR as a method of rating for league night round robins.

**Dan made a motion that our Club establish a rating committee, chaired by Jo Porta, including Tina Sieben, Aubrey Brewster and Connie Craig. Quinn seconded, all in favour, carried.**

4.7 Last year Wendy paid for her own Microsoft subscription; inquiring if the Club would pay this fee, as she uses it almost exclusively for Club purposes. ($115+gst)

**Dan made a motion that we pay for her subscription, seconded by Ginny. All in favour, carried**

4.9  Other Items – The City asked our Club to write a letter of support for their bid to host the 2027 Alberta 55+ Winter Games. Same completed.

4.10 Jo suggested that as a Board we submit a secretary report prior to our Board meetings to make it easier for our Secretary to record/type our meeting minutes.

4.11 Wendy received an email regarding the insurance requirement in the User Agreement for the outdoor courts.

Action item: Connie will coordinate the insurance certificates through Pickleball Canada.

4.12 Email sent to all Club members regarding info/schedule for play at St. Joe’s. Complaints from Club members indicating they haven’t received it. Folks need to check their spam folders or put it in a ticket through Pickleball Canada if they can’t resolve the issue. This is not a club issue.

4.13 Wendy sent an excel spreadsheet to the City which included all venues and pickleball play schedules for City facilities. List is current to June 30, 2025 as per our User Agreements. Once the excel spreadsheet is verified by the city, it will be shared on our social media.

4.14 St. Joe’s Courts – M/W/F/Sat 8am-1pm and Tues/Fri 6pm-10pm Club time. Tues/Thurs/Sunday 8am-1 pm Mon/Thur 6pm-10pm. This is considered to be exclusively community space. Dan recommends that we go back to the City to inquire if we are able to put up a maximum of 4 nets during Community time, as long as there is no other use. Pickleball can use 4 courts during Public time.

ACTION ITEM: Dan to talk to Rob Levy from St. Joe’s High School regarding Tues/Thurs mornings be available to the pickleball community. Dan and Wendy will discuss the same concerns with the City representatives.

4.15  Membership fees – Much discussion. Dan made an original motion that was then amended by and proposed by Connie as follows: Motion: **Connie made a motion to increase Club fees by $20.62 effective Jan 1,2026 and the new fee is $70.62 (PB Alberta-$5, PB Canada-$10, PB Alberta Development fee-$5.00 Aubrey seconded. Discussion. All in favor. Carried**

 4.16 Porta-potties have been delivered to the outdoor courts at St. Joe’s.

5.  Committee Reports:

5.1 Finance (Treasurer) Committee Report             Joanne Porta

5.1.1 – As per Board’s approval, Dan had $160,000 of GPPC monies moved from the GPPC’s chequing account to a HISA (High Interest Savings Acct).

      5.2 Special Projects Committee:

5.2.1 St Joe’s Outdoor Courts –

* 10 Courts are painted with Lines - Shed is locked with nets inside and the dividers will be there tomorrow at noon. Apex is unlocking our courts at 8 am and locking them at  9 pm daily.
* Shed locked up with nets inside
* A number of dividers are completed and up
* Fence bottom repaired by Wapiti Fencing
* Code for Shed inside St Joes is “**1957”**
* Parking for St Joes Courts-across the street to the north
* St Joe’s student access to outdoor courts – School has the code to the gates but not the shed

5.2.2   Outdoor Northside Courts

* Discussion on the northside courts -Moving units, water, sewer, power, etc.

Dan provided an update.

**Dan made a motion to spend $17, 000 to get the water and the sewer hooked up to our washroom unit at the Legion courts. Aubrey seconded. Discussion. All in favor. Carried**

* Wapiti Fencing  fixed (and improved) the midrails that needed same.
* Tomko- Alex – Dan talking to him 2-3 times/week – getting quotes on the new Facility. Waiting for quotes. Also wanting indoor courts within 1000 yards of this new outdoor facility. After June 9th we can make it public.
* Drainage repair on north side – Dan recommends we leave this to the Fall
* We still need to organize/confirm a water truck for Tomko – Dan is working on a cost effective way to get water from Aquaterra for Tomko for the Courts resurfacing.
* Power – We can pull the electrical permits for power as soon as the User Agreement is signed this week. Tomko is also happy to have power there

5.3 Youth & Other  Programs – (yes/no?) what are we doing with this? (Volunteer/Club Member to organize?) Connie would prefer to have someone else take on this project. Wendy suggested that it go out on email not on WhatsApp. Whomever takes on the youth program will also require a Criminal Record Check. Action Item: Wendy will draft an email for Connie to review before sending it out.

* June 14 ‘Try It’ Day with Sports Connect – Connie volunteered to lead this. Ginny and Tina offered to help.
* Special Olympics volunteers for Bocce ball - Connie suggested an email to Club members with the link. Action Item – Wendy to do this.

      5.4 Membership Committee - held over until the next meeting

      5.5 Communications     Committee Report              Dan / Ian  -Ian is doing a great job

  5.6 Sponsorship Committee - Update on receivables – Joanne.

Looking for a member to come up with an information package that could go be distributed to potential sponsors.

5.7 New Facility Update- Dan & Wendy looking at new option – exciting possibilities No other info as this needs to be kept very quiet for the time being.

      5.8 Maintenance  Committee Report               Aubrey Brewster ( or Dan Gorman)

Great turnout for both the windscreen install at St Joes, and the Lot Cleaning – Thanks Everyone!

* **Tina made a motion to send Basket to Bravo 1 Fire unit at Resources Road- Dan recommended spending $100, Quinn seconded, Discussion. All in favor. carried.**

       5.9 Governance Committee - Held to the next meeting

      5.10 Fundraising/Grant  Committee Report

ACI Grant- Connie suggested we get a grant writer. Action Item - Dan has a person that could do that for us. Further info to follow at next meeting.

* Rotary Grant Proposal – Dan to get Rotary Grant quotes; Wendy to finish rest of grant
* Ginny, Connie – Look for other Grants available?

     6.  New Business

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7.  Additional Agenda Items:

7.1  ‘Next Up’ Paddle Procedure - we need a system at Dave Barr and we will try it for a month. The system we have holds 12 paddles. Quinn made a motion to try the “next up paddle system” for a month. Dan seconded it. Discussion. All in favour. Carried

8.  Next Meeting (Date & Location)-TBA

9. Adjournment 8:06 pm