



PARKLAND PICKLEHEADS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: APRIL 27, 2016

EXECUTIVE IN ATTENDANCE:

Leslie Srogen - President

Mike Cooper - Vice President

Bill Bossman - Treasurer

Judy Cook - Secretary

Debbie Henwood - Director At Large

Della Bass - Past President

Meeting was held on the Border Paving Centre in Spruce Grove.

Meeting was called to order by Leslie Srogen at 7:02pm

The agenda for the evening was reviewed. Leslie turned the remainder of the AGM over to Mike Cooper

Welcome and introductions of the Executive (Mike)

The 2016 season will have an early start due to the early spring. Lots of exciting information will be shared for the upcoming season. Mike introduced the current executive.

Executive positions for 2016 (Mike)

Mike shared with the membership the length of each term of each executive position. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary are up for re-election this year. It was recommended that with the court construction and other major projects, that it would be advisable to maintain the status-quo on the executive. Bill and Judy agreed to continue in their roles for the 2016 season. The membership in attendance agreed.

Review of 2015 Season

Overall it was a good season. Initially there were some concerns about separating the different rating groups for ladder play on different nights. An all inclusive ladder play was added on Sunday.

Leslie reported that she taught at least 20 new people this past season.

New Logo...A big thank you to Tyler for creating our new logo. It will be previewed at the September smash. The new logo will be on the Parkland Picklehead website, letter heads, Facebook page and registration form.

Financial Report (Bill)

Bill gave a history of the finances of our club. Power point presentation of the revenue/expenses picture for the years 2013-2015. There were many revenue streams for the 2015 season - registration, tournament fundraising, tournament registration, volunteer activities. The sponsorship program brought in approximately \$2400.00. Total revenue was approximately \$16,000.00. Bill reviewed the clubs expenses. It is safe to say that the bigger the club, more expenses. The "Tutor Ball Machine" and court blower were the big expenditures. Other expenditures were tournaments, club clothing and PCO memberships. The books have been audited and can now be submitted to the government to keep our societies status.

Revenue will be a challenge this year as well as sponsorships due to the economy. The Stony Plain rodeo needs less volunteers this year. The executive decided not to sell club apparel. The remainder of the items needs to be sold before any re-ordering. With the court reconstruction our expenses will likely be higher. Membership fees for the 2016 season will be \$40.00.

Question:

What value is PCO to our club.

- 5.00 per member.
- Reduced costs for buying nets
- Insurance for players and club
- Sanctioned tournaments are covered with insurance
- Helps promote clubs throughout Canada.

Question:

Can PCO see their members playing in tournaments in the USA without paying USAPA dues.

No. It is a revenue stream for USAPA.

Question:

How many clubs in the Edmonton area.

Not sure of the exact number but they are growing. Lots of small towns are wanting to organize, and are looking to Parkland Pickleheads for guidance and a model.

Court Refurbishment Update (Della)

Gave a report as per the cities response to the club questions.

Della shared the response from the City of Spruce Grove regarding the construction of the courts. The following is a response from Carol Dunnigan from the city.

"I spoke to the hired Engineering Firm on Friday April 15, 2016 myself and they are still in the very beginning phase of gathering information, they need time to review the engineer drawings of the existing water reservoir to determine capacity of load and determining estimates costs. I spoke to our Engineering Department this morning and our Engineering Firm will continue to move on this project.

My guess would be we would hear something back within the next few weeks to a month regarding project scope and estimated costs.

As for meeting in April regarding the Grant Application I do not think I will not have all the information I require by the end of April. I require a cost estimate/quote from the Engineers to proceed with a grant application. As soon as I receive this I will contact you to set up a meeting. I am aiming to have an application prepared for the next grant deadline of June 15."

During construction we are negotiating with the city for the use of the tennis courts. The city has committed to have courts available for us all summer.

Mike updated the club on what will happen for the upcoming tournament. The city will give us the tennis courts for the “September Smash Tournament”. The “Members Tournament” will be played on the original courts.

Scheduled Play 2016

Ratings (Mike)

Parkland Pickleheads club bases their play on the “Ratings” system. It is the most fair way of dividing up players according to their skill set. No matter the rating everyone is expected to have fun. Self rating and tournament ratings are required on the registration form. Throughout the season there will be skill rating sessions available.

Round Robins (Mike)

New schedule will reflect round robins. The objective with the round robin format is to have fun. Mike encouraged the higher ranked members in the club to help newcomers become better.

Ladder Play (Mike)

An additional night will be added to the schedule to accommodate the additional rating level. Sunday has been added for everyone to play. Ladder is a more competitive play. Mike explained what ladder play is.

The new court schedule for 2015 was reviewed. There will be no scheduled play in Stony Plain.

Special Events on Saturdays (Mike)

Saturdays were ear-marked this season for special events for the club. Some suggested ideas were:

Family day - kids

Skills clinics

Beginners lessons

Advanced lessons

Referee clinic

Tutor Ball machine lessons

Lots of open times for recreational play in the schedule.

Onix Sports will be supplying balls for our tournaments and supplying our club balls at a reduced rate.

Important Dates (Mike)

Saturday, May 28th....first Special Events Day (demo of the new Tutor machine)

Tuesday, May 31st...first ladder play for 3.0-

Wednesday, June 1st...ladder play for 3.5+ begins

Sunday, June 5th...start of ladder play - all levels

Saturday, June 11th...Referee Clinic

Fri. Sat. Sun. June 17-19th...Member's Only Tournament

The new season will begin May 15. Until then play will be Monday to Friday at 6:00 and Sundays at noon.

Question:

How can we share the membership list with everyone in the club.

The executive will explore this being cognizance of privacy issues.

Tutor Ball Machine (Mike)

This machine has been purchased by the club. It will be used for teaching drills etc. Ball Retrievers are also here. Need to train the trainers. It will be used when there is an extra court available, during round robins, or on Saturdays. It is presently stored at John and Della Bass's home. 2 ball stands were donated by Palm Creek.

Sign Up Genius (Della)

Della explained "Sign-Up Genius". Allows a club to organize all areas of the pickleball program. Members can sign up through an email. Makes planning for the club much easier. Mike asked if it can be suspended during the winter months. Della will check on that. Before the program is implemented, Mike and Leslie will learn the program, then additional people will learn and then eventually an administrator will be appointed.

Tournaments

Mike explained pickleballtournaments.com. This website lists tournaments throughout the country. Mike demonstrated this website to the members and how to register for tournaments.

Members must play at their ratings in tournaments. Players can not play down in the ratings, however a player can play up. Everyone from outside the Spruce Grove area can play in the members tournament as long as they are a paid member of Parkland Pickleheads before registering

In House, June 17-19 (Mike)

This is a "Members only" tournaments. A new event will be added - singles. It will be an Open division depending on how many players sign up. The other categories will be: Ladies doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Singles will be on Friday evening. Saturday men and women's double, Sunday mixed doubles. The registration fee is \$10.00 per person for first event and \$5.00 for each additional event. Participants don't need a partner to register.

September Smash, September 2-4 (Mike)

More information will be coming.

Volunteers are a vital part of the success of Parkland Pickleheads. Mike asked that members please volunteer to help make this club successful..Mike outlined the various volunteer positions that are required for this season:

Fundraising (Mike)

- Volunteer - Walt Buehler

Volunteer Coordinator (Mike)

Round Robin Captains (Mike)

Ladder Play Captains (Mike)

Tournaments (Mike)

Co-tournament director - John Bass

Membership (Mike)

The 2016 registration fee is \$40.00 per person. Members were asked to be fair in the “self-rating” area on the registration form. Skill ratings are important.

Leslie asked for volunteers for farmers day in Stony Plain. Canada Day in Spruce Grove also needs volunteers. 12 volunteers for Stony Plain Farmers Days and 22 volunteers for Spruce Grove Canada day.

Leslie reminded the membership that there is a social time after the Round robin play Friday night. Bring your chairs and a drink of your choice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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