

Minutes

Director's meeting, November 8 @ 7:15pm

Present: Julie, Erin, Bob, Rod, John, Barbara

Absent: David, Allan

1. Accept minutes of previous meeting

Correction to motion from Sept 27/21 minutes, should read:

Motion: For the year 2023, our membership fees will reflect the calendar year. Fee for 2022 will remain at \$20. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Accepted

2. Financial Report

We now have 316 members. Our account has approximately \$5200.00 Julie has an expenditure to submit before the club year end.

3. President's Report

The Poco Rec Ctr open house was well attended. Julie has a meeting with Ryan next week. Surrey reached out for ideas for their new rec ctr. It was suggested that the important user groups should be involved in the decision making for best results.

PCO will be sponsoring a 2 day coaching clinic, level one. Mark Renneson will be conducting the clinic. There's a possibility that the clinic (level 1) will be held in Chilliwack in December. As more specific information becomes available, it will be forwarded. Level 2 will be offered in Spring.

Julie will be looking into Grants that the club would qualify for in the new year.

4. Bramble update - Erin's notes from their meeting.

Bramble Review
October 12th meeting, 2021

Attended by Brian Forrester, Kevin Powel, Erin Davidson, Julie McRitchie

The first year was recapped and overall it was a very positive experience and the Bramble Park site worked well.

Allocation Process:

For the first year of launching pickleball at Bramble, the typical process was modified but for the second year the club will need to follow the normal standard. This includes attending allocation meetings with other sports groups to be held on January 13th and 27th (Thursday at 7pm). The first meeting will discuss planning, needs and possible conflicts. The second meeting will determine allocation of facilities.

The Pocomo Club will need to have their 2021 booking dates determined in preparation for these meetings. Ie, spring/summer play times at Bramble Park.

*When planning for booking dates it is best to spread the playing times into mornings alternating with evenings ie 2 mornings and 2 evenings. Also when booking on weekends book one morning and one evening time on alternate days. Avoid booking blocks of time that only allow for small breaks between sessions ie two hours between a daytime session and an evening session if booking on the same day. **This was not mentioned in the meeting but is a recent development. We have been asked to please consider avoiding Monday day time bookings. 9am-noon. Potential City Glen Pine Pickle ball Programming. (June-Oct).***

Staff (Kevin) will receive all requests for dates and the bookings department will follow up with all the details and payment. Once allocations have been established, booking modifications will be handled by the bookings team.

'Perfectmind' shows when courts (and sports fields) are booked or available, but online bookings are not available. Pickleball and Tennis courts are not available for reservation by individuals or the general public.

Tournament/Special events:

Dates need to be submitted during allocation discussions as well so that staff will have time to plan for extra prep in advance of the event and to prevent conflict with other events and sports groups.

There will be a tournament fee, most likely similar to court rentals. There will be a 30- day cancel policy in place that allows an event to be cancelled by notification to staff within 30 days post event to have funds returned or left in the account. Here is the Cancellation policy as it reads from the Fee's and charges schedule. Cancellation Policy: Sport Courts, Grass & All Weather Fields: Refund requests for rental cancellations due to rain-outs must be received by the end of the month following the month in which the rental was scheduled.

Tournaments, camps, clinics fall under this category.

Facility Tour:

Will take place in March or early April.

A list can be prepared by the club to identify any updates, repairs and improvements to the facility.

Kevin will conduct an on site walk through of courts with designated Pocomo Reps.

Misc:

Of note, Brian shared that to date, the City has not received any noise complaints related to pickleball play at Bramble Park.

Thanks to the staff, particularly Brian and Kevin for their support and open communication in supporting pickleball at Bramble Park.

In conclusion: It was felt that the revitalization for Bramble courts from Rod's plan that was submitted this passed Spring is very promising.

5. Choosing dates for club play for 2022

Submissions for club play must be done by November 15. Proposal to begin play May 16th. 9am-noon in May and September, 8am-11am in June, July and August.

Monday morning- 3 hrs.

Tuesday evening 2 hrs for 4 courts - Novice group

Wednesday morning - 3 hrs

Thursday evening - 3 hrs

Saturday morning - 3 hrs

Possible Fundraiser dates -

May 27-28 Members only

July 16-17 Members plus possibly additional club(s)

Sept 16-17 we don't want to interfere with those who want to play in Surrey's Grip n Rip

Erin will submit these dates.

6. AGM planning after March 31

Our AGM will be held sometime in March either by Zoom or possibly in a room at the Dogwood Ctr. More details will be discussed at our next meeting.

7. Making revisions to WhatsApp to be commercial free

This was discussed at our last meeting. No further discussion is required.

8. Tuesday Novice Nights

This topic was included in choosing dates for club play, item #5

9. Other business

Bob gave an update on Dogwood. There is play Monday, Wednesday and Friday. He proposed two sessions per day be re-evaluated to accommodate three sessions. 8:30-10:30, 10:45-12:45 and 1:00-3:30 with Wednesdays including lessons.

Poco Rec ctr is looking at their Senior programs to include pickleball in the future. There is a zoom meeting Nov 17th which Rod will attend as the Poco Representative for PoCoMo club.

Players are enjoying playing outdoors and are being well used. There are still safety issues that need to be address by the Ctr in the future.