

SOUTH COWICHAN PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 @ 15:00 (3467 Arbutus Dr. South)

Member Attendees:

Linda Rush, Tom Lawrence, Loretta Pollard, Maureen Collister

1. **Call to order:** 14:15
2. **Land Acknowledgement:**
Shared and expressed by Linda Rush
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
Motioned by Linda that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Loretta

4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

Discussion around involvement of Kerry Park Community League's role in our quest for a shed and porta-potty as they are the owners of the current pickleball site. This was addressed later following Tom's report of the meeting with Kim Liddle, Manager, South Cowichan Recreation.

5. **Club Reports:**

a. **Finance:**

Linda and Loretta now have the required signatures to authorize banking transactions. The club balance as of Dec. 11, 2023 is \$2237.63. \$85.00 from the Christmas draw was deposited. The receipt of \$243.70 for the 100 pickleball balls was submitted for reimbursement.

6. **New Business:**

Tom reported on the results of his meeting with Kim Liddle.

1. Following our club presentation at the Kerry Park Recreation Commission, Kim reported that our request for a porta-potty and a shed to store equipment will be submitted for budget approval. We have offered to do some fundraising to support this request.
2. Kerry Park has agreed to limit bookings to 4 hours prior to use of the courts. This will avoid last minute court bookings when people have already arrived to play.
3. Based on the recent **Guidelines to Pickleball Court Planning and Operation**, we made the argument to eliminate the 45 minute play time for unreserved courts when people are waiting to play and to replace it with one game to 11 points and off. We were unable to achieve that, but Tom

was able to negotiate a compromise by setting the play time to 30 minutes.

4. **Court surface and gate closures:** Kim reported that they are following up on repairs to the surface. She reported that the gate closures were being fixed.
5. We were unable to add any additional prime morning times for club events but, we were able to hold onto all of the scheduled court times that we had last season.
6. **National Pickleball Day:** Our board from last year felt we could run this day independent of Kerry Park Recreation largely because of registration hassles. However, Kerry Park is interested in sharing the day with the club and handling the registration which will be outlined in their Summer Recreation Guide. Kerry Park provided the set up/take down of the tents and tables and court rentals. In the spirit of cooperation, we will work with them on plans for another successful day.

Linda will contact Laurie Vasey to see if she would be interested in writing a grant application to Pickleball BC. Linda is also checking out other grant sources.

7. **Paddles for PADS:** Saturday, April 20

We will start off the season with an early **Welcome Back** and a charity pickleball event. Many of our members have pet dogs and know how much they contribute to our joy in life. Pacific Assistance Dogs breeds, raises and trains fully certified assistance dogs. Their “service (mobility & PTSD) and hearing dogs provide life-changing independence to those with disabilities”. We will book courts for the event with a back-up hold for indoor courts as the weather can be unpredictable at that time of year.

8. Survey questions for Join/Renew membership: Members indicated they would be interested in level play for some of our events. We will change our choices from Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced to the following:
Beginner/ 3.0 / 3.25 / 3.5 / 3.75+

7. **Date and Place of Next Meeting:** Monday, March 18 @ 2 p.m. (1768 Wilmot Rd. Cowichan Bay)

8. **Adjournment:** @ 4 pm