

Cochrane Pickleball Club Board Meeting
August 8, 2024
Minutes

Attendees: Greg Young, Joanne Ferster, Lorraine Makowecki,
Bob Marescaux, Catherine Burdett, Ken Little

1. Meeting called to order by Greg at 7:00 pm
2. Motion to adopt previous board minutes made by Greg, seconded by Ken
Approved unanimously
3. Club championship update
 - 101 entries, 71 members
 - 4-6 teams in each category with the exception of the 4.0 mixed, which has 10 teams
 - No 2.0/2.5 players have signed up as teams; one woman signed up for mixed, no men have signed up
 - **Action Item:** Catherine will reach out to 2.0/2.5 players to encourage them to play.
 - 10 volunteers have signed up.

Sponsorship:

Bow River Dental: \$500 + 150 swag bags

Cheryl Stevenson \$100, Shawn Radford \$100

Total revenue (fees and sponsorship): \$1700

Total approximate costs: balls \$100, medals \$100, food \$200, swag bags \$300

Pam Crego is collecting goodies for the swag bags

4. New courts update
 - Everything is going well; paving has started.
 - The club has not been invoiced for anything yet; may be invoiced by Entity One later this month
 - Developer will cover short comings for the sound attenuation and fencing.
 - Sound attenuation will not be in place this season so we will not be playing on the new courts this year; attenuation and nets will be stored by the Town and the club also will have a storage facility at the courts.
 - The facility will not be open this year; bathrooms have not even been started.
5. Licence of Occupation: required by the Town
Motion made by Ken: the final Licence of Occupation agreement between the Town and CPC must be approved unanimously by the CPC board.
After discussion, the motion was amended to read: the final Licence of Occupation agreement between the Town and CPC must be approved by the majority of the CPC board.

Seconded: Catherine
Vote: approved unanimously

Joanne has requested all board members provide input on the Licence of Occupation before this Sunday; Joanne, Nikki and Les will draw up the final document before meeting with a lawyer who works with non-profits on Tuesday to discuss it. There are several issues in the licence that need to be addressed. **Action Item:** all board members to send comments regarding the Licence of Occupation by Sunday at noon.

Questions arose concerning the maintenance of the new courts and if the club has a maintenance plan; Joanne stated that the club has one drawn up, however it has not been approved by the Town. Greystone is responsible for facility maintenance for the first two years. The Town is responsible for bathroom maintenance.

There was also a concern raised regarding water supply for cleaning the courts; an outside water tap will be in the new bathroom that will be built late this year or next year.

An approved document detailing the protocols for sponsorship signage will not be available from the Town until 2025.

6. General Election of Board Members: The board needs to put a call out for nominees for president, vice-president secretary, treasurer and one more director at large.
AGM and election will be in early October.
Action Item: Lorraine will draft a document outlining the roles of the positions that are required and requesting nominees for those positions; she will send it to the board for approval next week and then send it to members by the end of August. Nominees can then submit a document outlining their qualifications and which position they are seeking to fill. All candidate info must be given to members one week before the election.
7. Logo edit: Motion made by Joanne: The logo will be modified to make it more simplistic; there will be one horse instead of three.
Seconded: Catherine
Vote: approved unanimously
8. Bob: financial update; savings account as of Aug. 1: ~\$21,000; chequing account: ~\$900; GIC: currently making 4.7% interest, which equates to ~\$3900 monthly. Any interest earned must go back to the new courts project.
There was a discussion about the amount of money a non-profit society can have. A cap does exist, but a society can exceed it if there are specific capital projects it is saving for.

9. Court usage update: currently Catherine looks at the reservations on Court Reserve 48 hrs out and converts unused courts to rec time; this is a very time-demanding process.

There was a discussion on how we re-purpose the courts. There are only 3 ratings sessions left and 2 skills and drills sessions left; this frees up courts. The board decided that one extra 2-hour session weekly be assigned for 3.0 play, one session for 3.5 play and one session for rec play.

End of season MLP event: The club's season officially ends on Sept. 13 but Greg will send an email to the Town requesting the courts for Sept. 18 for our final MLP event. As for the spring event, we will have a social get together after play is completed; we will ask the social committee to look after that.

If the social committee is going to organize a year-end social event, the club will donate \$300.

Concerns were raised about the Town not meeting their court maintenance responsibilities; Greg sent an email to Trish last week regarding court maintenance.

10. Ratings update:

98 ratings completed so far this season.

4.0 6/16 38%

3.5 18/36 50%

3.0 35/46 76%

Overall - 59/98 60%

Eight players are trying for 3.0 on Aug 12 and 15 and four are trying for 4.0 on Aug 19. Another four players have requested to be rated.

11. There was a discussion about non-members playing during club time; if the courts are properly managed, we shouldn't have empty courts. The priority is always for members. Non-members should not be allowed to play in round robins.
12. Grand opening: Cynthia Schafer of Royal LePage will give \$1500 and possibly \$2500 if she can partner with another realtor. Greystone is paying for the grand opening; Lorraine will talk to Cynthia about other sponsorship opportunities.

Next board meeting: TBD.

Ken made a motion to adjourn at 8:17.

Joanne: seconded

Approved unanimously.