



MEETING MINUTES

Director's meeting October 7, 2025, at 7 pm via Zoom

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

Absent: Allen, David

1. Accept minutes of August 12, 2025 meeting

MOTION by Irene to accept the August 12th minutes, seconded by Steve. All in favour
Carried

2. Financial Report

- 2.1. Erin reported on the financial status of the Club - \$17,660.22 in the operating account. Erin also reported that Allen prepares and files the required annual Society Act documents for the Club. Discussion on Chris's cash retention report was tabled for next meeting. Discussion on event budgeting was also tabled for next meeting.

ACTION: Chris to present the cash retention report to the Board for review at next meeting

3. President's Report

- 3.1 Erin presented this season's membership stats to date, prepared by Allen. Membership dropped slightly from the previous year down to 765 but noted that 30% of members are new, indicating continued growth in the sport despite retention challenges. She also highlighted that Coquitlam residents now make up less than 50% of the Club's membership - 355 are residents of Coquitlam, 177 Port Moody, 84 Port Coquitlam and 139 are from other cities. She noted that POCOMO is the only Club that has access to the Bramble courts.
- 3.2 Erin shared updates on various facility developments including possible new courts at Munday Park, newly lined courts at Westhill, a new private 28 court facility in Tsawwassen, 8 new outdoor courts in Gates Park (Port Coquitlam) in 2026, and more sessions at the Forum in Coquitlam (Dogwood). Coquitlam City staff have adjusted their schedule to avoid conflicts with POCOMO Club play.
- 3.3 Erin informed the Board that Pickleball Canada has formally endorsed DUPR as the official rating system. The Club will have to consider how this will impact Club programs, tournaments, etc in future.

4. Season Review

- 4.1. **Play Sessions:** Discussion focused on evaluating all play sessions, noting light attendance at the early Saturday and Wednesday sessions and suggesting better promotion to attract more players to these open sessions, particularly novice players

those skill levels have exceeded the beginner stage. Erin and Chris discussed the need to address the scheduling and playtime needs of elite players with suggestions to add an hour to certain sessions and potentially create specialized times for advanced players. This was tabled for further discussion.

- 4.2 Ladders:** It was reported that ladder play was well attended but that the self-rating skill system used for this program causes some frustration amongst players. Vashti referred to a proposal submitted by a member concerning introduction of a more competitive DUPR-type component to next season's ladder.
- 4.3. Round Robin:** Vashti reported that this program has become "messy" due to mixed skill levels and self-rating challenges. She will continue to lead this program next season and will implement some changes to improve the experience for participating members.
- 4.4 Beginner/Novice:** Lyn, Julie and Rick have done a fabulous job with this program and they were praised for their dedication to this form of player development. A steady 20/30 members came out to these sessions throughout the season.
- 4.5 Tournaments:** The July tournament was well organized and attended, and feedback was positive. Weather caused the cancellation of day two of the September tournament but Saturday's play was successful in all respects, with a some very high level matches on display.
- 4.6 Hosts:** There were enough hosts throughout the season – David drumming up last minute substitutes when needed. The Host orientation session held in May seems to have contributed to an increase in the number of hosts and will be held again in 2026.

5. Planning for 2026

- 5.1 Start/End dates:** It was agreed that the same weekly schedule will be submitted to the City with a mid-May start date and September 30 end_date, but with the addition of one extra hour on Tuesday evenings.

ACTION: Erin will submit the Club's schedule for 2026 to City of Coquitlam including an additional hour on Tuesday evenings starting at 4 pm

- 5.2 Clinic(s):** Ryan was absent from this meeting so there was no further discussion on this
- 5.3 Tournament(s):** The group discussed tournament scheduling considering options like moving the first tournament to June and having a second in late August or October (possibly an indoor event). He also introduced the idea of having an indoor tournament in March as a kick-off to the season. He went on to state general concerns about DUPR-restricted tournaments and the impact on participation levels. It was agreed that Ryan will be asked to provide recommendations on proposed dates/formats, considering factors like overlapping tournaments, etc.

ACTION: Erin will work with Ryan to determine tournaments dates for next year and submit before the City's deadline in early November

- 5.4 Season End Social:** The meeting focused on planning the upcoming Social event including budget approval, timing and logistics. Chris has secured the December 7th date at IPOP with a proposed time of 4 pm- 8 pm or 4-10 pm. Chris discussed the event budget that showed a net loss of \$1895, which would be covered by the Clubs existing funds and revenues from the July tournament. The Board agreed to proceed with the event with members who lost out on the canceled September tournament getting free entry and others paying \$15. The Social committee will organize catering and other

logistics. Once confirmed with IPOP, an announcement will go out to members in advance to stir up excitement.

ACTION: Chris to inquire about reducing cost if the event if shortened from 6 to 4 hours

ACTION: Irene to organize catering for the event

MOTION: by Chris to approve the event budget to include \$2.000 for catering and an entry fee of \$15 per person, except for members who lost their registration fee at the September tournament who will get free entry, seconded by Salma.

All in favour. Carried

6 AGM:

Club's year end is March 30th. Possible dates are April 7th or 14th, 202. TBA

7 Merchandise:

ACTION: Erin to work with Allen on merchandise options and report at next meeting.

8 Supplies/Storage Locker

ACTION: Irene will clean out lockbox and remove items to storage bins. Kiyoshi will repair the whiteboard. Adrian will check the AED and determine when it needs replacing

9 Old Business:

Facebook Page

ACTION: Salma contact Julie to find out who the administrator is, and take over management of this platform

10. New Business:

Steve Hardy announced that he is stepping down from the Board after serving many years as a director. Erin and the others thanked him for the significant contribution he's made to the Club, his adept stickhandling as a court host, and for his easy going, friendly and encouraging support of all our members.

There being no other business the meeting was Adjourned at 9:10 pm