

RJPC Board of Directors' Special Board Meeting: Dedicated to Addressing the 2024 RJPC Member Survey

March 11, 2025 at 6 p.m. AST via Teams Video Conference

In attendance: Don Spicer, John McKim, John Carruthers, Theresa Rath Spicer, Jan Langley, Ed Kennedy. Quorum achieved.

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda

- Additions to agenda: None.
- Agenda approval: Motion by Jan to approve the agenda, seconded by Don. Motion carried.

2. Approval of February 11 Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by John C., seconded by John M. Motion carried.

3. Member Survey – the Way Forward

The Board has categorized the survey responses into six overarching themes:

• Level Play/Accessibility for All Skill Levels

- Schedule – John M. (Operations) has created a draft schedule with time slots for all levels of play. The levels will be 2.24 and under, 2.25 to 2.99, 3.0 to 5.0, and one session a week for 3.75+. The schedule will also incorporate different events each night of the week.
- Explore the possibility of having someone assist with rating our members, if this is even feasible – Jan.
- DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating): We've filled out the application and can activate our account in May when our outdoor courts are fully operational.

• Variety of Play & Social Events

- Many events are being built into the draft schedule such as League Play (followed by Legion Social), drilling sessions, open play, Mens' and Ladies' night, King/Queen of the Court, partner play, etc.
- We'll look into inviting other clubs to play with us on occasion, providing an opportunity to showcase our courts and potentially recruit new members.
- River John Days – Jan has already communicated with organizers to get the tournament and Learn to Plays in the schedule; they will get back to us.
- We must also ensure our involvement in the River John Days Parade and the Christmas Tree Decorating & Lighting.

• Skill Development

- The Tully Sisters have made an offer for player development which would entail one session per week for four weeks in June; cost of \$40 per member made in the form of a cash donation to the local food bank. They will re-evaluate at the end of June to determine if they will offer the session again in the summer. Motion by Jan to proceed with Tully Sisters' proposal for Player Development; seconded by Don.
- Next Level Pickleball is available – book and gauge interest. Be sure to avoid long weekends.

- **Guest Play**

A motion was made by Ed to increase the drop-in fee from \$5 to \$10 at the outdoor courts for the 2025 season; increase the non PC guest drop in from 3 to 5 times per year and have no limit on the PC guest drop in. Seconded by John C. Motion carried.

Following are the details:

- Guests must be accompanied by a RJPC member.
- Guest drop-in fee is \$10 per person per session at the outdoor courts for the 2025 season.
- Non-Pickleball Canada members must sign a waiver once annually and, for liability reasons, are limited to a maximum of five sessions per year.
- Pickleball Canada members are not required to sign a waiver and there's no limit on the number of sessions they may attend. For insurance purposes, Pickleball Canada members may be required to produce their electronic Pickleball Canada membership card to the RJPC Membership Committee.
- The RJPC member who brings a guest(s) is responsible for submitting the \$10 fee per session and ensuring a waiver is completed once annually for non-Pickleball Canada members.
- Policy to this effect will be developed and circulated.
- Note: Firehall is different than our own facility; \$5 will remain.
- No short term membership at this time; see how it goes and re-evaluate for next season.

- **Communication**

- Explore creation of Facebook page for RJPC members only, so long as we retain the ability for member-generated content. Motion made by Theresa and seconded by John M. Motion carried.

- **Facility Offerings & Enhancements**

- Change signage on washroom to be inclusive. Don will order signs.
- Windscreen could be considered for parking lot side as a compromise. Research to be undertaken by Jan & John C.
- Internet access (suggested by the Province of Nova Scotia for safety reasons during meeting with RJPC Executive in Summer 2024): Note that we may be able to bounce off the Legion's Internet. Don to check with the Legion, John to check with MOPC.
- Bike rack (suggested by the Province of Nova Scotia for active transportation reasons during meeting with RJPC Executive in Summer 2024): Theresa to check with the Legion and subsequently MOPC Active Transportation.

4. **Other Business**

Lights: If the lights get delivered before early May, they can be stored at CindyLou Morrison's, provided that we don't impede her access.

Electrical: John C. and Ed to arrange with Mike George and Glen Core.

Meeting adjourned.