

Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2022

Chairperson: Rod Ellis

AGM was held at 3:00 pm at Blue Heron Park (BHP). After waiting 10 minutes the required quorum of members was just reached at a total of 17.

Motion to accept the agenda made by Al Thompson and seconded by Kathy Thompson. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the 2021 minutes made by June Curtis and seconded by Shelley Burkett. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: made by June Curtis (see attached).

President's Report: made by Rod Ellis (see attached).

Open House Report: Rosemary Harrison provided an overview of the Open House. The event was deemed a great success with the suggestion that we try to determine the number of participants in advance to facilitate better organization. It was also determined that refreshments were not needed at these events in the future. The primary questions participants had were: where to play, where to obtain equipment and how to get lessons.

Tournament Report: June Curtis summarized the two tournaments put on by SPPA (one held in March at Brentwood Hall and a second at Wain Road in August). It was discussed that tournament fees could be used as a mechanism to raise funds. As part of this discussion, it was also mentioned that if entry fees were increased significantly some form of 'scholarship' should potentially be considered so as not to exclude any members from participating.

Blue Heron Park Report: Ann Blyth provided an overview of the six court facility we are currently proposing for Blue Heron Park. This included details concerning the court construction and associated costs along with a discussion of potential fund raising options.

Motion made to accept all the reports made by Rod Ellis and seconded by Doug McLaren. Motion passed.

Election of Directors: Cathy Becker (Secretary) and June Curtis (Treasurer) were elected to the Executive Board in 2020 and therefore their two-year terms have come to an end. Annie Fearon, Roger Fox, Rod Ellis, Ann Blyth and Sid Greenner were elected to the board for two-year terms at the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM). However, over the course of 2022 both Annie Fearon and Roger Fox have resigned from the executive resulting in a total of four empty positions going into this year's AGM. With Rod Ellis, Ann Blyth and Sid Greenner entering the second year of their terms, we were looking to fill the

four positions. No members put their names forward to volunteer prior to, or during, the meeting. Cathy Becker has declined a second term. June Curtis volunteered to continue on as Treasurer and therefore the executive currently stands at four members (with a minimum of three required). It was identified that this is not an ideal situation.

Discussion regarding priorities for 2022/2023

1. Gord Mains provided an overview of the new Peninsula Pickleball Meet-Up group. The group communicates via Facebook and is primarily comprised of players new to the game who meet at Centennial Park to play.
2. It was identified that there is a need to clarify communication among our members. Apparently, many people are not aware of the emails SPPA is distributing or that there are often attachments that need to be downloaded.
3. Rod outlined a recent letter that was sent by the executive to someone running in the upcoming election for Central Saanich council requesting that pickleball be factored into the municipality's parks planning process. We have been told that pickleball courts will be a priority in the development of the multi-sport court to replace the current lacrosse box in Centennial Park and hopefully additional consideration will be given to increasing the number of pickleball courts in Central Saanich over the coming year.
4. Brenda Hardy suggested that a potential approach to getting more courts is to pressure Panorama to convert one of their indoor tennis courts to pickleball. It was mentioned that our current approach is to work with the tennis community to find solutions. She also suggested that we continue to follow up with the Peninsula Recreation Commission.
5. With the lack of volunteers for the open executive positions, the option of joining up with the Victoria Regional Pickleball Association was put forward. There was unanimous agreement that this would not be the preferred option as people thought local representation was crucial.
6. Shelley Burkett suggested that members could volunteer to help out with specific tasks (e.g., coaching, socials, tournaments, helping with the BHP proposal and related fund raising).
7. It was unanimously agreed that the construction of the proposed six courts at Blue Heron Park was worth pursuing.

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