

South Cowichan Pickleball Club
Annual General Meeting
September 20, 2022 @ 5pm. Kerry Park Picnic Shelter

Board Attendees: Rick Hollingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Vasey, Ute Wright, Sharyn Higginson, Sherry Saunderson.

Regrets: Joan Wright

Call to Order: 5:05 pm

Confirmation of Notice and Quorum:

Notice of the upcoming AGM were included in the Summer Newsletter of the SCPBC, and also posted in September on their website, www.southcowichanpickleball.org. An email was sent to members on September 19.22 as a reminder. Quorum was achieved with 29 attendees and a requirement of 12 to reach 10% of members.

Land Acknowledgement shared and expressed by Chair Laurie Vasey.

Approval of the previous AGM Minutes:

Moved by Linda Rush and seconded by Ute Wright that the Sept. 21.21 AGM Minutes (circulated) be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer reported that in 2021 there was \$523 in the bank with 108 members. 13 more members have joined = 121 members to date.

Disbursements: \$197 – web hosting and domain name annual costs
\$ 80 – July court rental for ladder

Bank Balance today: \$376.

New Business:

Survey sent to all members on proposed membership fee for 2023 has produced inconclusive results:

- 11% in favor of \$10 fee;
- 8% in favor of \$20 fee,
- 15% in favor of 30% fee.

The Chair reviewed the options again to the attendees:

The role and fee options for **TWO** years are:

1. **\$10** to maintain the website to advise members of events, and to advocate for indoor courts.
2. **\$20** to maintain the website, advocate for indoor courts **plus** cover insurance costs at Kerry Park for organized play*, such as ladders, round robins and tournaments. Participants in

organized events will then be required to pay a nominal fee to cover the court rental costs which are currently \$5 per court for two hours.

3. **\$30** to maintain the website, advocate for indoor courts, pay for insurance costs at Kerry Park **plus** provide some FREE activities for members, such as ladders, round robins or fun tournaments (non-sanctioned tournaments).

** It will cost the club \$85 per year for 26-100 members for insurance or \$160 for 101-250 members paid through Kerry Park).*

It was decided that the new Directors of the Board would investigate this further and decide how best to determine the new membership fee for 2023 fiscal year, March to March.

Call for Nominations to the Board and Elections of the Directors:

By acclamation the following members were elected as Directors:

Lynne Phillips, Harold Burges, Kathy Wilson, Maureen and Colin Collister, Linda Rush, and Laurie Vasey (re-elected).

The Board continues to sit at seven members.

Open Discussion:

Lynn Phillips proposed:

- Organizing lessons and drills once a month, user pay up front.
- Court usage reversed to create 2 reservable and 4 drop-ins with exception of no courts `free drop-ins`CPBC when special events held.
- Tournaments organized for fun- participants pay up front.
- An inquiry about insurance and CVRD requirements.

The Chair suggested these are excellent ideas for the new Board members to consider and develop in the future.

Sherry Saunderson mentioned that Bill Low (billjenlow@shaw.ca) 604-657-6361 at Arbutus Ridge would be willing to organize a car rally for members of the SCPBC, (pay per car) around the Cowichan Valley area next year. This is his hobby and he held an e-bike ride two days ago with 5 club members involved, with great success. Kathy Wilson won first prize with 100% score!

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 5:36pm by Lynn Rush, seconded by Harold Burges. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes submitted by Sherry Saunderson, Secretary