

July Executive Minutes

July 19, 2022

Present: Cathy Becker, Roger Fox, Rod Ellis, Ann Blyth, Sid Greener, June Curtis

June minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Balance 5822.46

Secretary Report: 150 members

Website has been updated.

The email account is very active with enquiries from beginners and people new to the area or visiting.

Presidents Report

There have been several issues to handle. The problem with tennis/pickleball is being handled with a joint letter from both presidents to Central Saanich Council. Staff is directed by council to consult with both associations. Rod has met with the pickleball group that first had the issue to try to hear their concerns.

The letter of complaint about the size of the Panorama Pickleball Court has been handled by a letter direct from Panorama to the person complaining.

A neighbour of the Wain Park Courts was complaining of a Facebook Post directed at him. It was on the VRPA site, so Rod reached out to them and asked them to remove it.

Ongoing Business

Blue Heron Project

June got a quote from Mill Bay on the cost of their court that have just been built.

Sid now has the official manual on building courts suitable for tournaments.

Sid met with Ted Harrison to advice on building courts.

The next steps are as follows:

1. Find out if the soccer association is willing to move the shed.
2. Decide on the layout
 - *oriented north/south
 - *rectangular in shape
 - *6 courts preferable
 - *possibly planning for them to be covered in the future
 - *consider parking
3. Soccer Association Proposal,
4. Go to members for approval.

Meetings with Municipalities

Central Saanich Mayor and Britt Burnham

Attended by Cathy and Rod

Mayor Ryan Windsor had a lengthy discussion with us, mostly regarding the lacrosse box project. They will consult with us in the Fall about our wishes for that venue. Any dedicated courts would have to be funded by our association. The mayor was open to the idea of changing court #1 at Centennial Park to a two pickleball layout, which is approved in the tennis/pickleball agreement. They said we should focus on Blue Heron project and gave advice on that. Britt said to keep any moneys donated in our own account or a municipal account.

Councilor Jack McClintock

Attended by Cathy and Ann

Discussed the issue of the private security firm hired by North Saanich for the Wain Park courts to open and close the gates. We expressed our support for this move and offered to discuss again for next season to see if there is anyway the association might help. We discussed the work of our association and expressed our willingness to work with council on problem solving. Councilor McClintock expressed that he would welcome a proposal from the association regarding Blue Heron Park. He suggested sending the newsletters to all councilors.

Coaching

Cathy hosted three beginner lessons at the lacrosse box courts. Most participants were non- members. A contact list of beginners and those wishing "fun" less competitive games has been sent out to seven people and they are in the process of organizing times for games.

June will coordinate the beginner lessons at NSMS in the Fall.

Social Event/Tourament

The tailgate party was poorly attended. Many executive members will be away for the next Tuesday event so it will not likely happen. There is no picnic planned.

An outdoor tournament will happen in late August/early September.

AGM

A venue needs to be found for the AGM. Recruiting needs to happen soon. We need members on the executive with computer skills, building skills and fundraising skills.