

"UNOFFICIAL" MINUTES OF 2023 Fall MEETING CANADIAN LAKES PICKLEBALL CLUB

August 27, 2023; 5:00 pm

Highland Haus

(These Meeting Minutes will be presented for approval at the 2024 Annual Spring Membership Meeting)

1. **Meeting called to order-** President C. Ligtoet at 5:21pm. Board members present: C. Ligtoet, C. Janssen, P. Aleksynas, K. Parks, T. Kellogg
2. **Welcome and sign in-** Sign in sheet available; 45 club members signed in. Pizza provided; attendees brought beverages and dishes to share.
3. **Secretary Report-** 5/11/23 Meeting Minutes were sent out via email after Spring meeting and hard copies were available at today's meeting. 5/11/23 meeting minutes were approved; motion by K. Battle and seconded by D. Sulkowski.
4. **President's Report-** C. Ligtoet presented the following:
 - a. The Club had 120 membership renewals for 2023. With new members, the membership is now up to 177 members; largely in thanks to developmental program led by C. Janssen and our Member-at-Large, T. Kellogg for her constant marketing of the club and events.
 - b. TeamReach reminder: Please sign up if you haven't already; it is the best way to contact other people for events/games/misc.
 - c. Community Open Play: We worked w/ CLPOC and agreed to Sun – Fri, 8-12 would be left open for Community Open Play. Soon, signs will be installed indicating the rules for community open play.
 - d. Paddle Rack system Changes for 2024: to facilitate new, Intermediate, and advance play we will have 2 courts set for novice/beginner, 3 for intermediate, 2 for advanced and one challenge court. The Challenge Court will not have a paddle rack, can use fence to hang paddles.
 - e. Guest Reminder: Parking passes must be visible at all times while at the courts. CLPOC Safety is stepping up their compliance monitoring efforts.
 - f. Court Sign-in Sheet Reminder: Please remember to sign in at the courts, so that CLPOC can see the growth within our pickleball community, and we'll be equipped if/when we have requests for future needs.
 - g. Lock Box: numbers need to be scrambled when done. Leaving them on the original code may result in unauthorized access.
 - h. Emergency contact list is hanging on clip inside shed.
 - i. Club Programs and Events: Greg Babbitt has agreed to allow the closure of the courts during Club programs and events. Event Coordinators should hang our signs, "Closed for Club-Only Event" at each end of the courts. Please remember, the courts belong to the CLPOC, not our Club, so if you must turn anyone away, or ask anyone to leave, be

diplomatic. Most often, it's a simple matter of their not knowing the Club hours, and the agreement we have with the CLPOC. Security has requested, and been provided with, the most recent schedule, and will support the closure of the courts for Club Events, if necessary. The number for Safety, (231) 972-8555, is posted at the shed.

- j. This is C. Ligtvoet's last official Board meeting, as her term as president has concluded after two years. She offered a thank you to the Board members for their work over the past year. It was a transitional year where we grandfathered in any non-property owner Club member from 2021-2022 wishing to remain in the Club, via Sponsorship, or were advised to lease amenities.
- k. Board Member Nominations Update/Vote: An election was not necessary, as there were two open spots on the Board with C. Ligtvoet's term ending as President, and K. Parks stepping down as Secretary, and Dave Grinzinger and Kathy Battle were the only two individuals that volunteered and were nominated to serve on the Board. This will enable the Board to rotate turnovers with two-year terms.
 - i. After the general membership meeting ended, the 2023-2024 CLPBC Board members gathered and decided on their roles for the 2023-2024 season, effective 8/27/23:

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Secretary Kathy Battle	Email: itsakathy@gmail.com Phone: (989) 620-0071
Treasurer Pete Aleksynas	Email: pjaleks@live.com Phone: (616) 915-6607
Member-at-Large Tina Kellogg	Email: kelloggt56@gmail.com Phone: (517) 930-1880

- i. Winter Play Update/Vote: We do not have a commitment in writing but there was a verbal update from S. Brandt that it will likely be \$1,800 for October – April 15, 2024 with Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 – 12. There may be a weekday removed and Saturday added; details are still being worked out. He will continue to work with the CLPBC president to establish a new contract for the club to vote on via email.
 - i. C. Ligtvoet advised we do not want sub groups working off our contract as we would not have control over these groups.
 - 1. Per S. Brandt: There were approximately 3 sub-groups and they were all members that negotiated separately for additional play time. They were required to ask permission to use our nets but the board did not recall permission being asked. Separate groups would not be allowed to use CLPBC property.

- ii. Question arose regarding Payment Options, per S. Brandt: Church considered \$2 per player but with transition will be very busy. They would like to continue our contract for at least another year. If opened to entire community and advertised, it would be very crowded. The CLPBC are a known entity to the church and thus easier to deal with COVID waivers, ect.
- iii. Note: During the winter, guests were required to pay \$2 to play at the Church. During the summer, there is a Donations box, for any guest wishing to play during Community Open Play and support the club.

5. **Vice President's Report-** C. Janssen presented the following:

- a. Personal goal was to fulfill the Board responsibility as stated in the bylaws: to promote, organize, and facilitate participation in pickleball in Canadian Lakes.
- b. We participated in the CLA Membership Drive (C. Janssen & T. Kellogg); raffled off free membership and collected email addresses with the raffle. We then emailed these people and marketed our Introductory Class and Beginner Clinic.
- c. Player Development Program Results: Could not have done it without my seven volunteer instructors: Kathy Battle, Linda Clark, Angela O'Toole, Tina Kellogg, Lynn Johannessen; Deb Szcepanski and Kevin Battle.
- d. We held 3 two-hour Introduction to Pickleball classes for 38 individuals; club membership was not a requirement.
- e. Twenty-nine individuals attended one of two six-hour-long Beginner Clinics, which required club membership. Currently there are 18 on the wait list; 12 of which are club members. Unfortunately, their schedules and instructor schedules are not lining up.
- f. Courts are reserved Monday through Friday 1 pm -3 pm (scheduled on TeamReach) for beginner and novice players wishing to play with club members of similar skills and abilities, and when possible, under the supervision, guidance, or along with instructors or mentors. Note: Court 4 is available during open Community Open Play for novice play.
- g. Nancy Henderson and her daughter Julia have their own private indoor court on Buchanan Rd. and offer private lessons. Their flyer was provided for review and is available on our website.
- h. CLPBC Website: C. Janssen pushed the "publish" button on the CLPBC website: www.canadianlakespickleballclub.com.
 - i. Vision was to have more up-to-date information available for our community.
 - ii. Website contains membership applications, policies, by-laws and other documents. Information on how to become member, benefits of membership, and also provides a player development section.
 - iii. Board section will provide transition for board members for hand offs and board meeting minutes.
- i. Graphic Specialties: They have our logo on file and they do great products. Catalog & Business card up at the table for review: 225 E. Main Street, Mecosta; (231) 972-8616; gswt8616@gmail.com.

6. **Treasurer Report-** P. Aleksynas presented the following:

- a. W. Kiehler: M. Rutkowski, J. Sandy & W. Kiehler met with P. Aleksynas a couple of weeks ago; reviewed/audited all treasurer paperwork and approved it.
- b. Treasurer Report: Beginning balance from Spring meeting: \$8,141.58; expenditures were \$899.58.
- c. Pickleball Central: We accumulated over \$500 in rewards over the past two years. Bought balls, books for the player development classes; these items are not on the treasurer report.
- d. Deposits: \$3,373; current balance is \$10,615
- e. Budget from now to Spring: figured about \$3,480, which includes a line amount of \$2,000 for winter play at New Hope Church.
- f. P. Aleksynas comment: We may seem like we have a lot of money, but courts just got fixed and repaired. Price to resurface has now jumped to over \$27,000 and we won't be able to afford covering the cost of repairs if needed prior to CLPOC-budgeted resurfacing. The plan is to start accumulating some money as a bit of a reserve for repairs if needed.
- g. Question from club member: 60% of budget is winter play? Yes.
- h. Question from club member: How much did we pay last year: \$1,600;
- i. P. Aleksynas comment: Emergency phone numbers are necessary for club members. If there is an injury, the club should be able to contact someone for the injured person.

7. Member Input/Questions/Comments

- a. K. Battle suggestion: digital code locking system for shed rather than key box; will add to the to-do-list for future board.
- b. Club member question on TeamReach: Is there a code for whole general population? C. Ligtvoet: No. You can do a message and send it directly to people or have secretary send email to club for you if needed.
- c. T. Frain: Winter play: in favor of anything keeping people play whether we have winter dues and summer dues or pay one dues and subsidize winter. Cost is not prohibitive. Our dues should be \$100 considering everything that is covered; it is in our benefit to be able to help with adding courts and help with the upkeep.
- d. T. Frain: Some of the membership felt slighted because we "kicked out" people that helped initiate the club but we can have a list of those that would like to sponsor them. We shouldn't have "kicked out" non property-owners unless the courts are too busy; we are not there yet.
- e. Club member question: Any thoughts about tournament next year? Yes:
 - i. T. Frain: advised we should have one every year. He is offering to step up and run a tournament and could be a tournament committee chair.
 - ii. C. Ligtvoet: It cannot be the board's responsibility to run a tournament; not feasible. Board can help and individuals can volunteer to help if they would like but someone else has to run it.
 - iii. Question: How many people will volunteer to help? Five from 45 attendees raised hands.

- iv. Christie Borne (sister of property owner Janet Weston) of Pickleball Sisters is interested in conducting a tournament next summer and may submit a proposal. She would require volunteers from the club to help.
- v. K. Battle: Need volunteers on game days but members would like to play, which can be an issue.
- vi. Discussion followed about tournament options such as DUPR running the tournament.
- vii. T. Frain: We need to allow vendor booths; we missed money by not selling vendor booths last time but need to be careful about sponsorship funding differences.
- viii. T. Frain introduced the idea of US Team Pickleball: Teams from different locations go compete against each other intramural. No travel over thirty minutes. Just a fun format to become aware of. J. Butzin: Big Rapids have a club and we have a club; can start with these two.
- f. Suggestion: H. Vandenbrink suggested a golf outing at Royal as a fundraiser
- g. J. Butzin: We updated the Community Open Play to run from 8am -12pm; can we consider 9am-12 or 9am-1 to be respectful to the neighbors. We now have people out there banging the ball at 7:15 am - 7:30 am.
- h. M. Baumann suggestion: If we are flush with money; as courts fill up and we go 4 on 4 off; additional gate at each side of gates allows access on sides to all four courts. C. Ligtvoet: we priced four extra gates at \$2,000 to gate off two sections; not cheap.
- i. A. O'Toole reminder: Tomorrow: AED Training at 2 pm at Highland Haus by CLA
 - i. Per Pete, relocating the AED outside of the shed was rejected by the CLA because of the potential for damage to the equipment.
 - ii. Instructions will be posted to first call 911 then Safety who has access to the lockbox for the key to the shed.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Parks, Secretary

Congratulations to the Door Prize/Raffle Drawing Winners:

K. Meyer (\$25 CLPBC membership)

J. Butzin (\$25 Pickleball Central Gift Certificate)

S. Steele (\$25 CLPBC membership)

Canadian Lakes Pickleball Club

May 11, 2023 - Aug. 26, 2023

Beginning Balance.....\$8,141.58

Checks:

Pete Aleksynas...#1183.....\$ 90.07
Donation Box & Hardware for Bulletin Board

CLPOC ..#1184.....\$ 50.87
Car Passes

Cheryl Janssen#1185.....\$ 207.84
Website Platform

Tina Kellogg...#1186.....\$ 26.54
Promotional items-CLA open house

Cheryl Janssen.....\$1187.....\$ 303.61
Training Supplies

Karen Parks...\$1188.....\$ 66.28
Membership Tags

Pete Aleksynas...#1189.....\$ 97.58
Balls

Pete Aleksynas.....#1190.....\$ 34.36
Rekey shed lock & keys

Cheryl Janssen.....#1191.....\$ 22.43
First Aid supplies

Total.....Expenses.....\$ 899.58

Deposits:

Church Play.....\$ 141.00

Member Dues 2023-2024.....\$3232.00
#14-23 thru #21-23

Total.....Deposits.....\$ 3,373.00

Ending Balance.....\$10,615.00

Canadian Lakes Pickleball Club

Budget July 20, 2023 til June 1, 2024

Dept. of Licensing & Reg. Affairs.....	\$ 20.00
Indoor Balls.....	\$ 150.00
Outdoor Balls.....	\$ 250.00
Hew Hope.....	\$ 2000.00
Website Platform.....	\$ 210.00
Pizza for fall & spring meeting.....	\$ 700.00
Paddle Rack.....	\$ 700.00
Total.....	\$ 3480.00