

Minutes of the Soo Pickleball Annual General Meeting May 21, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Executives: Linda Marasco-President, Gene Santoro-Vice President, Shelagh Yanni-Communications, Patty Greve-Membership, Andy Krumins-DUPR, Judy Luzzi-Finance

Members in Attendance: 61

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Introduction of the Board of Directors

- Prior to the meeting Financials were emailed to all members and posted on the Soo Pickleball members only website for prior review. Linda reported that there was a healthy cash balance in the account and financials were in good shape. There were no questions about the financial statement from the members.
- Due to the substantial amount in the account, Soo Pickleball is going to be incorporated as a non-profit organization. Incorporation gives our organization legal status, limits the liability of the members and directors, and is a major step towards improving our chances for receiving government grants towards building an indoor facility.
- **The Palooza Fun Scramble Tournament Event is on Saturday June 7, 2025. Number of registrations is down from last year. This is a charity fundraising event for Algoma Autism Foundation and Shelagh encouraged those not already registered to do so after the meeting. REGISTER by clicking [HERE](#). The venue will be inside the YNCU Soo Pee Wee Arena again this year! Centre Ice Bar & Grill will be open for food and drinks! We will ensure the floor is prepared for the safety of all players. Watch for more information coming soon about the FUN SKILLS COMPETITION during the Palooza!**
- Soo Curlers is in the process of adding 8 indoor pickleball courts for the summer. It was hopeful we could hold Palooza Event at the Soo Curler's facility; however, we have since been notified that it will not be ready.
- WAC Courts runs Social Drop-in Morning sessions Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 11:00am. WAC members can reserve courts after 11:00 am. WAC is considering running a Team League. More information should be available soon.
- Social Drop-in Morning sessions are on weekdays at Elliott Courts and any other public courts. 4 courts designated for recreational play and 4 courts are shared between advanced and intermediate play. Courts are open to everyone at this time.
- only use PlaytimeScheduler as it is intended - to find other players to play with. You do NOT need to use it for your private groups. Also, using playtimescheduler does NOT book you a court.
- Soo Pickleball is planning Evening Round Robin and Monarch of the Court events for Tuesday/Thursday evenings. Events to run from last week in June to end of August. Volunteers are needed. A Tips and Tricks activity is also being considered for 1 hour Thursday afternoons

from 5:00 to 6:00 in July only, for those wanting to improve their game. REGISTRATION information will be available soon on www.soopickleball.com/summer

- City Try a Sport Day is June 11, 2025 with Pickleball introduction being held from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Elliott Complex. Need eight volunteers. Soo Pickleball will supply equipment. Please email Linda at soopickleball.president@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering!

- Fall/Winter Plan. Tech for next fall has not been confirmed. Will be negotiating with the owner for October to May access. Past year operation will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly in terms of challenges, bookings and limiting play.

- Pickleball Ontario Association: The past Board has been ousted due to irregularities and poor management. Interim Board has been working towards the Annual General Meeting - a new Board will be elected in June. They are planning a Provincial Championship on the Long Weekend in Aug/Sept. Watch their website for details.

- Tournament August. True North Pickleball is hosting the Sault Ste. Marie Open Pickleball Tournament Aug 16-17, 2025 at the Elliott Sports Complex. Information is available on www.soopickleball.com/tournaments . A one-day clinic is also being proposed by Ryan Hanes (True North). More information will be available closer to August.

- Floor Open for Suggestions. Members have requested that washrooms at the Elliott Courts be available every day. Also that the Elliott Court lines be repainted. Soo Pickleball has contacted the City asking about these items. We expect to hear back this coming week.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

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