

NPB Exec Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021

The meeting was called to Order: Tuesday Dec 7th at 7:02 PM. The meeting was a virtual meeting using an application called Zoom.

Present: John Davis, Sue Newell, John Yim, Lyle Evans, Garry Robbins, John Emmons, Harvey Hall, and Anna Edgar.

Regrets: Deb Marshall

Purpose of the Meeting: Monthly Exec meeting

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by John Davis, seconded by John Yim that the minutes of the November 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

Lyle submitted his monthly report recording the following:

Results for the Month of November 2021

- Revenue of \$3,615.02 is made up of play session revenue of \$3,188.41 and membership fees of \$375.00 and Introduction to Pickleball fees of \$50
- Expenses in the month were \$5,343.31. The OW gym rental of \$5,085.69 includes October and November rentals. Ball purchases were \$210.68 and CourtReserve charges were \$43.19
- **Net Loss** for the month as reported was **\$1,728.29**
- Based on actual usage in the month, income from play sessions was \$3,306.25 and the OW gym rental was \$2,494.55 for a profit of \$811.70

Results for the 7 months ended November 30, 2021

- Revenue of \$12,703.55 included \$9,242.46 for play sessions (includes refunds to members for unused punch cards of \$65), membership fees of \$2,650.00 and tournament revenue of \$720.00 and training revenue of \$60.00 (Introduction to Pickleball).
- Expenses for the period were \$11,922.74 which is mainly for OW gym rentals. Tournament expenses were \$407.09 which includes the sale of the tournament balls. Balls and supplies amounted to \$404.16 and website, CourtReserve and banking fees were \$345.26.
- Net Profit for the 7-month period was \$780.81.

- Cash in the bank is \$21,114.94 and cash in Stripe was \$1,342.45 for a total cash balance of \$22,457.39

Moved by Lyle Evans, seconded by John Davis that the treasurers report be adopted as read (and circulated). Motion Passed

Membership:

Membership has increased by 15 bringing our total membership to 230. In addition, there are a total of 3 members who have not fully paid their dues and are not included in the totals. THE PCO links are still a bit confusing and Anna is going to send out more information to the membership.

NPC and PCO Membership fees:

Lyle reported extensively on the renewal process and interaction with the PCO. The PCO was sending out renewal notices to existing members, but they do not appear to have been distributed to all affected renewals. Lyle will email members that are due to renew and explain the process and rates.

Court Reserve:

Nothing new to report

Club Play:

1. Sue has booked a number of single session playdates starting in December.
2. New winter sessions start in January 2022 and run through March 31, 2022
3. Actual dates will be posted on Court Reserve. Court coordinators will likely remain in place.

Racquet Sport Facility:

John Davis has been unable to get any direct response relating to the presentation on October 20, despite having sent out 4 emails. It is hoped there will be some response from the Finance and Audit committee...

Harewood Facility:

Gary reported a strong return on the survey and about 71 respondents indicated they would play there given the opportunity. After some discussion it was suggested we hold an open house on that site at a future date in 2022. Gary will

approach Parks and Rec to set a date and to get 4 courts lined out. He will report our findings to the City and request a free session where we could evaluate interest and commitment.

Our club would have to supply balls and portable nets, which we will try to source from our members. We will not purchase nets at this time.

Player rating:

The club is looking into getting a ratings coach in on the Jan 7th date in lieu of our tournament. We are in discussion with Brooke Siver from Kamloops to see if we can host a rating clinic and advanced skills clinic. If this can't be organized, we'll organize regular play time.

Tournament:

The tournament was cancelled due to lack of tournament director. There was lots of interest amongst the players, however, the tournament was cancelled due to lack of tournament director. The Jan 7th booking will not be cancelled; but we will use it for regular play

Introduction to Pickleball Session:

John Yim and John Davis conducted this session (Nov 13) There were 5 of the 6 registered people in attendance.

OLD Business:

- NCCP Coaching Program. Harvey reported that 13 seats had been filled for the upcoming introductory session. It was proposed that we pay an honorarium to any member passing the course and volunteering in coaching programs for the club. This idea was rejected.
- The youth development program. Harvey's team has done some great initial work on establishing a framework for this program. His report included the following:
 - the committee (John Emmons, Lyle and Deb) has come up with a plan to start up a youth program. The program would include a number of phases.
 - **Phase 1** - club volunteers to take a 1 week fun and informative introductory PB unit to senior level physical education classes in 7 regular and 2 Supportive Secondary Schools in Nanaimo.

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- volunteers will assist in the school gym in the delivery of each of the schools reaching one school per week
- the committee will leave the school with a unit plan, resources, and possibly a grant application for equipment and contacts to introduce additional classes to pickleball
- with the help of John Emmons, Lyle and Deb the committee has submitted a grant on Nov. 26 to Pickleball BC for \$500 to assist with the purchase of 15 paddles
- we will be asking, as part of the grant application, for the NPC to match up to \$500 to be used for balls, totes and possibly some portable nets to be used later.
- **Phase 2** - Bring together students who participated in the school program to a common gathering place (Oliver Woods, Beaufort Park, Barsby Lacrosse Box, VIU or a gym in SD68) and work on skills, fun activities and possibly developing a league.
 - These senior students could also be invited to join regular club playing times as future club members
- **Phase 3** - Depending on the success we will perhaps move into the fall with a program of instruction, play etc with support from the city for indoor playing time.
 - The committee and volunteers are open to modifying any plans to fit the needs of the community. For example going back into the schools the following year.
- Timeline for this - We have initial contact with one of the high schools which will be our learning ground which will be in early February at the beginning of their new semester.
- The club has approved a \$500 donation to the program for any necessary supplies and equipment

New Business:

- Meeting Dates. It was proposed that we move our meeting dates from the first Tuesday of the Month to the second Tuesday to avoid a conflict with other meetings. This proposal was adopted. Next meeting will be January 11,2022
- Ball purchases. There was a general sense of dissatisfaction with the yellow balls we recently put into play. Lyle purchases some of the green balls (jugs?) which have a softer feel. These seem to be preferred by the payers.
- WEB Site Advertising. Sue submitted the committee recommendation of setting up a link page for members promoting their pickleball services. There was debate over what type of member “business” would be eligible to appear on this link page. The proposed solution was tabled for further discussion.
- Zoom Sessions. Anna proceeded to subscribe to the full version of Zoom. This resulted in a better and uninterrupted flow for our meetings.

- Special Bookings: There was some discussion around booking times and restricting level play to 4.0 rated players. Harvey will try to get some measure of interest by the group that is currently booking their own times. They have 9 sessions privately booked for January. At this time no special bookings will be made by the club.

Adjournment:

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022.