

## **SPPA March Executive Meeting**

March 18, 2020 (By Zoom)

Attendance: Annie Fearon, Corine Reid, Ann Blyth, Rod Ellis, Cathy Becker

February Minutes approved.

Treasurer Absent

### Fundraising Report

Ann reported on her extensive research into funding. Since we have money in the bank, we were ineligible for grants related to Covid 19. We are looking at various grants such as The Province of BC Gaming Capital Project Grant Program that funds up to 50% of total project cost up to \$250,000. A location is needed prior to applying for any grants. Ann and June will update our financial statements to make them ready for future applications. Ann will further investigate the income levels of Sidney residents and the average age.

### Facilities Report

Sidney has asked for decibel readings, ideas for noise mitigation and a letter outlining fundraising intentions. Annie will send readings to Ann to be made into graphs. The facilities committee will investigate noise mitigation. All information will be gathered and sent by Corine to Sidney by the end of the month.

The locks on the gates at the Wain Rd. courts will be on hold and hours will be posted on each gate. Please encourage all player to adhere to rules.

A discussion was had with Central Saanich about temporary courts where the basketball court is.

### Facebook Page

Corine will ask Brenda Hardy about her role as a Facebook administrator.

Annie has implemented a new policy. New members must state where they play pickleball. They also must agree to the following rules.

1. No Hate Speech or Bullying

Hate speech or bullying or any kind is not allowed, and degrading comments about our fellow players, neighbours or local municipalities will not be tolerated.

2. Be Kind and Courteous

We are all in this together to create a welcoming and fun environment for all pickleball players in the region. If you choose not to adhere to these rules, you will be removed from this Facebook Page.

### Website Update

A motion was passed to update website. The plan is to make it more professional looking by removing current pictures and graphics and making more pages. Annie is going to take over some of the

administration from Dawn Gould. It was suggested we have a utility feature such as a place to find members to partner with.

#### New Business

A motion was passed for Ann Blyth to replace Sheena Hurn on the executive for the rest of this term.

Corine will approach Heather Gartshore about where they are in the process of the CRD strategic plan for recreation and how we can have input into that process.

A discussion was started about teaming up with Victoria Regional Pickleball Association to present a joint proposal to Panorama for new facilities.

Cathy will set up a meet and greet with the new chief engineer at North Saanich.

Pickleball Canada has a new national registry. We need to decide if we want to be part of it, what our dues should be and how to handle differing year ends. More information will be collected to make decisions at our next meeting.