



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, MAY 12, 2014

LOCATION: TLC Center (Shotz Lounge)
Spruce Grove, AB

ATTENDEES:

- As per email list

Della Bass welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Parkland Pickleheads.

Judy Cook, secretary, read the minutes from the 2013 Annual General Meeting

PRESIDENTS REPORT - See attached report

Della Bas, president, presented the president's report for the 2013 season.

TREASURERS REPORT - See attached report

Bill Bossman, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report for the 2013 season. Bill recommended increasing the membership dues from \$20.00 per year to \$30.00 per year. \$5.00 of this fee will be used to join Pickleball Canada.

Dave Embleton made a motion to increase the fee to \$30.00. The motion was seconded by Holly Bond. The motion was accepted by the membership.

Della briefly explained the benefits of the Parkland Pickleheads joining Pickleball Canada. She asked the members to review the benefits online.

RETROFITTING COURTS

Della explained that she had been in discussion with the city of Spruce Grove regarding retrofitting the outdoor pickle ball courts. The city administration has requested that the Parkland Pickleheads contribute \$25,000.00 towards to retrofitting of the existing courts. It was suggested that perhaps the tennis courts should be explored as an option to play on. There are more than one location having tennis courts. This would give us the opportunity to have additional courts (up to 16). There will be an on-site meeting with the city on May 20, 2014 to determine the next step regarding improving the playing surface.

The executive has decided to proceed with applying for “society status”. This will enable us to apply for grants to fund our club.

TRAINING AND SKILLS TRAINING BRACKET PLAY AND LADDER PLAY

Marg Ouimet and Mike Cooper have volunteered to lead the beginner lessons and skills training. Mike explained how they would like to run the training program. They have no formal plan as yet. That will depend on the number of students and what skills they would like to learn. Mike stated that they will need volunteers, but reminded the potential volunteers that they should be a skill level above the class.

Mike explained the ratings system and how it applies to court play. Pickleball Canada supports the ratings system in order to grow the sport. It makes lessons easier and also easier for a club to operate. Ratings also make it easier to participate in tournaments whether locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. It also simplifies running round robin play and ladder play.

Skill levels are different for each rated group. Different strategies will be offered in order to improve the game. Mike gave some examples of different strategies that can be improved on for each rated group.

Della explained “ladder play”. Essentially it is a more competitive form of play. It a way of gauging your group of peers.

All lessons will be free, however the executive would ask the players wanting lessons to give the trainers 24 hour notice if not showing up. Della suggested that perhaps if players cannot come for the scheduled lessons a \$5.00 “no show” donation could be made to the club.

TOURNAMENT DATES

The upcoming tournament dates were presented to the membership. The dates are June 14 and 15 and August 23 and 24. Della explained that skill levels for the tournaments will be predetermined by the round robins in a player plays.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Della presented the need for members to volunteer for various positions within the club.

Round Robin Coordinator - Les Srogen

Round Robin Captains, Cindy Burton, Cathy Fuller, Trevor Cook, Geri Carruthers

Volunteer Coordinator - Sharon Harris

Fundraising Coordinator - Sharon Harris

Data Entry Coordinator - Ashley Roberts

Parkland Picklehead newsletter Coordinators - Ashley Roberts, Chris Miller

COURT SCHEDULE

The outdoor court scheduled was presented.

Scheduled round robins play:

9:30am - 12:00pm on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday

6:30pm - 9:00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Scheduled ladder play:

6:30pm - 9:00pm - Tuesday

9:30am - 12:00pm - Friday

OPEN DISCUSSION

When will lesson start? - Leslie informed the new people that she would be at the court on Friday morning, May 16 at 9:30am for this interested.

If we put club money into the retrofit of the courts, will the courts be taken away from us some time in the future? - Della indicated that the courts have been earmarked by the city as belonging to Parkland Pickleheads.

Where do the people that are just beginners fit into the ratings system so they can play in the round robin system? - Della stated that once a person knows the rudiments of the game they will be slotted in the 2.5 - 3.0 bracket for round robin play.

Della informed the membership that all emails will be sent out through the club secretary. This will ensure that all members receive accurate information directly only from the executive.

Della asked the members to ensure that everyone complete the registration form and ensure that their monies is given to Bill Bossman.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on May 11, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

