



AGM Minutes
Tuesday Oct 11, 2024
Comox Community Centre

Chair: Rod Hamilton

Recording Secretary: Donna Turner

Present: 71 members present

1. Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order

MOTION: To adopt Robert's Rules of Order
Rick Folk/Dennis Hull CARRIED

2. Approval of the 2023 AGM Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 2023 AGM Minutes
Stuart Sanders/Glenny Whelan CARRIED

3. General Overview of 2024 - President's Report

Rod welcomed everyone and thanked them for showing their support of the CVPA.

In his recap of 2023/24 Rod noted that the club held several events from the May Tournament to the Fun Day Tournament to the Indoor events & clinic and the always popular Christmas Party and Play Day.

Rod thanked all the volunteers that make our club run so smoothly with a special thank you to Jill, Darcy & Shelley for their time on the board.

The club made a donation in Paul Deeton's name and is having a Memorial Bench made to be located at the RHC.

Limited court space is a problem for most of the pickleball clubs Canada wide and the Comox Valley is also feeling the pinch.

Looking to 2024/25, the board will continue to pursue development of much needed new courts and use the newly drafted Executive Summary & Business Plan to convince decision makers that pickleball is here to stay!

4. Approval of Financial Statements

Ron Dumbarton presented the financial statements, mentioning that the reduction in charges by Pickleball Brackets for our May tournament was the largest factor in the increase to the club's bottom line. Thank you to Rod for his persistence in this matter. Ron explained that the club has moved to QuickBooks which has proven to be very worthwhile, easy to use and multi-functional. The club will be instituting a "Cash Reserve Fund" where we can deposit up to 50% of our annual costs. Any remaining balance can be deposited into the newly formed "Building Fund for Capital Projects". This satisfies the CRA requirements for a Not-For-Profit Society.

The Balance Sheet to 30 June, 2024 shows Total Assets of \$47,936.66 and the Profit and Loss Statement to 30 June, 2024 shows a total profit for the past year of \$15,839.82.

MOTION: To approve the Financial Statements

Sandra Gray/Don Catling CARRIED

5. Director's 2023 Committee Reports

5.1 Communications & Multimedia: Donna

Donna read the Communication Report in Shelley's absence. Shelley thanked Russ for the new logo & website, Allan Hughes for the FB pages and newsletters. This year a new FB page was created by Allan Hughes - the Comox Valley Discussion Forum. This feels the need for connection between CVPA members and non-members as well as a spot to post photos and comments.

5.2 Membership: Donna

Donna reported our current membership at 698. Females outnumber the males in our club - 368 to 330. PBC is raising their dues \$2.50 to \$5.00 as of 01 January, 2025. Dues paid prior to the end of the year will pay the lower PBC fee. As a reminder Donna mentioned that when members renew their membership they are to renew under their membership number so they don't end up with duplicate memberships.

5.3 Facilities: Jill

Jill spoke of the formation of the Sub-Committee, whose sole focus is the development of a dedicated indoor pickleball facility. This enthusiastic committee of 13 meets every 2 weeks and are determined to find a location on which to build 12 indoor courts with an adjacent 6 outdoor courts. They have met with politicians, municipal staff, corporations, private parties - anyone and everyone, in an attempt to realize this vision.

The Town of Comox has installed a water fountain & misting pole and have done some paving at the RHC. Possible improvements for next year include more paving, a bike rack, practice board on the back of the shed, lights & security cameras.

5.4 Player Development and CVPA Training Academy: Joe

Joe read his report noting that due to the RHC being used in the afternoons, evenings & weekends scheduling lessons was difficult. There were 2 hugely successful training sessions held at the Sports Centre. These sessions were completely booked within 30 minutes of registration being opened.

Joe thanked his wife, Donna, as well as Jane, Marie & Doug for their help with the Tuesday Skills & Drills and the Sunday beginner lessons. Both of these programs are extremely popular, very well attended and feedback on each of them has been positive and enthusiastic.

5.5 Rules and Referees: Rick

Rick read his report where he advised that there were 7 rule changes this year. Two of note are:

- 1) that the referee is responsible for correcting player position & server/receiver
- 2) catching or carrying a ball on the paddle is a fault - a carry means the ball did not leave the face of the paddle (no real sound), whereas the double hit, which is still legal, left the paddle briefly before being struck

Rick also advised that what rules are being used for TV games are not the rules club and tournament players adhere to.

Currently in BC there are 64 accredited officials (3 in the Comox Valley). There are 12 Certified Referees, 21 Level two referees, and 31 Level one Referees. Pickleball Canada has an excellent 'Officiating' section on their website with the rules, the officiating program, how-to videos, officiating tests, scoresheets, and much more.

If you have any questions about officiating or the rules, please contact Rick at headreferee@pickleballbc.ca

5.6 Social: Jane

Jane's report gave a rundown of the social activities of 2023/24. One of the highlights was the Christmas Party with over 100 folks signing up for afternoon play, followed by a delicious pot luck dinner. Jane thanked Don Catling, Roxy & Peter Riemer & Kerry Dawson for their part in making the party a success. The new royal couple were crowned - Michelle Robichaud & Doug Stauber.

Jane also thanked the 20 volunteers that helped out at the May Tournament.

The 50 players that came out for the June Fun Club Play Day had a great time. The Royal Court was a hoot with unusual "rules", yellow polka-dotted spectacles, tennis paddle, a broken ball and lots of other shenanigans!

The club began a program of t-shirts sales with 3 styles available. Over 100 people took advantage of this first offer. An "online store" is being developed that will list an expanded inventory available for sale.

5.7 Schedule: Donna

All the outdoor Suggested Play Times organized by the CVPA saw record numbers coming out to share the courts. The intermediate players at all the venues are lively, dedicated and sometimes crazy groups that comprise the largest numbers of players and members.

Because of a lack of court space, the CVPA is limited to the number of changes that can be made to the current schedule. Therefore, it is anticipated that the same outdoor schedule will be suggested by the board for 2025.

Donna reminded everyone that the protocols posted by the Town of Comox at the Rotary Highland Courts must be adhered to by all players and asked for everyone to be courteous and respectful of others as we try to share what limited facilities we currently have. When there are players waiting to play, all players are asked to vacate their court at the end of their game (or after 15 minutes), put their paddles in the queue and wait their turn as courts become vacant. If you have been on the court for longer than your allotted time and are approached by other players to leave the court, please be considerate - do **NOT** finish your game - simply go off the court and put your paddle in the queue. If everyone uses this same system, the wait times will be short and all players will enjoy their games & experience equally.

The Wednesday and Friday afternoon time slots (12:30pm - 2:30pm) at the Cumberland Hall will be open to players of all levels, including beginners. "Ladders" will be run during these times so that all players are made to feel welcome and included. The Friday "dinkanddrink" will move to this venue and everyone is welcomed to join.

Lastly and most importantly - a huge thanks to all of the organizers for each venue for the time you put into keeping things going, for passing on information from the board to your players, for the work you do so that things run smoothly, for being so welcoming and inclusive.....but mostly thanks for your smiles!!! We are truly and sincerely grateful for you all.

6. Any Business or Resolutions from the floor:

A request was made for the board to find out if the RHC are available for rent. To our knowledge this is not possible but we will confirm that information.

A request was made to send the AGM minutes to everyone. The board will discuss the possibility of adding them to our new website along with the AGM agenda & Financial Statements prior to each AGM.

A request for the club to see if the Town of Comox will install a Port-a-potti at the RHC. To be done by the Facilities Chair.

Rod noted that there are an estimated 1.3M pickleball players in Canada and PCO shows a membership of 80,000. So the Comox Valley is doing very well in having 700 members in a community with an estimated 1,200 players.

A request was made for a system to identify members from non-members.
Because all our outdoor venues are public courts it was felt that this is not possible.

A request was made to have the numbers of players that identify as Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner be published. The board will discuss this suggestion.

A request was made to add the dinkanddrink sessions to the CVPA schedule. This is on the Cumberland schedule, listed as open - all levels.

A suggestion for the Sub-Committee was to see if the Saratoga Speedway would be a possible location for an indoor facility.

Keith Windle was the winner of the charcuterie board door prize.

7. Election of CVPA Directors

Elizabeth Folk read the 7 names of people standing for Board Election: Rod Hamilton, Donna Turner, Ron Dumbarton, Todd Southen, Jane Kolmatycki, Russ Portigal and Glynnis Kennell.

MOTION: To elect the 7 named people to serve as Board members on the CVPA Board of Directors.

Elizabeth Folk/Roxy Riemer CARRIED

8. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Don Catling/Glenny Whelan CARRIED