

Canadian Lakes Pickleball Club General Meeting

May 26,2021 6-7 pm

1. Welcome by Jeff Butzin. Approximately 22 people in attendance.
 - Membership growth- we have about 12 new members since last year. Introduced Jodi Simon and Beth Cramer.
 - We are working on promoting the Canadian Lakes Pickleball Club. Members can look for articles in the Laker .
 - We currently have 142 players signed up for the July Tournament. At our last tournament we had 208 players.
 - There is a Selkirk TV app coming that shows tournaments and has lessons.
 - There will be 2 Board member positions becoming available in August. If interested in running let a current Board member know.
2. Secretary's Report: L. Johannessen read the minutes from the August 21, 2020 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as read.
3. Treasurer's Report: W. Kiehler
 - We began in August with about \$6000. 00 in the fund. We currently have \$11,835.
 - We have 93 paid members
 - We have \$4700 in our PayPal account- the Tournament account.
 - DUES- Review of the changes made to dues structure. We are moving to a uniform payment date of May 1. We no longer have the Grandfathered Group. Dues were prorated depending on payment date.
 - A couple of members wanted to know the reason for discontinuing the grandfathered group and indicated that because they paid on time in August and then paid the ½ fee for this year they actually paid more. Also that many of the grandfathered members were major contributors of time and money to the club. The rationale for eliminating this group was discussed. Members mentioned that most people donate without expectation of any personal reward or benefit. Another member indicated that donations should not be a criterion for "grandfathering". One member reminded group that with any change such as this there is an adjustment period but felt that the Board had taken the right steps going forward with Dues. Dues remain \$50 for CL members and \$75 for non CL members
 - If a player has not paid by June 31, 2021 he will be removed from the membership list. This means the player cannot participate in club activities until dues are paid. Players will get a reminder about paying dues prior to this last deadline.
4. Lessons/ Clinics/ Leagues: L Johannessen
 - We have been able this year to resume our previous club activities. Both the Wednesday Ladder League and the Couples league have been well received with a lot of

members participating. The Teamreach app is being employed and seems to be doing well.

- Tom Frain's Saturday Drop in League will begin Saturday May 29.
 - There are several upcoming opportunities to participate in clinics. Riley Newman will do his clinic May 29 and 30. Jon Coles has posted his flyer for lessons and play with pro. Christy Borne will be doing a clinic in July prior to the Tournament.
 - Mark Zaun raised the possibility of beginning a drill clinic weekly/biweekly. Different high rated players could host. This idea met with great enthusiasm. Board will need to solicit instructors and formalize a schedule.
 - CLPOC has asked that we host a clinic for new players of all ages on July 3. Mark Zaun will lead this. We will get more information about hours from CLPOC. We will need members to help as well.
 - The question of whether or not CLPOC is asking for money from the individuals providing lessons on CL courts was discussed. This has not come up yet. It may be in the future that a portion of the instructors payment could come back to CLPBC either as money or in kind eg. Free lessons
5. Mark Zaun discussed that our Canadian Lakes pickleball Website is receiving a lot of hits. The number is up 140% from last year. Many of these are not CL members. Mark will continue to update the website.
6. Court Status- M. Zaun
- Mark reminded the group that in the initial building of the courts the company did a bad job of the black top. They used road grade asphalt. Therefore the courts will never be as good as if this had been done correctly. We will always get cracks due to the use of the improper base material.
 - Mark has the materials to help repair these areas but needs 3 dry days to do so.
 - The use of epoxy over time may help to seal the courts
 - The next time the courts need to be resurfaced we will use the current company
 - The question of using a tarp to cover areas while trying to dry them was introduced. Mark will check as to any benefits of this approach
7. Tournament Update: C. Schroeder
- Discussed that the format was changed after the last tournament from women's doubles on Friday, mixed doubles on Sat and Men's doubles on Sunday to men and women's doubles for over 60 on Friday , mixed doubles on Saturday and men and women's doubles for under 60 on Sunday. We want to have full brackets to make play competitive. Due to this approach we cannot combine skill levels from different days to help complete brackets.
 - Encouraged players to sign up and try to get friends to sign up.
 - Her sister will sing the National Anthem one day. Asked for suggestions for other days. Maybe Alyssa Menincho.
 - Ken Foster will need help with marking the parking places on Thursday,

- Both Marilyn and Carol will not be doing their roles next year. If anyone is interested in taking on those duties they should let Carol know. It would be helpful if the new person shadowed Carol/ Marilyn this year.
 - Will need people to help for set up- day before and clean up.
 - Carol stated that she has some concerns about the wifi at Jeff Hylek's house. This is critical for the running of the tournament. There is something going up that may help with the situation. Carol will check to see if there is a possibility for a direct hook up with ether net cable. This will eliminate the wifi issue.
 - The hot dog man will be providing food and Hixson's will provide ice/ water. We may need to borrow some Igloo coolers from members.
 - Sometimes players would like to come play but find it difficult to obtain lodging, either due to availability or cost.. Carol would like members who can host players let her know.
 - There was a discussion as to the use of referees. Because we are a non-sanctioned event we do not require referees. Although all agreed it is best to have referees for all matches, we will not be able to do this. It was felt that it would be important to have referees for the gold medal matches. Joyce would be willing to help train referees. To be approved you must take the course APBA, know the rules, work with Joyce for several matches, ref with Joyce mentoring for 4-5 matches and then practice frequently. We will see if there are any individuals that would like to do this.
 - It was also mentioned that players should be reminded that they can ask for a referee for a match where they are having problems or if they need a ref to answer a question.
 - Carol again stressed the need for members to sign up!
8. There was a brief discussion about possibilities for the use of Club funds. The amount available will depend on how much is available after the tournament. Suggestions included paving around the outside of the courts, having a warmup dinking area, having a backboard for single players to practice, getting corner fans for the shed area, possible water fountain/bottle filler and buying an octopus(to lob balls) which could be rented to members for practice.
 9. Tina Kellog indicated that the mulch in the garden area by the courts blows around/off and the use of something else in the area? Rocks would be better.
 10. There was discussion about the CLPOC participation in the Tournament. Jessica in marketing is working with Jeff. They may provide a welcoming gift or provide entertainment one evening.
 11. Next General Meeting will be in August 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7 Pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Johannessen