

Location: Spray Lakes Rec Center
3:30 PM, October 21, 2024

Attendees:

Greg Young, Ken Little, Brett Mackey, Mary Ellen Martin, Jerry Shannon, Catherine Burdett, Bob Marescaux, Val Ball

Meeting called to order at 3:40 PM by Greg

1. Discussion that before the August 8th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and October 8th, 2024 AGM Minutes be approved any “action” items that were outstanding be addressed. Upon checking back, there were no action items outstanding. Motioned by Ken, seconded by Catherine that August, 2024 and October, 2024 AGM minutes be adopted. Motion passed.
2. Club Flow Chart. Agreed that the club will need lots of volunteers to handle new courts and all of the committees and roles. Catherine stated that the general membership had not received a year end survey. The results of the survey could be a good compliment to the results and ideas put forth by the brainstorming session with the volunteer group in late season. Catherine and Sue O’Reilly will also contact other local clubs regarding committees, ideas, what works best for them, etc. Jerry suggested closed end questions. All agreed that a year end survey would be useful for the club going forward to help identify committees, fill out the flowchart, and should include a request for volunteers to assist on committees. Catherine will work with Brett on surveys. **Action items—Catherine and Sue: Club contacts; Catherine and Brett: Survey**
3. Greg has volunteered to attend the Pickleball Alberta Club Development Conference in Edmonton on Saturday, October 26th. Will report back. Ken motioned to pay for fees to allow Greg to attend, Catherine seconded. Motion passed.
4. A discussion was had regarding when to open membership, membership capping and contingency to play on Quigley courts until the new courts open. It was brought up that some players need a December registration in order to play in January tournaments in Calgary. It was agreed that we begin organized play on the new courts when they open, date TBD, and use the Quigley Courts for informal play until that time. Catherine motioned that membership opens for the 2025

season on December 1, 2024, seconded Bob. Motion passed. Ken motioned that there be no cap on 2025 membership, Val seconded. Motion passed.

5. Fees: Discussion that the issue was brought up at the AGM but not voted on but would be passed on to the new board. Brett motioned that the fees for the 2025 season remain the same (\$55) as the 2024 season, Ken seconded. Motion passed.
6. Court Reserve: Catherine stated that we now pay \$350 (CAD) per month dependent upon exchange rates and any additional subscriptions we may add based on programming. Mary Ellen motioned to continue with Court Reserve for 2025, seconded by Catherine. Motion passed. Catherine and Greg also spoke about a feature in CR where you can integrate a payment component for tournaments, socials, etc. **Action Item—Greg and Catherine: Report back regarding implementing this feature.**
7. Schedule: Tony VanSon and Catherine head up this committee. We will be dealing with a 12 court schedule instead of 4. Mary Ellen will replace Catherine on this committee. Greg suggested that we keep the schedule similar to 2024 season and build on what we did last year. Suggestions: Skills and Drills, Ball machine, 4 courts open, Open play all the time. Lots of people work so evening organized events and play. Discussion as to: Why join a club? Structure but not over structure? Talk to Red Deer? Medicine Hat? Catherine and Sue O'Reilly will be talking to clubs, Greg at Edmonton Club Development Meeting so we will get feedback from them. Need at least 6 on this committee possibly.
8. Tournaments: Greg introduced, besides the Club Championship, the Cochrane Charity Classic, date TBD. Give back to the community. Entry Fee: TBD. Tournament committee absolutely essential. MLP possibly with entering your own teams. With tournaments in mind, Ken brought up concerns about not enough electrical plug-ins, hose bibs. Eventually need for Wifi.
9. Grant Compliance: Confirmed that the Grant Compliance Committee would be led by Joanne Ferster along with Les and Nicki Franke. The Facility Construction Committee is a committee to be filled post survey, along with volunteer submissions, selection. **Action Item—Catherine: Reach out to Joanne as to status of Letter of Occupancy. Action Item—Greg: Follow up with Joanne re: no one on board to get updates.**

10. Working together: With a few members away over the winter, ZOOM meetings preferred. Sources of information for next meeting will be from Club Survey, Greg at Edmonton event, Catherine and Sue O'Reilly discussions with other clubs.

11. Next meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM, MST. November 26th, 2024. ZOOM. Agenda items to Brett by noon on November 19th.

Motion by Greg to adjourn meeting at 5:07 PM, seconded by Catherine. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Brett Mackey