

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Cochrane Pickleball Club

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Location: Frank Wills Hall, Cochrane, AB

Attendees: 37

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm by Greg Young, President. Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the board members and volunteers.

2. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Made by: Daniel Franklin

Seconded by: Leona Stock

In favor: 33 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 (at the time of the vote, there were only 33 members present)

Carried: unanimous

3. Court Reserve (CR) Review

Catherine reviewed the information that was sent to the members on Oct.1, 2024.

Initial CR help session was valuable for getting people used to the program.

CR was easy to use and allowed the club to collect data. Catherine thanked the members for adopting CR so readily.

The biggest challenge was that the club could not collect data during rec play because nobody was responsible for checking in players.

4. Ratings Review

Steve Katulko gave a review of the skills assessments that took place over the summer. The information he presented was sent to the members on October 1.

Success/Total Ratings

4.0 8/20 40%

3.5 18/36 50%

3.0 41/54 76%

Overall 67/110 61%

The 3-part rating process (short game, skills, long game) was favourably looked upon by the players being rated and the raters.

One member at the meeting stated that she really appreciated receiving the feedback from her rating session, particularly the areas that she had to work on.

Will our ratings program be able to accommodate a lot more members? The club may be able to put people into a rating group as soon as they enter the club, and then do a rating within 30 days. This decision will be based on their PB experience, their DUPR rating, their understanding of the rules, etc.

Last year, most ratings that were requested early on were completed before the season officially started.

People being rated need to accommodate the raters' schedule, not vice versa.

5. Club Fees

CPC fees will likely remain at \$55.

Will we have reduced rates for a youth program or for residents of Greystone? This will be discussed by the next board. Youth programs are one of the priorities of the club.

Members cannot opt out of Pickleball Canada or Pickleball Alberta.

6. Financial Statement and Budget

Bob Marescaux presented the income statement and balance sheet for 2024, and the proposed budget for 2025. This information was sent to the members on October 1.

In response to a question regarding the grant balance, if we receive an invoice that is substantiated by bills paid by the developer, then we are obliged to pay. The last invoice did not include some things that are ongoing with the washroom, the paving of the parking lot and the fencing.

Greystone will pay the additional cost for the sound attenuation that the Town insisted on. The sound attenuation on the new courts will be far superior to what we have on the current courts.

Members were in agreement that the board's estimate of 350 members for 2025 was reasonable.

The plan is to host at least one regional or provincial tournament in 2025.

The new facility will have water, electricity and more storage space than the club currently has.

The club can't pursue sponsorship until the Town develops bylaws for signage.

If the new courts aren't ready by mid-May 2025, the board will approach the Town to request we continue playing on the Quigley courts.

When will membership open up for 2025? This will be discussed by the new board. There is a possibility to open up membership for current members before the club opens it up for new members.

The grant committee originally thought the new courts would open in September but obviously this has been delayed. Part of the problem was that stronger fencing had to be put up to accommodate the upgraded sound attenuation.

Motion to accept the 2024 financial statements and adopt the 2024-2025 budget

Made by: Dave Stock

Seconded by: Catherine Carter

Results will be announced after electronic voting is completed.

7. New Courts Update

Nikki Franks presented information on the new courts. That information was sent to the members on October 1, 2024.

The club has to have a licence of occupation (LOO) with the Town before its members may play on the courts, which are municipally owned. The details of the LOO cannot be shared with the membership because of privacy policies of the Town. As of yet, the LOO has not been signed.

Regarding a question about bike racks at the new courts, we don't know if racks will be installed.

Quigley courts will remain open after the new courts have opened..

We are planning on having evening and weekend programs for kids and working people.

Is there a minimum age to join the club? We don't have one but PB Canada may???

8. Court Usage for 2025

Greg gave a recap of the information sent to the members on October 1.

A member commented that the club has to have programs for youth, and young and working adults. With the new court hours (Mon-Sat 8am – 9pm and Sun 9am-9 pm) the club will be able to offer programs in the evenings and on weekends, thereby accommodating all age groups.

9. Election

There were no additional nominations put forward for the vacant president, vice-president, treasurer and director-at-large positions. Thus, the following individuals won their positions by acclamation:

President: Greg Young
Vice-president: Catherine Burdett
Treasurer: Robert Marescaux
Directors-at-large: Val Ball
MaryEllen Martin
Jerry Shannon

Voting for the secretary position will take place electronically only; this decision was agreed upon by everyone at the meeting. The winner will be announced once electronic voting has ended.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Made by: Danielle Franklin
Seconded by: Leona Stock
Carried; all in favour.

Amendment to the minutes following the electronic voting that took place between October 8 and October 10, 2024

Motion to accept the 2024 financial statements and adopt the 2024-2025 budget

Made by: Dave Stock

Seconded by: Catherine Carter

In favor: 73 Against: 0 Abstain: 4

Carried

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2024 AGM

Made by: Catherine Burdett

Seconded by: Greg Young

In favor: 65 Against: 1 Abstain: 2

Carried

Election results for secretary

Brett Mackey was voted in as club secretary.