

SOUTH COWICHAN PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

Monday, Nov. 13, 2023

Attendees:

Linda Rush, Tom Lawrence, Loretta Pollard, Maureen Collister

Call to order: 14:04

Land acknowledgement: shared and expressed by Linda Rush

Approval of previous minutes:

Motioned by Loretta that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Tom. **Motion carried.**

Reports:

After reviewing our bylaws, it was noted that the Chair can only hold one position. As a result, Maureen will take on the role of secretary.

Christmas party information was sent out to all members and we currently have 41 people signed up.

New Business:

Shawnigan Lake Pickleball Club is proposing a joint effort to host a tournament which would accommodate different levels of participants. Some events would be held at the Shawnigan Lake courts and some at Kerry Park. They are looking at the third week of July. A discussion followed and the board felt that due to the timing, we would prefer to stay with hosting the National Pickleball Day event on Saturday, August 10. Linda will meet with Lyndon to discuss this further.

Linda received an email from Bonnie Griffiths for the Play Cowichan CMEST (Coaches Mentoring Elementary School Teachers). She is asking our club if we are available to introduce pickleball to youths in the Cowichan Valley elementary schools. Linda will contact Bonnie to clarify what might be involved.

Information in “**A Guide to Pickleball Court Planning and Operation**” includes a section on game control or player rotation options that may support our request to change the posted 45 minute allotment for non-reserved courts. The guide is suggesting “**If people are waiting- one (1) game to 11 points and off**”. This guide was completed with input from the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association and Pickleball BC. Tom will contact Kim regarding our attendance and if we need to be scheduled in to present our case at the Kerry Park Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 28.

Christmas Party: Linda has been in touch with Dave at the Cobblestone Pub and he has asked us to narrow a menu choice to 3-6 items max. Linda will contact Dave and ask for his recommendations for the menu items including veggie, beef, chicken, and fish

choices. We will stick to sit down games as space will be limited. We will run our Christmas raffle with tickets set at \$2.00 or 3/\$5.00.

Loretta and Linda will set up bank information at Island Savings on Thursday, November 16 at 1:30 pm. Colin is available to assist if needed. A copy of the minutes designating Loretta as the new treasurer is needed to change signing authority.

Discussion was held regarding a wish list for the club: porta potty, a **shed** to accommodate squeegees, rollers, brooms, extra balls, spare paddles, reserved signs, round robin sheets, white boards, first aid kit, lost & found... We would need to present our request to Kerry Park.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:35 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 11 @ 2 pm at 3467 Arbutus Dr. South