

SPPA Executive Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2022

Attendance: Ann Blyth, Annie Fearon, Roger Fox, Rod Ellis, June Curtis

Missing: Cathy Becker, Sid Greenner

February minutes: approved

Treasurer: Total \$5,874.11 (bank balance: \$5,221.61 + Pickleball Canada account \$652.50)

Secretary/Membership: Membership – 117 members

Goal is to have a minimum of two social events a year. At the moment the following are scheduled and or planned:

- Tournament (March 26, 2022)
- Open House (June 4, 2022)
- Post Open House Social (June 4, 2022)
- Summer picnic (date TBA)
- Summer tournament (potentially in August)
- Tailgating Tuesdays (at Wain Road Park once a month)

Ongoing Business

Coaching NSMS (Roger)

The initial feedback from the first Beginner's Course was very positive. Apparently, the second session (starting April 14) was fully booked in under five minutes and currently has a waiting list.

Roger will coordinate volunteers – June, Shelley Burkett and potentially Annie are available to help with the April/May class.

Participants requested additional courses: both introductory and intermediate. We told them to contact Panorama if they wanted more courses.

Open House

John Forte is working on this event together with Rosemary Harrison. John presented their plan which combines an Open House for the general public in the afternoon, followed by a social event for members and guests later that evening. In addition, he presented a preliminary cost estimate for the two components. Key points included:

Primary goal of the Open House is to introduce people to the sport and hopefully increase our membership numbers.

Both events are scheduled for June 4, 2022 at the Brentwood Community Hall. The Open House would run from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This would be followed by the social event running from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Advertising for the Open House would begin in early May.

A draft poster advertising the Open House has been developed which would be posted at various locations throughout the community.

The preliminary concept of the post Open House social event would include a band, beer and wine would be served (cash bar). Snacks (e.g., pizza) would be provided by SPPA. Revenue to, at a minimum, cover costs would be generated via: entrance fees (free for members with a \$10 charge for non-members/guests), a 50/50 draw (permit required), and liquor sales.

Annie to ask Kim Say if we can borrow their pickleball paddles and balls for the Open House. In addition, suggested that Courtside Sports be contacted for use of some of their demo paddles.

Tournament

Scheduled for Saturday March 26, 2022. June coordinating with Jim Humphries. Both the women's and mixed events are full. A few spots still available in the men's event.

Agreed that prizes would be the same for both divisions (A and B) in all events. Prizes would be awarded to first and second places only. Need a total of 12 first place (bottles of wine) and 12 second place prizes (chocolate): four first place prizes for each of the men's, women's and mixed events and four second place prizes for each event.

BC 55+ Games

From now through April the majority of effort is being spent on assembling a group of volunteers to run the games and associated events. Rod is waiting to hear back from Connie about the specifics related to pickleball.

Municipalities and Venues

North Saanich:

Sid scheduling a meeting with Ben Martin (Director of Infrastructure Services) to gather stakeholders related to the Wain Road Park courts. Plan is to discuss potential noise issues and potential mitigation options. Meeting to be moderated by Ben Martin. Plan is to decide on the participants after we hear back from Ben as we don't want too many people from SPPA overwhelming the number of local residents attending the meeting. Ann suggested that there would be benefit to having some of our participants be residents of North Saanich rather than our participants all being from outside the municipality because the primary objective of North Saanich staff and council is to serve their own residents.

Roger met with Brett Smith (a local resident).

Sidney:

Sid will communicate with Annie about how North Saanich and Sidney are working together and decide if there is a need to contact Sidney as well. So far nothing seems to have happened with the Rotary Park idea.

Central Saanich:

The nets have been placed in the box at the lacrosse box in Centennial Park. The lacrosse box courts are available until 4:00 pm each day from Monday through Friday as they are utilized by lacrosse in the evenings and on weekends. At the moment they are not accepting bookings. Central Saanich is waiting to hear about the status of the grant they applied for and, if awarded, resurfacing work would begin in the summer.

Panorama:

The new multi-sport facility opens March 21. The number of pickleball courts and their availability has yet to be confirmed.

Stelly's School

Rod to follow-up with the school to see if the policy regarding use of the court outside school hours has changed.

Newsletter

We will include information on the tournament details, detail a list of potential outdoor venues and remind people of the hours at Wain Road Park with change to PDT.

Next meeting: April 19, 2022 at 2:30 pm