



MEETING MINUTES

Director's meeting June 4, 2025, at 7 pm via Zoom

Present: Erin, Irene, Ryan, Steve, Adrian, Kiyoshi, Chris

Absent: Allen, David, Vashti, Salma

1. Accept minutes of May 6, 2025 meeting
MOTION by Ryan to accept the May 6th minutes, seconded by Steve. All in favour
Carried
2. **Financial Report**
 - 2.1. Erin reported on the financial status of the Club - \$16,975.84 in the operating account and three GIC's
 - 2.2. Erin reported that the expense form can now be submitted online to David and Allen and must include copies of receipts
 - 2.3. Chris sought input for a draft cash retention document. The report will provide reasons explaining that accrued funds are intended to support long term planning goals for development/upgrade of facilities and future partnerships with the three Cities. Ryan suggested that a model similar to other BC Clubs, where Cities provide land/resources and Clubs contribute financially for amenities be included in the report. It was agreed that the Club would not initiate discussions about facility development partnerships with the Cities at this time.
 - 2.4. A new portable net system was briefly discussed and tabled for future discussion
ACTION: Chris to complete the cash retention report and present to the Board for approval at next meeting
3. **President's Report**

Erin reported that Season 5 is off to a great start with 596 members to date. The average age of members is 54.7 for males and 58.3 for females with gender breakdown nearly equal. Erin reported that a new group called Elevation Athletics is running a player development program at Glen Elementary school in Coquitlam this season and at locations in Vancouver. Ryan reported that this is a for profit group run by Tim Cowley. Erin reported that she met with the owner of IPOP who expressed interest in hosting the Board to an introductory IPOP session in future.
4. **Merchandise**
 - 4.1. Erin reported that name tags for Directors and Host are ready for pickup in the lockbox.

5. Season Start-Up

- 5.1. Erin informed the Board that we will return to using blank sign-in sheets and keep the membership list in the binder for reference.
- 5.2. Vashti informed Erin that there have been “skills’ related challenges at the round robin sessions. The Board agreed that continued messaging to members about skill levels and the differences/distinctions in play sessions be done.
- 5.3. The Board discussed the challenges happening at the round robin and advanced sessions with inappropriate skill levels. Even though there is a reference guide for self-rating on the website, members are not always following the guidelines. It was decided to monitor the situation for a few weeks. The Board agreed that there is a continued need to educate members about session expectations and skill levels.

ACTION: Ryan will include information about the different club programs and also make reference to appropriate skills rating for sessions in the email that he will send announcing the July tournament dates

ACTION: Hosts are to add a note to the message board indicating that Advanced Sessions are for 3.5+ players

6. Facilities and Equipment

- 6.1. New member info sheets will be placed in the binder in the lockbox.
- 6.2. Kiyoshi and David will monitor ball inventory to make sure there are enough in the lockbox. Kiyoshi reported that court conditions are acceptable despite some patches needing repair. There are now 3 squeegees in the lockbox. He said that there have been no complaints about the nets being slightly elevated from the ground. Erin reported that the City may not have all court repairs completed prior to the July tournament. She will monitor.
- 6.3. Kiyoshi noted that the ball stamp is missing and some balls are not stamped.
ACTION: David will be responsible for stamping and distributing 4 balls to each host as needed, and will put additional vests in the lockbox
ACTION: Vashti will print copies of the New Member info sheet and place in lockbox

7. Player Development and Events

- 7.1. **July Tournament:** Ryan provided a brief update on tournament preparations, confirming that last year’s format will be used. He had a very positive meeting with Crossroads Hospice and they are on board for the tournament. He expressed excitement with this collaboration and is certain that it will be successful for all. Crossroads will provide their own tent and volunteers to assist with the 50/50 draw and in manning a silent auction. They have a current ‘benefactor’ list that can be tapped for auction donations but Ryan also suggested that Club members be invited to make prize donations. Ryan recommended inviting City Councillors and Mayors. Ryan mentioned that he has had difficulty sourcing a supplier for medals but is working on it.
- 7.2. **MLP:** After discussion, the Board decided not to go forward with MLP play this season.
- 7.3. **DUPR:** The pros and cons of incorporating DUPR level play at Club sessions were discussed. Erin noted that several members have approached her to include DUPR sessions/play. She emphasized the need for members know we are listening. The possibility of having a DUPR level tournament in future was considered but the Board decided not to incorporate DUPR this year.

7.4. Clinics: Ryan is working on organizing a clinic in late June or early July potentially in partnership with Proactive Pickleball or Ninja Pickleball. More details to follow

7.5. Other: Chris suggested we look at an Inter Club tournament similar to what the Golden Ears and Delta Clubs have done.

ACTION: Ryan will coordinate with Crossroads for tournament partnership details and logistics

ACTION: Ryan will convene a meeting of the tournament committee to assign roles and responsibilities

ACTION: Ryan and Allen to set up online tournament registration process

ACTION: Ryan will send an email to members about tournament dates/details and will include information on methods for determining appropriate skill levels

ACTION: Ryan will report back on clinic developments

8. Social Committee

July 1 Canada Day: Erin reported that the morning session will be a fun 'open' play session and suggested that the 5-8 pm session be a mixed round robin, or use this as an opportunity to have a mixed session on a future long weekend session. Members will be encouraged to wear red and white. Refreshments will be provided.

ACTION: Irene will take the lead in organizing refreshments, decorations, etc

9. Host report

ACTION: David will address host shortages for Saturday/Wednesday morning shortages in July

10. Social Media Report

10.1 This Committee is focusing on social media initiatives, particularly Instagram. Salma and Hasti have initiated a "Meet Your Board Mondays" feature that profiles each Director with a short personal blurb and photo. They are encouraging hosts/members to gather photos for Club play for use on the Instagram page.

10.2 WhatsApp: It was decided to maintain existing whatsapp groups. Concerns about maintaining respective conversations were discussed.

11. Branded Canopy

Erin reported that she located a supplier for a good quality canopy that could be used for Club events and possibly for members to use when travelling to other tournaments. She pointed out that a storage site would have to be located.

MOTION by Ryan to allocate up to \$1,000 for purchase of a branded canopy for the Club, seconded by Chris. All in favour

Carried

ACTION: Erin will work with Allen on graphics the canopy. Erin will order the canopy with delivery date prior to Canada Day

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 29th but will be cancelled if there is nothing to report.

13. Adjourn:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm