

**RDPC AGM AGENDA Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 pm**

**Bower Kin Place – 85 Boyce Street Red Deer**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM (10 members is minimum)
3. APPROVAL OF 2022 AGM MINUTES AS CIRCULATED
4. REPORTS AS PRESENTED ON WEBSITE



- a. President's Report – Bob Phillip
- b. Treasurer's Report – Mark Baron
- c. Director Reports (Not on Web site)

Communications (Rick Foret), Members (Kay Thul), Summer / Winter Play (Bill Warmington),  
Facilities (Nolan Nicol), Player development (Carol Graham), Ratings (Val Vollmin)

5. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Provincial Tournament August 10-13, 2023 – Bob Philip
  - b. Court Expansion Initiative – Val Vollmin
6. BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL – Val Vollmin
7. ELECTION

- a. Election of President & Directors

To be Elected for 2 yr term

President Candidates running for 2023 – 2025 Term

Candidate Presentations and Questions

- Kay Thul
- Jonathon Strome

After questions proceed with voting (pending attendance numbers a short break will take place during voting and counting of ballots)

Directors – Don George Bio attached

Director - TBA

Incumbents with 1 yr Terms left – No Election required.

8. Joel Pelletier Coach selection and Policy
9. OPEN FORUM
10. ADJOURNMENT



**RDPC AGM Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 26/22 at 7:00 pm**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Bob Called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 a bit of delay for all Board members to sign in on Google Meet Invite Issue resolved and everyone joined is for 7:15 Rick Foret motioned to open the meeting Trina Murias seconded the motion.
- 2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM (10 members is minimum)** – Quorum was met with 19 in attendance. Bob acknowledged quorum and meeting proceeded.
- 3. APPROVAL OF 2021 AGM MINUTES AS CIRCULATED** – Ted Sherback accepted and motioned to approve the 2021 meeting minutes and Tony Lam seconded the motion
- 4. REPORTS AS PRESENTED ON WEBSITE**
  - a. President's Report – Bob Phillips See attached.**
  - b. Treasurer's – Tony Lam Report See Attached** – Financial, Budget and Treasurer Tony indicted a review of financial statement will be completed by new Treasurer and the new Book keeper, this review to be completed in order to file as a society to Alberta registry.
  - c. Committee Reports;**

**Player Development by Trina Murias** further comments; kids play to start up every Sunday.

**Summer Play by Larry Hermary Attached** – No Mentionable comments.

**Facilities By Dennis Bowness** – Maintenance will need to carry on through out the year, an additional \$1000 added to 2022 budget in the event we need to fix the pilings that are lifting in

the South West corner. Dennis is asking for a few individuals to step up for Maintenance repair training on the PB Court surfaces. Dick F commented that those type of repairs on the fence will need to be negotiated with the City on an annual basis. Val Vollmin has identified the City will pay for the repairs as per the contract. Dennis requested a hard copy. Ted Sherback will provide. Dennis is also requesting volunteers to step up for Winter Play Facilities Team to search out facilities for Winter play 2022/23 So far Bill Graham has stepped up.

**Communications Report – Rick Foret** – Starting up Sign up Genius to support Training clinics, PCNS communicating Lets Play, so there has been a lot of communications on many levels and continues to evolve and be a constant.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Ratings Play and Pickleball Brackets** – Bob described the intent and reasoning to proceed with Pickleball Brackets / PCNS Round Robin play as tools to build the clubs ratings for members and create competitive fun for all play. No mentionable comments therefore deemed acceptable to proceed. Mike Murias will be managing the Pickleball Brackets for the Round Robins as well as supporting Fraser with the Tournaments
- b. **Summer Play** – as per Larry Hermary’s report see attached. Remarks and Comments: Will there be a schedule released soon? It will be out prior to the weekend hopefully looking for a few more court monitors keep watching the RDPC Web site and further communications.

## 6. ELECTION

### a. Election of Directors –

Trina Murias Is stepping down as Vice President and Director of Player Development. **Carol Graham** will be stepping in as Director of Player Development

Gene Vollmin is is stepping down as a Tournament Director

and **Fraser Stewart** will be stepping in.

Tony Lam is stepping down as Treasurer after 4 yrs of service and **Mark Baron** will be stepping up as Treasurer.

**Carol, Fraser, and Mark** are all appointed by acclamation to the board. By show of hands of those on video conference, all were in favor of the new board members.

Vice President position will be appointed to an existing board member at the next General Board Meeting.

- 7. OPEN FORUM** – Jane White raised the question of the possibility of a Club house rather than Competitive courts. Val identified that the city would be in favor of a facility being built. And the question regarding lights being installed at the courts. After much discussion, of Championship Courts, Clubhouse, Winter play facilities and Lights there was a suggestion to take away these possibilities and make proposals at a later date to club members.

Also after another full circle discussion regarding insurance again, Bob suggested we need a policy written for our understanding of insurance requirements. RDPC members are covered by PCO non members are not, however we will have people coming out to try it out as a drop in for a \$10 fee, does a waiver suffice, also we will have students from schools coming for phys-ed activities as per Carol Graham's comment students will be covered by school insurance. Further discussion to follow at General Board meetings.

Carol identified the need for the Summer Play and the Player Development to meet sooner than later to find synergies between training and setting up structured play.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT** – Kay Thul Motioned to adjourn the meeting and Rick Foret seconded the motion.



## President's message May 2023

I would like to start my final commentary by thanking the RDPC Board of Directors that I have had the pleasure to work with. These members deserve your gratitude and appreciation for the work they do for all the membership.

**Kay Thul** Secretary / Vice President  
**Mark Baron** Treasurer Director  
**Val Volmin** Ratings Director  
**Fraser Stewart** Club Play Director

**Carol Graham** Coaching / Lessons Director  
**Rick Foret** Communications Director  
**Nolan Nicoll** Facilities Director  
**Bill Warmington** Summer Play Director

They have certainly made my time as your president very rewarding and fulfilling! It is true that many hands make light work, and because of these current and past board members it's been a very easy pull for me as your president. I would also like to thank all of our club members who help out by volunteering to help with the duties of operating the club with maintenance, court captains, committee volunteers, tournament volunteers, coaching crew, and anyone who steps up to lend a hand.

This is a club of members and all are welcome to play and enjoy these wonderful facilities. I believe that I could count on 1 hand how many cities have such a facility as ours in Canada to play Pickleball on. These courts are here because of the vision of club members who knew the value of the sport for social, mental and physical wellbeing. We have come from a membership of 50 to an expected membership of over 800 in 2023 our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

My only request is that, as a member of Red Deer Pickleball Club you will take the time and consider being part of the volunteer group and especially on the Board of Directors, these members have put a lot of time into your club and they will be needing help to continue to be able to keep the club vibrant and successful.

**All we need is "A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS"**

Your soon to be

Past President, Bob Philip

PS

**I look forward to seeing you at the RDPC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Bower Kin Place - 85 Boyce St, Red Deer) on May 30<sup>th</sup> @6:30 pm**

Red Deer Pickleball Club							
Projected Statement of Income							
(unaudited)							
			Year Ended Dec 31, 2022	Year Ended March 31, 2023			
			2022	2023	2022	2022	2021
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Revenue</b>							
Capital grants			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,909	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Donations			250	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Drop in fee			835	1,500	1,540	500	470
Lessons			7,475	3,500	1,940	-	-
Membership fees			33,615	22,000	20,050	20,000	19,050
Other grants			300	-	-	-	1,035
Tournament net				14,100	89,601	12,080	-
Other Revenue and GST Offset			(2,509)				
Tournament Gross			44,143				
Winter play receipts				12,000	2,023	12,000	18,868
			84,109	54,600	137,563	51,080	40,923
<b>Expenses</b>							
Accounting fee			1,733	2,500	-	-	-
Amortization			27,866	28,000	29,045	25,000	25,482
Cleaning, repairs and maintenance			7,314	12,000	10,879	9,000	8,744
Instruction and rating clinics			8,171	2,500	1,435	-	-
Interest, fees and service charges			465	1,500	1,428	1,200	1,049
Office, website and membership			1,135	4,000	2,310	2,000	527
Pickleball supplies			10,441	4,500	4,878	2,000	1,854
Tournament Expenses			25,601				
Insurance			335				
Input Tax Credit and Misc Expenses			(4,932)				
Utilities and internet			2,270	4,000	3,679	4,000	3,605
Winter play rental and supplies			184	11,000	399	11,000	15,104
			80,582	67,500	54,053	54,200	56,365
Projected net (loss) income for the year			\$ 3,528	\$ (12,900)	\$ 83,510	\$ (3,120)	\$ (15,442)

## Proposed Bylaw Changes to Red Deer Pickleball Club Bylaws

### Mission Statement-

Current- The mission of the Red Deer Pickleball Club is to work with Pickleball Canada and Pickleball Alberta in the growth and development of the sport of pickleball for all ages.

Proposed- The mission of the Red Deer Pickleball Club is to facilitate the growth of pickleball in Central Alberta for the enjoyment, health and social engagement of players of all ages by offering recreational and competitive play.

2.1 Current- The Board of Directors of the Society (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”) shall consist of the following Director positions:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Up to 5 Directors at Large

2.1 Proposed- The Board of Directors of the Society (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”) shall consist of the following Director positions:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Up to 8 Directors at Large

2.8 Current- Any Director, upon a majority vote of all members in good standing, may be removed from office for any cause which the Society may deem reasonable.

2.8 Proposed- Any Director, upon a majority vote of the Board in good standing, may be removed from office for any cause which the Society may deem reasonable.

2.16 Current- The fiscal year of the Society in each year shall be May 1 to April 30.

2.16 Proposed- The fiscal year of the Society in each year shall be from Jan 1 to December 31.

3.18 Current- A quorum of 10 members is required for an Annual General Meeting.

3.18 Proposed- A quorum for all General and Special meetings shall be the lesser of 20 or 10% of all members in good standing, present in person, or by online attendance at the start of the meeting.

3.2.4 Current- A quorum of 10 members is required for any General Meeting or Special Meeting.

3.2.4 Proposed- A quorum of 20 members is required for any General Meeting or Special Meeting

3.3.2 Current- is in 3 separate paragraphs

3.3.2 Proposed- now 1 paragraph

3.4.1- Current- Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended or removed from membership and who has paid all required membership fees applicable to the current year shall have the right to vote at any General or Special meeting of the Society. Such votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise.

3.4.1. Proposed- Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended or removed from membership and who has paid all required membership fees applicable to the current year shall have the right to vote at any General or Special meetings of the Society. Such votes must be made in person or online and not by proxy.

5.3- Current- The employees may attend meetings of the Board of Directors except for any in-camera part of the meeting.

5.3- Proposed- Delete



Hello, I'm Kay Thul, and I'm excited to run for the presidency of the Red Deer Pickleball Club (RDPC). With a deep love for pickleball and our community, I started playing in 2015 with the High River Pickleball Club and the Calgary Pickleball Club. I have been an active member of RDPC for the past six years. Currently, I have served as the Secretary of the RDPC Board for the last two years and as Vice President for one year. I have an in-depth knowledge of the board's structure and policies and recognize areas where improvements are necessary to support, grow, and sustain the club and its facilities.

My passion for pickleball extends well beyond our local club. I've had the opportunity to travel throughout North America, visiting numerous pickleball clubs and witnessing a variety of strategies and cultures. Through these experiences, I've gained crucial insights into what makes a club successful and inclusive, supporting both recreational and competitive players.

Before pickleball, my personal life revolved around being a mom to two boys who kept me extremely busy. Collectively, between them, I have supported over 60 seasons of hockey, baseball, and lacrosse, which involved engagement with various sports clubs and countless hours of volunteering and team management.

Professionally, I have over 25 years of experience at TC Energy, where I started in Engineering and Design, moving into Project Management and worked as a Maintenance Integrity Project / Program Manager. This role honed my project management, leadership, and team collaboration skills, which I believe are essential in leading a dynamic organization like RDPC.

My vision for RDPC is simple: to create an inclusive culture that embraces all demographics and skill levels. I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy this fantastic sport, whether they're picking up a paddle for the first time or are seasoned competitors.

RDPC already boasts one of the largest outdoor facilities and memberships in Canada, but I see immense untapped potential. My goal is to leverage our resources and collective passion for pickleball to grow our club, making it one of the most remarkable and respected clubs in Canada.

I'm excited about the possibility of leading RDPC into a bright future and would be honored to earn your vote. Together, let's take our club to new heights!

Jonathan Strome is excited to announce his candidacy for president of the Red Deer Pickleball Club. As a successful entrepreneur running Taco Monster, his experience in brand and business development uniquely equips him to lead the club to new heights. His leadership portfolio is enhanced by his contributions to several community organizations, including board positions with Tourism Red Deer and Spirit of Red Deer.

A passionate pickleball player for three years, Jonathan extends his enthusiasm for the sport beyond the court, volunteering his time to coach newcomers. His commitment to nurturing talent and fostering inclusivity is a testament to his dedication to the club and its members.

Outside his professional life, Jonathan, soon to be married, enjoys unwavering support from his future spouse who shares his enthusiasm for community building, entrepreneurship, and pickleball.

If elected, Jonathan's vision for the Red Deer Pickleball Club encompasses growth and inclusivity. He plans to collaborate with the board and club members to establish a clear vision for the club's future with a solid strategy for achieving it. He aims to foster an environment of open communication, ensuring members feel valued and invested in the club's journey.

With Jonathan Strome as President, the club can anticipate strategic growth, inclusive decision-making, and a vibrant community spirit. His track record of leadership, passion for the game, and commitment to the community, make him an outstanding choice for the role. Jonathan's dedication to the club's advancement, transparency, and open communication ensures a promising future for the Red Deer Pickleball Club.

## Bio – Don George

### General Manager – Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP)

Don George was born and raised in southern Alberta. In fact Don is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Albertan, something he is very proud of. Although raised in Lethbridge he has spent his entire life in and around agriculture. His father was a grain buyer and he had a couple of uncles who farmed where Don spent many summers.

After graduating from Lethbridge College with an Environmental Science diploma. Don began his career with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Beginning in Lethbridge, then Vegreville where he spent 16 years as a senior soil technician. Finally moving to Red Deer in 2006 as a senior agroforestry technician. During his time with the government Don had many achievements including: being the Vice President of the Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada; becoming the Chairman of the Agriculture Education Network; having several articles published in the Farming for Tomorrow magazine.

Don became the General Manager of the Classroom Agriculture Program in 2014. He has however, been involved with the program for over 30 years. Talking to kids about where their food comes from and why agriculture is important.

Don has been married for 41 to a wonderful woman (she told him to say that). They have 4 terrific kids (most of the time) and the 5 cutest grandkids in the world! He would be happy to show you photos as proof.