



MEETING MINUTES

Director's meeting February 25, 2025, at 7 pm via Zoom

Present: Julie, Erin, Irene, Kiyoshi, Steve, Adrian, Chris, Irene, David, Ryan, Vashti

Absent: Allen

1. Accept minutes of January 28, 2025 meeting
MOTION accepted and seconded, Erin/Steve

2. **Financial Report**

Financial report up to January 31, 2025 is posted on the website. Allen reminded the Board that the posted financial statements are always current. Erin provided an update on the current balances in the operating and current accounts.

3. **President's Report – Julie**

Nothing new to report

4. **Coquitlam Report – Erin**

- 4.1 Bramble Courts – Erin and Julie will meet with Coquitlam staff for the annual walkabout to identify necessary repairs and discuss annual maintenance issues prior to season start in May.
- 4.2 Coquitlam Reader Board – any Club in Coquitlam has access to the City's electronic reader board that can be used as a branding opportunity or to post brief event announcements, etc.
- 4.3 Noise complaint – POCO resident in Citadel neighbourhood filed a noise complaint with the City. This was referred to Erin as a POCOMO Club rep. She had a lengthy conversation with the individual and suggested several possible remedies. This incident may reach the news.

5. **AGM**

Julie has canvassed the current Directors to determine who will stay on for a second term. Julie also announced that she will be stepping down from the POCOMO Board after serving as President since the Board's inception. A big thank you was extended to Julie by all Directors for her vision, dedication to the Club and her overall love and support of the sport of Pickleball. A call for nominations will be sent to all POCOMO members. Deadline for submitted nominations and CV's is noon March 25th. A meeting of the new Board will take place after the AGM on April 15 at 7 pm by Zoom.

ACTION: Julie and Allen will send out a President's Message with the AGM materials to all current POCOMO members

ACTION: David will handle the election process at the AGM. He will ask Allen to handle the hosting portion of the AGM

ACTION: Three days prior to the AGM, Allen and Irene will send the Zoom link and the AGM package including financials to all POCOMO members.

6. Season 5 Schedule

6.1 Monday May 19 season start, morning and evenings sessions that day will be social play. Tuesday May 20th will begin the Women's Round Robin play. Monday May 26th will start the Women's Ladder, Men's ladder will start the following Monday, each will alternate weeks. Tuesday May 27th will start the men's Round Robin.

6.2 There was a discussion about how to structure the two additional hours of court time requested and allocated by the City for Wednesday nights.

MOTION: To cancel the 6-8 pm Wednesday night court allocation for 2025. Motion made by Steve/seconded by David. All in favour, motion accepted

ACTION: Erin will advise City staff of changes.

6.3 Julie advised that a new tournament director (for club events), hasn't been found yet but John and Heather have offered to assist through the transition

ACTION: Julie will contact potential tournament directors in her network and report back

6.4 Suggestion put forward to add a POCOMO 'message board' (whiteboard) for 2025 to be used to post upcoming events, reminders, and other member info, and placed next to the sign-up board.

7. Host Coordination/Orientation – David reported on the meeting that he, Steve and Irene had on February 12th. A host orientation session will be scheduled for May 4th or 24th, depending on the availability of someone to lead the AED training session. Light refreshments will be provided for all that attend. Directors are encouraged to attend. The goal of the session will be to explain Host responsibilities in order to ensure a consistent experience at the courts. An 'invite' email will be drafted and emailed in early March to all current members. Suggestion was made for a link to a YouTube AED demo be put on the website and included in the Host Info Sheet. If no one can be found to do an in-person demo at the Orientation, a YouTube presentation could be the best substitute.

ACTION: Steve will book the amenity room in his building for the orientation session

ACTION: David will draft an email to be sent to members and previous hosts to sign up for 2025.

ACTION: Julie will contact Shannon to see if she will do the AED demo

MOTION: to approve a budget of up to \$300 for refreshments, etc, for the Host Orientation in May. Motion made by Erin, seconded by Ryan. All in favour, Motion accepted

8. Equipment/Merchandise

PCO has a sponsorship relationship with Franklin for purchase of balls and racquets at a preferred price. Discussion was around the durability of club balls and how many balls are typically used in a season. There are approximately 300 Franklin balls from current and previous seasons on hand. David reported that Allen has located a stamp that can be used to identify POCOMO balls and discourage balls from being taken from the courts by mistake.

ACTION: to use up current supply of Franklin balls and then review suppliers for future purchases.

ACTION: to defer discussion about club merchandise for future meeting

9. New Memberships

Vashti reviewed new member package and protocol for sending this to new members, which includes a kickback email (by Allen), posting on the website, and hard copies placed in the lockbox for distribution by Hosts, on request.

ACTION: Vashti will confirm that the email is being sent by Allen and print hard copies for lockbox. She will forward a copy of the new member info to Irene to include with February minutes.

10. DUPR

Ryan explained the general issues/drawbacks surrounding 'ratings'. He stated that DUPR is an accepted tool for Tournament Ratings, but that it has serious limitations for unsanctioned play/tournaments. It was decided that the current self-rating system used by the Club will be followed for our 2025 tournaments. Although the Abbotsford Club holds DUPR nights, it was felt that it would require too much administration for POCOMO to consider at present. Ryan and Julie suggested that the Club may want to consider the option of having a DUPR tournament at some time in the future.

11. Eyeware

Chris reported that he hasn't heard back from PCO or Pickleball BC. POCOMO will continue to encourage members to use protective eyewear until such time as the governing bodies make changes for mandatory use (which may be initiated by Insurance Companies).

12. There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 8th (AGM) at 7 pm via Zoom