

NANAIMO PICKLEBALL CLUB – 2025 AGM MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order Sat., Jan. 25, 2025 at 1:00 pm with President Deb Marshall chairing. This was a virtual meeting using Zoom.

QUORUM DETERMINATION: There were 36 members in attendance; with a current roster of 292 members, this exceeds the 5% requirement of 15 members present in order to achieve a Quorum.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE: Chairman Deb welcomed all introduced the existing suite of Executive and Directors as follows:

Deb Marshall – President

Harvey Hall – Vice President

Wayne Overton – Treasurer

Kim Brunt – Secretary

Lyle Evans – Director

John Emmons – Director

Caron Knight – Director

Monte Niver – Director (absent)

Ruth Dougan – Director (absent)

Sally Morten – Director

Charles Ku – Director

AGENDA REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE: M/S Wayne/Dave – that the agenda be accepted as presented: CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM: M/S Kim/Wayne – that the minutes from the 2024 AGM be accepted as presented: CARRIED.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Deb gave thanks to all Directors and Coordinators along with an overview of the Club’s activities during 2024 (outlined in detail in the attached reports). Dave Eaton (Coordinator for Pickleball for the BC 2025 55+ Senior Games) also provided an update and call for volunteers for the Games which will be held in Nanaimo in September 2025.

TREASURERS REPORT: (Wayne)

Question: \$5k set aside for Beban Field House development as a facility a number of years ago; what is the status of this initiative? *Answer:* these funds were set aside several years ago and were meant to be used as a case study which was not undertaken so this commitment was not carried forward as a specific line item in the 2024 budget. We currently have a sufficient surplus to cover the costs of this initiative if it is pursued.

M/S Wayne/Caron – that the Treasurer’s report be adopted as presented: CARRIED.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Circulated prior to the meeting):

Court Director: Charles – see report for details.

Court Reserve: Charles – see report.

Correspondence: Monte – see report.

Grants & Funding Proposals: Kim

Lyle: A quote on lighting for the new courts at Beban has been sought by the City; the new Executive may wish to further investigate solar lighting options through a Club member that has knowledge on this as an option; an upcoming deadline in the May/June time period for application should be on the new Executives' radar to apply for this or other funding initiatives.

Play Session Coordinator: Harvey – see report.

Junior Program: Harvey – see report.

City Liaisons/NPC Facility Update: Wayne

Lots of face time with the City has occurred; suggestions for improvement of play, safety, etc. are welcomed; City has been a good partner so far.

Facebook Page: Wayne – see report.

Website: Wayne – see report.

Club Ratings Committee: Lyle

Pickleball Brackets has recently changed significantly so our ability to monitor Novice (and other) players' ratings and move them up as appropriate no longer exists; Pickleball Tournament and Pickleball Brackets have been merged; as a result, the Club's Bracket Sessions have been temporarily suspended; novices can still access the Challenge Up Sessions and new options for moving up to 3.5 and 4.0 are anticipated. Something the new Executive will be addressing soon.

QUESTION: Are we going to DUPR? *Answer:* DUPR is an option under CourtReserve); much more work involved in data entry and management, so a move to DUPR in the short term is not likely.

New Member Liaison/Coordinator: Ruth – see report.

QUESTION: Are we keeping pace with the general increase in membership across the province related to the general increased interest in Pball or should we be actively recruiting members? *Answer:* We grew 10% from 2023 to close to 400 members at the end of 2024; currently (Jan. 2025) we are closer to 300 but this is not unusual as up to one third of members tend to sign up during the year rather than right at the beginning. We also have a lot of good outdoor options and there are many hardcore players that only play outdoors that aren't members.

QUESTION: Should we go after these folks to become members? *Answer:* We are already maxxed out at our indoor play options and may need to actually consider capping membership to reduce frustrations at not finding sufficient indoor play availability.

QUESTION: Is What's App a way to coordinate outdoor play? *Answer:* Likely need specific permission from members to be included on the list, and there may be liability issues; a good topic to further investigate at the next Exec. Meeting.

Coordinator Locator: Ruth – see report.

Orientation/New Players: Caron – see report.

Tournaments: Caron – see report.

Social/Media (Events/Volunteers): Sally

Folks can volunteer at any time of the year to be added to the volunteer list (bonus is you'll be the first call – and therefore given choice of best chores – when an event occurs).

Departing Directors Message: Deb

Five members of the Executive are leaving this year. This creates an opportunity for new perspectives but these folks are leaving big shoes to fill. The efforts of John Emmons, Monte Niver, Ruth Dougan, Caron Knight, and Lyle Evans who are leaving were recognized and noted as being very greatly appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Dave Eaton appointed to Chair the election process.

Existing Executive members that have agreed to let their names stand (no additional nominations received from the floor):

President: Deb Marshall (declared by acclamation)

Vice President: Harvey Hall (declared by acclamation)

Treasurer: Wayne Overton (declared by acclamation)

Secretary: Kim Brunt (declared by acclamation)

Directors at Large – up to 7 are needed; the following have agreed to let their names stand (no additional nominations received from the floor):

Charles Ku

JC Dayne

Sally Morten

Glynis Digeorgio

Shirley Woyke

Donna Poburan

Chris Bayne

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned 1:57 pm

NOTE: The reports referenced in the above minutes can be found on the Club's website at:

www.nanaimopickleball.org/2025-aqm-1