

**QUESNEL PICKLEBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**May 25th, 2023**

**5-6 pm**

**Executive Members:** Rick Prosk, Wendy Forsythe, Mike Hall, Sharon MacDonald, Denise Wellband, Liz Sales  
**Members:** Jordan Booth, Dave McCulloch, Scott Meyer, Kent Meyer, Sherry Jasper, George Meyer

**Regrets:** Terry Street, Therese Street,

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

**REPORTS:**

**Membership report for Quesnel Pickleball Club 2022/23 season - Wendy Forsythe for Therese Street**

Membership to date for the 2023 fiscal season is 137, as of May 25th , 2023

Last year at this time we had 95 members

New members have come from the Learn to Play lessons, Women's Ladder, and some who joined the club to participate in the Clinic.

**Financial Report for Quesnel Pickleball Club 2022/23 season: Acting Treasurer - Sharon MacDonald**

**OCT 26/22 – APRIL 2023**

Balance as of **Oct 26/22 Per Peter Tinkess/Treasurer**

Income

Memberships (Trackie)	2,217.00
Punch Passes & Ladder	5,052.50
Grant	3,500.00
Tournament/Concession	2,292.45
Total	\$13,061.95

PLUS Balance in Bank 8,556.88 = \$21,618.83

EXPENSES

Equipment	1,004.86
Office	296.41
Bank Charges	437.25
Facility Rentals	2,800.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,539.33

**ENDING BANK BALANCE Oct 26, 2022** **\$17,079.50**

November 2022 – April 2023 – Acting Treasurer /Sharon MacDonald

## INCOME

Membership (Trackie)	\$ 4092.14
Punch cards	7305.00
Donation	200.00
Tournaments/Concession	990.00
Learn to Play	280.00
Clinic	2880.00
Balls	65.00
Membership	50.00
Misc	21.13

**Total Income to April 30/23**    **\$15,883.27**    +    **\$17,079.50**    =    **\$32,962.77**

## EXPENSES

City of Quesnel (Lights)	\$3500.00
Equipment	2021.26
Mistake transfer return	200.00
Office	59.86
Membership refund 80+ years	204.64
Bank Charges	225.50
Senior Center Rental	3990.00
School District	2298.42
Christmas Potluck	276.74
Workshop/clinic	4138.91
GIC purchase	10,000.00

**Total Expenses to April 30/23**    **\$26,915.43**

**TOTAL INCOME TO APRIL 30, 2023**    **\$32,962.77**

**TOTAL EXPENSES TO APRIL 30, 2023**    **\$26,915.43**

**BALANCE APRIL 30, 2023**    **\$6047.34**    **PLUS GIC \$10,000.00**

**Submitted by Sharon MacDonald – Acting Treasurer at AGM May 25, 2023**

Motion to accept - Mike/Rick

Passed

Questions:

Is the GIC going to generate revenue? Should not have to claim the revenue as income.

Did the club donate \$3500 for the lights? Yes, we had committed that much to the project, but it was only a part of the funds: we had a grant for \$10,000 from the Quesnel Community Foundation, as well there were donations from West Fraser Mills and Dunkley Lumber which totalled \$3500.

Are we on a meter for the lights? We haven't received a bill, haven't received any correspondence from the city requesting money.

Were the punch cards used at the schools as well? Tried to keep the price the same, so we're not losing money on them. One balances the other out.

### **President's Report for Quesnel Pickleball Club 2022/23 Season -**

Sharon asked each executive member to write their own report for this year.

#### **Questions/ Comments/Omissions**

#### **Club Play (Rick Prosk)**

My main role over the past year has been to organize and supervise group play. I have had great support from Wendy in doing this, both logistically and as a sounding board. An ongoing issue over the winter season has been the quality and availability of indoor venues. With QJS unavailable, we were forced to use elementary school gyms, and learned to adapt. Friday nights proved especially popular, and we benefited from volunteer support through members willing to organize play at the two venues that we utilized. The Seniors' Centre is a very affordable option, but it was rented out much more frequently than years past, including weeks at a time. Over the final two weeks of March, we had no venue available for use as schools were closed and the Seniors' Centre was booked. This further emphasizes the need for a dedicated pickleball venue for indoor play. We know that the city has an interest in constructing such a facility; what we don't know is the level of interest and whether the city is actively pursuing funding.

Sign Up Genius has proven to be worthwhile as an effective means of sorting members and encouraging group play. Over the winter, organized sessions catered to recreational/beginner levels, to open play, to partners, to men or women exclusively, and to those wishing to play more competitive games with peers of similar ability. Most were well-attended, but because of limits on time available, recreational was only offered in the mornings and afternoons. With the outdoor season, we have tried to be more accommodating of various interests, but some members still choose to forego using SUG to organize play amongst themselves. This has the potential of creating friction as we've already seen instances where those who've signed up for organized play feel inundated when others drop in looking for space on the courts. This year's use of SUG has seen a much bigger buy-in from members, and efforts need to continue to promote it as the most welcoming method to get all members out to play,

The 'Fraternal Twins' tournament was a big success, mostly in terms of its social benefits to members, but also as a way of promoting competitive play at a time of year when people were tiring of just playing for fun. The club should offer more of this type of event over the fall/winter season, to balance the bigger, more competitive events held during the summer.

#### **Tournaments Report: (Liz Sales)**

The winter pickleball season had QPC host and fund an indoor, social tournament for all members on Dec 16, 2022. The Christmas pickleball mixer and potluck was held at the Senior Centre with 38 players attending. A few non-playing guests also joined us to cheer on the players. It was an enjoyable event with many fun games and prizes. Linda LeComte organized a great potluck with an abundance of delicious food!

The spring season remained indoors with the Fraternal Twin Tournament on March 11, 2023 at Correlieu School. Members were asked to partner with a player born in the same month. There were 44 players that formed 22 teams. Most teams showed up with fun, creative costumes. Teams played a preliminary qualifying round that was used to create four different pools. Each pool went on to play a round robin on four courts. The team with the most points in each pool was the winner. Prizes were given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

The Billy Barker Days Tournament on July 15 and 16th is currently open for registrations. This tournament is open to other clubs and cities. There are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0+ levels of play. Two age categories are available consisting of any age and 60+. New this year is the 2.5 coed category and 60+ age category. There are currently 29 players signed up with an additional three on a waitlist to register. There are five players looking for partners in the 3.0 women's category as well as the 3.5 men's and mixed categories.

There is also a suggestion for an end-of-summer or fall social tournament for club members.

#### MLP -

Callum Catto has organized a team style tournament, also known as MLP, for Sept 2 & 3rd, 2023. It is specifically designed for regions of Northern BC and hence named North of 51. QPC has offered and been accepted to host the tournament in Quesnel. Our club was designated with three teams to participate in the event. The teams have been formed and will be practicing over the summer along with a group of alternates.

#### Questions:

So far we have 33 players, maybe some people are not signing up because they are busy that weekend - some of the players are not sure what their level play is.

No age category in the 4.0 skill level

BB Days asked for 10% of our profits from the tournament.

#### Comments/Questions:

Would it be possible to move the Women's Ladder to Wednesday? Some of the 3.5 are busy on Wednesday night. Kay is open to switching to another night after the end of the month. Talk to the women who are playing as to whether they would like to switch.

Could we put the competitive session on Thursday to later in the day?

Ongoing issue for us of the Rec Center to duplicate what we are doing. Conversation about the conflict between our programming and that of the Recreation Department. Also spoke to the generous amount of time the city is willing to let us have at the courts.

Can we use Pickleball Brackets for Club play? "Meyers" would organize it? - Sherry commented on this. Higher level players want to play higher level games. Could play for one of the competitive nights. Split the difference for start time 5:30. Most likely will use brackets on Monday night for Men's night. Players will need to come early to get oriented

MLP is going to help to take the pressure off the competitive type of play, hopefully getting more women interested in playing at a competitive level.

#### April 22nd & 23rd Clinic with Kristina Lidster- (Wendy Forsythe)

We had over 50 members participate in the clinic. Cost for the clinic to the club was \$1543.91. It was suggested that Wendy apply for a grant from Pickleball BC of \$500 to help cover those expenses. Suggestions from the executive is to consider booking them again as there was positive feedback about their sessions.

Question: Mark would like to see Matt Stodola play

## **Equipment & Court Maintenance (Mike Hall)**

Have equipment for our tournaments, tables, extensions cords, garbage cans. Will sell the gas leaf blower and exchange them for a rechargeable blow & vacuum. We need to make new carpet draggers for the courts, the old one's are wearing out. The squeegees are working well on wet days. We are getting new straps for the nets from PB Depot. The ball machine is back working again, but we don't have separate dedicated balls specifically for the machine. Please use the gold coloured "Core" balls as they are tougher to break. We could set up a log to confirm that the AED has been checked.

Question:

Dave McCulloch - Have we asked the city about the area outside of the shed - Mark will talk to Jordy about the area that needs to be seeded.

(Dave's research) Noise concern for the subdivision - there is a product called an Acousti-Fence - 1/8th of an inch thick - to do the North Side and other sides - \$40,000 - could use plywood, but it would reflect the noise back to the players

George - has done some noise study, if you can do construction at 7:00 during the week, 8:00 on the weekends, then maybe we could use that as a guideline. 100ft 70 decibels, 200 ft 60 decibels, Did some research with his phone using the Decibel meter.

There is a ball made by Gamma that is not as noisy, municipalities are now looking at the placement of PB Courts  
Wendy plans to meet with the person who is concerned to discuss the issues.

## **Learn to Play - (Denise Wellband)**

Has been away lately, Al Fleck has helped instruct. Has had fewer people come since we have gone outside. Denise will decide if she thinks it is not very well subscribed. Will consider ending it soon and then starting up again in the fall.

## **Board Elections – Wendy Forsythe**

These are one-year positions in effect until the next AGM in spring 2024. Members may be nominated from the floor or may nominate themselves. Should an election be necessary, ballots will be prepared and sent out by email using SurveyMonkey to those people who are present at the AGM

### **Nominations:**

**President:** Sharon MacDonald

**Vice-President:** Rick Prosk

**Treasurer:** **This position has not been filled yet**

**Secretary:** Wendy Forsythe

**Membership Coordinator:** **This position has not been filled yet**

**Tournament Director:** Liz Sales

### **Directors-at-large:**

1. George Meyer
2. Denise Wellband
3. Mike Hall

**Adjournment** - 6:25 pm