SOUTH COWICHAN PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 (3467 Arbutus Dr. South)

Members Attendees: Linda Rush, Tom Lawrence, Loretta Pollard, Maureen Collister

1) **Call to Order**: 3:11 p.m.

2) Land Acknowledgement

3) Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved by Linda, seconded by Tom.

4) Business Arising from the Minutes:

Membership cap was discussed. Although we have a waiting list for SCPC membership, it was agreed that we will keep the cap at 175 for the remainder of this year and re-evaluate that number next year.

5) Club Reports

a) **Finance:** Our current account balance is \$8,178.68. Of that amount, \$3,066.50 was generated for the shed through donations, a \$1000 grant from Walmart and several fund-raising activities. Tom will contact Kerry Park to offer \$2,000 by etransfer or cheque to cement our arrangement for the construction of our club shed by Kerry Park. Loretta has priced equipment for the shed: roller \$170, squeegee \$300. Additional equipment on our wish list include an electric blower and solar panel.

b) Communications:

See National Pickleball notes.

6) New Business

- a) Michael Peiffer has offered to run some fun events for the club. Currently, we have limited club access to prime morning times. If Michael would be available for an afternoon time, possibly in September with cooler temperatures, we could try to add his event at this time and Kerry Park may be willing to let us book this time.
- **b)** We would like to post a sign at the courts like the one at the tennis court stating that the pickleball courts are restricted to pickleball play only.

c) National Pickleball Day

- Tournament: 3 Events run with 3 divisions within each event. Rand Granbois, Colin & Maureen will organize the events. Kerry Park will forward the names of all registrants by August 3 so that the tournament schedule can be determined.
- **Medals**: Linda has purchased the 1st, 2nd and 3rd medals for all events.
- Tickets will be sold at the event with draws for several items: 2 GRUVN paddles, 2 charcuterie boards, 4 GRUVN caps, 2 GRUVN visors, 4 Courtside \$25 gift cards. Tickets will sell for \$5 each and will have the name and phone number of the purchaser. Anyone can purchase tickets. Linda will make a poster listing the draw prizes where we can add the winner names as they are drawn.
- Snacks: Linda will purchase items for the day: popcorn/cheese snacks, nuts, oranges/nectarines, bananas
- Water: Maureen will purchase 3 large water filled containers from Island Water Store in Mill Bay
- Coolers: Tom will bring 2 coolers to store the fruit and any perishables
- **Ice:** Kerry Park will supply (need to check if they have a cooler)
- First Aid Kit: Loretta will purchase the basics: band aids, cold packs, "after bite"
- **Volunteers:** We have at least 7 people who have volunteered to help with the days activities: Maureen will set up a schedule and contact the volunteers to fill in the various times slots for registration, ticket sales, information sharing. Loretta will volunteer for the first morning slot.
- Rover: Tom will be our rover and be available to assist where needed
- Photos: Linda will take group and candid shots during the day.
- Communication: Linda will post an update on the Kerry Park Facebook page and Maureen will send an update through the Club mass email: encourage everyone to come and join in the fun whether they are playing, observing, or just cheering friends on; enter the draw for many chances to win (list items), etc. Bring your paddle and be prepared jump in if someone drops out last minute.
- All board members will be at the courts by 7:30 a.m. to help with setups. Kerry Park will have the shade canopies, tables, chairs set up.
- 7. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**: Tuesday, September 3, 3 pm at Tom's
- 8. **Adjournment:** @ 5:15 p.m.