On September 12, 2026, the Delta Pickleball Association held our Annual General Meeting as required by our by-laws. Prior to our meeting a full 10+ courts of members came to Cromie Park for a fun play around. On a personal note, it is so exciting to see our fantastic facility at Cromie at full utilization. Thanks to Rachael Chatoor for providing the sound system and entertaining us with her talent!

Annual General Meeting

The AGM went well. We heard from all of your hard working directors summarizing their work in scheduling and operations, events, registration, player development, and a president's report. One item that was on the agenda was a special resolution that would have allowed a maximum of two people from one household from serving on the Board. As a special resolution, a 2/3rds majority needed to support this and while it was close, this motion was defeated.

We thanked three director's who finished their terms. Thanks to Doug Pope who served a one year term as the head of South Delta Operations which includes scheduling, court maintenance and overall club play. A thanks as well to Nancy Tait who completed her two year term where she served as treasurer. Under her watch she oversaw our club improving our financial position. Nancy has been a great colleague whose opinion I have come to value. Finally, I finished my two year term as President.

We acclaimed two new directors to the Board. I would like to welcome Abhi Baghi and Arunesh Charan both from North Delta. Both are active players at Chalmers and Arunesh has played a number of tournaments this past year. Thanks to both of them for stepping up to serve a two year term.

We still need two more directors to fill our Board to the maximum 10 positions. It is important to have dedicated people with good ideas who can help our club continue to progress. If you are interested in serving, please feel free to contact me at president@deltapickleball.org. I will ensure that you get put in touch with the right Board member.

President's Report

Facilities

Facilities continue to be an area of great improvement for Delta and our club. This past year we saw the following:

Cromie Park

- After a significant upgrade last year we continued to see improvements at Cromie with the addition of 3 tournament quality portable nets. We are awaiting

one more which will make all 10 courts at Cromie suitable for tournament play. We will continue to chat with the City about adding permanent nets and internal fencing for all of our courts.

Chalmers Park

- Discussions with the City have been had regarding adding some of these tournament quality portable nets to the tennis area.

John Oliver Park

- The community Master Plan will result in at least 8 permanent pickleball courts to be created at this developing facility. We look forward to this amazing new facility.

Dennison Park

- In the City budget and planned for 2027 are four brand new courts and lights for the Dennison facility. This will help us better meet the demand for pickleball in South Delta and provide our first facility with extended hours.

In closing…….

I have had the opportunity and pleasure of serving as your President for two years. When I took over, there was a complete turnover of our Board and as a result, there was a need to re-establish the vision and direction of Delta Pickleball. Your Board worked very hard to do this and during this time we:

- Updated and re-confirmed the Mission Statement to meet the needs and desires of our members and our community – this included a commitment to the growth and support of pickleball in our communities. If you are interested, this document is on our website;
- Updated our player code of conduct;
- Created a Directors code of conduct aimed at agreeing upon Director's commitment and conduct while doing DPA business and maintaining a focus on our membership, our communities and our City and ensuring that our Board remained focused on our Mission and not on self interest;
- Established a regular and productive relationship with the City to discuss matters around pickleball;
- Established a working relationship with Delta Mayor and Council;
- Negotiated the first permit fee agreement for pickleball that saw permitted rates decrease from an initial $7 per court per hour to what we saw this year at $1 per court per hour;

- Established a focus on a club social agenda that saw evening social sessions at Cromie and Chalmers as well as pub nights and the Dream maker summer fun tournament;
- Raised the profile of Delta Pickleball with City staff and Council as well as the general public through our social media and targeted articles in our newspapers;
- Donated significant amounts to community groups including Delta Food Bank, Boys and Girls Club, Delta Community Animal Shelter, Union Gospel Mission and more; and
- Made significant progress on facilities at Cromie as well at Dennison, John Oliver and Chalmers.

As I close off my term as President and my final newsletter, I would like to thank all of the Board members and volunteers who have made all of the above progress possible. I am appreciative of those of you that have spoken to me and expressed support and thanks for the work of our Board. I believe that Delta Pickleball is a positive influence in Delta to help people get healthier physically and mentally and connect socially. This is important work.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve such a great club and see all of you out on the courts.

Landon Kitagawa