

**Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 15, 2019**

**Executive Present**

Meeting was held at 2:00 at the home of Derek Foster.

Present were:

Lorne Shaw, Dennis Fletcher, Derek Foster, Brenda Taylor, Doug Ferguson and Jean Simons.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report**

The SPPA bank balance is \$3788.00

**Name Tags**

Dennis reported the nametag machine was working and all nametags for members were up to date.

Some of the nametags still need to be disbursed to members.

**Wain Road Infrastructure**

The gates have been installed at Wain Road by North Saanich. Some SPPA members aired a complaint regarding the small pebbles from the picnic table installation. They get stuck in players' running shoes and end up on the courts. We thought a solution could be either a shoe scraper/brush or a mat at the entrance gate.

**Action Item:** Doug to purchase a couple of mats to place at the entrance gate.

**Summer Potluck**

A date of June 20th has been selected for the SPPA summer potluck to be held at Wain Road. MaryLou Dauncey and the social committee will be organizing this event. The social committee has not formally met as yet, but MaryLou has indicated following the plans of last year's event should simplify the organizing.

**Action Item:** Jean to liaise with the Social Committee regarding this event.

**Mary Winspear**

Scheduled pickleball play at Mary Winspear is still outstanding pending approval from the Mary Winspear Board of Directors. Discussions and trial demonstrations of the floor tape to be used for the pickleball courts have taken place between our Executive Members and Brad (Mary Winspear) several times but no pickleball action has commenced so far.

**Action item:** Lorne to write a letter to the Mary Winspear Board of Directors to prompt possible pickleball play in September.

**Wain Road Practice Board**

Dennis and Derek are putting the construction of the practice board on hold until we have project approval from North Saanich. Cost estimate for a practice board made of 2 sheets of 5/8 plywood, painted green or blue would be approximately \$110.00. North Saanich may want to do the installation.

**Action Item:** Derek to submit his sketch/blueprint for the practice board and the installation expectations to North Saanich for approval. Derek and Dennis will construct the practice board once approval is obtained from North Saanich.

**Wain Road Windbreak**

After discussing the merits, the need, the location and the possible specifications of a windbreak at Wain Road Pickleball Courts, the Board thought a windbreak should be installed on either the south, west and east sides of the court or perhaps just the west and east sides. The North Side is already protected by

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trees. The windbreak could feasibly be between 6 and 8 feet. It was agreed that more research/investigation needed to be done along with North Saanich input.

**Action Item:** Lorne to contact Shelley Burkett for an update on this project. Also, to contact Jack Hope (Kelowna resident) as he may have useful knowledge of pickleball windbreaks installed at Kelowna pickleball courts.

### **Annual General Meeting**

It was decided the AGM will tentatively be held on September 14th from 2:00 until 4:00 at Shoal Centre.

**Action Item:** Jean to contact Shoal Centre to see if the venue is available on that date.

### **Membership Dues**

We discussed the marketing of SPPA membership and whether the membership fee should be reduced. We noted the merits of having a membership were many:

-Social Activities

-Pickleball information, communication, court booking and announcements via our Website

-Clinics and tournaments

-Liaison between our club and the municipality (example: construction of pickleball facilities/infrastructure)

-Supply of pickleballs

We decided to leave the membership fees at \$20.00, due in July.

Members to pay any director \$20.00 along with their name and email address.

### **SPPA Website**

It was agreed it would be helpful if members started to use the Wain Road court booking option on the SPPA Website. Members who were not on Facebook could then make a decision when to play based on the numbers of people booked that day.

**Action Item:** Brenda to write a general newsletter item (or email) to our members to encourage them to sign up for pickleball at Wain Road via the SPPA website (saanichpeninsulapickleballassociation.com).

**Action Item:** Derek to contact Dawn Gould to ask her to tweak the website by changing the "Sign Up" prompt to "Wain Road Park Sign Up" (or "Birch Road Park Sign Up").

### **Pickleball Supplies**

We discussed the poor performance of the latest batches of Onyx pickleballs. Doug mentioned and recommended a new pickleball manufactured by Penn. It was agreed the SPPA would supply pickleballs at Wain Road for members to use. It was also noted we need to monitor and maintain the pens and erasers for the sign up board.

**Action Item:** Jean to source a stringbag to hold the Wain Road pickleball supply.

### **Clinics**

We discussed holding a clinic late May or early June. Potential coaches to teach the clinic was discussed.

**Action Item:** Doug to talk to Hannah Nawroth at Panorama Recreation about possible bookings for a clinic.

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**Club Tournament**

We thought a tournament in the summer would be a good/fun thing to pursue. We discussed possible tournament scenarios. We agreed if a tournament was organized, all members would be invited but a cap on the number of participants would be necessary. A tentative time frame was between 9:00 and 2:00, sometime in July at Wain Road. A second possibility would be an indoor tournament at Mary Winspear or Greenglade.

**Action Item:** Lorne to contact Eymond about tournament possibilities.

**Paddle Boxes at Greenglade**

Complaints have been heard regarding the use of the paddle boxes at Greenglade. They appear to be causing some confusion as to who plays when. It was decided the paddle boxes would be set aside for the current time and the sign up board would be used instead.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

Monday, May 13th at 2:00  
Brenda Taylor's house,  
10017 - 3rd Street, Sidney