

MINUTES OF 2023 SPRING MEETING CANADIAN LAKES PICKLEBALL CLUB
MAY 11; 6:00 -7:20 pm
Legacy Park

1. **Meeting called to order-** President C. Ligtvoet at 6:05 pm. Board members present: C. Ligtvoet, C. Janssen (via phone), P. Aleksynas, K. Parks, T. Kellogg
2. **Welcome and Sign in-** Sign in sheet available. 37 people signed in; however over 50 were in attendance per headcount during the meeting by President C. Ligtvoet.
3. **Secretary Report-** 9/7/22 Meeting Minutes were sent out via email in advance of the meeting. CLPBC Member W. Kiehler advised via email response of one correction which was made prior to the spring meeting; during the meeting no other corrections were noted. 9/7/22 meeting minutes were approved; motion by CLPBC Member M. Burke and seconded by club member J. Butzin.
4. **Treasurer Report-** Treasurer P. Aleksynas provided the treasurer report. As of 5/11/23, the CLPBC has a bank balance of \$8,141.58. Expenses were reviewed along with current status of 50 renewals for 2023-2024 memberships, three of which are sponsored members. President C. Ligtvoet advised many people bought lots and amenities and thanked these members for their support of the Canadian Lakes Community. Motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by CLPBC Member M. Grudman and was seconded by CLPBC Member D. Grundman.
5. **President's Report** C. Ligtvoet presented the following topics:
 - a. **Court Sign In Sheet**

The sign in sheet will help us track usage numbers for support by CL management if questions or issues arise.
 - b. **Community Open Play:**

From 8-noon, the pickleball courts will be open for "Community Open Play". During this time, the club will be playing but the Canadian Lakes Community (owners and amenity holders) are welcome to join the play. There will be a "donation box" present so non-members can contribute to the fund for pickleball balls. By having it open to the community, the club is able to use all eight courts for club events; we will not have to leave two courts open for outside play.

NOTE: Community Open Play is meant to be inclusive of all players. Those that don't wish to play with others of various skill levels are encouraged to use the courts outside of club play times.
 - c. **Fee Reduction**

The CLPBC board had met and discussed the court resurfacing situation. The CLPOC has it on their schedule to repave the courts every 6-7 years. This year they will spend \$27,000 to repave the courts, a cost that has almost doubled in three years. The club

had agreed to do it once three years ago and at that time the cost was \$16,000. We as a board felt the cost is becoming too prohibitive to have our club take on this responsibility every other time. We also felt we would lose membership this year due to a difficult transition with new rules, and we are looking to attract more property owners/amenity holders by advertising a lower fee for the 2023-2024 season. As of the meeting we had 6 more people sign up for the 2023-2024 membership. We are at 56, down from our normal 100+.

Discussion:

-CLPBC Member M. Zahn advised that initially it was a three-year turnover but that it would likely be more of a four-year turnover, meaning the club would have to come up with the funds every eight years.

-It was noted that we already used \$12,000 of our budget to pave around the courts in the 2022-2023 season.

-The tennis courts by the Royal are in bad shape with gaps but the consensus is they don't have as much ground play as pickleballers do.

-As a club, we are already behind in saving for the next resurfacing, which would be in 3-4 years.

-M. Zahn also advised that non-club members wouldn't mind donating \$25 or so to help with the resurfacing.

-Treasurer P. Aleksynas can move some of the current balance over into a savings account specific to repaving, and also track incoming donations.

-Those that are interested in donating can send a check to P. Aleksynas.

VOTE: Per the discussion, the board asked the club if they preferred returning the fee to \$50 for the 2024-2025 season to start putting money toward resurfacing the courts. The Club voted yes on raising the individual fee back to \$50 and also agreed that donations and fundraisers would be helpful to start putting money aside for resurfacing.

NOTE: Pickleball courts will be down for a week (if good weather) for the repaving this summer. As soon as we know the dates, we will inform club members.

d. **Winter Play**

For the 2022-2023 season, we paid New Hope \$1,800. A discussion with the club was held to determine what we would like to do for the 2023-2024 season.

-A hybrid plan- play a couple of days rather than four: this was shot down by the majority of the members present. Preference is to play as often as possible.

-CLPBC Member S. Brandt (also a member of New Hope's board) advised that the club needs to make a decision or the church would make contracts with other individuals.

The church has set aside the gym play for the CLPBC exclusively but started working with some individuals for specific play (high ranking players and lower ranked).

-Proposal from CLPBC Member D. Szcepanski: Winter players chip in an extra \$2 per play. This was not accepted well by the membership.

-Discussion followed; consensus is that while there are those that can't play in the winter because they are out of town, we also have members that don't play as much in the summer due to golf.

UPCOMING VOTE: per the discussion, your board will send out a Survey Monkey vote on or after June 1, 2023 so current members of the club will have input on whether we will continue winter play. If the vote is to continue, we will work with New Hope Church for ideas that will be financially acceptable to the club. The financial options provided by the church will then be presented to the club for a final vote in the fall meeting.

e. **Parking Passes**

President C. Ligtvoet provided sponsored members with their 2023-2024 parking passes.

f. **Shed Code**

The shed code is 1959; it will be changed June 1 and CLBPC members at that time will be provided with the new code.

g. **DUPR**

President C. Ligtvoet is looking into a ranking system under DUPR; she will provide more information to the members as soon as she has it. This system helps establish a ranking even without tournaments and is free to club members signed up as of 6/1/23. DUPR will also provide support during tournaments should we decide to do any in the future.

h. **Dirt Road**

Reminder to our club to go slow on the dirt road; stopping at the end before turning will help keep the dust down. Property owner has a wife with asthma and the dirt is a real problem. Club members are to use other entrances as possible.

6. Other

a. **AED:** M. Zahn brought up the AED machine and advised it should be mounted outside for more access. The AED machines are checked regularly. A discussion followed about the best location; Treasurer P. Aleksynas will contact CLA about training on AED usage and also see about moving the AED.

b. **CLA Open House/Club Membership Drive**

June 9 there will be a CLA membership meeting where clubs can provide information on their activities; we will be attending with club information.

c. **Website**

Vice President C. Janssen worked with M. Zahn in taking over the CLPBC website and she is currently refreshing the site. There will be a board section and a member section. She asked if the members had anything they wanted to see on the website; a request was made for the current club meeting minutes to be placed there. Until the new site is up, the minutes from today's meeting (5/11/23) will be placed on the old site.

d. **Player Development**

Discussion about having a mentor list; the mentors can then coordinate play time with the players they are mentoring; volunteers needed. Essentially, the board is looking for club input on what they would like to see for best ways to enjoy play but also include beginner players and make them welcome.

For anyone interested in assisting with player development, see Vice President C. Janssen.

e. **Social/Events Committees**

-Saturday Ladder League will continue as was run 2022-2023

-Monday and Wednesdays are open for events; could be a ladder, couples league or round robin. If we wish to continue with a ladder league on Wednesdays, it will take 2-3 volunteers to run for printouts, computer work, etc.

-Tuesday Evening Ladies starts next week with CLPBC Member E. Shirk; schedule will be on Team Reach, password is ladies123.

- Volunteers are needed to run these events and other social nights.

f. **Member Input**

Court Ideas discussed:

-Challenge Court?

-Split courts in half; those at 3.5 and higher on one half, those 3.0 and lower on other half? (This idea did not receive support from the members present.)

-Community Open Play will remain 2 in and 2 out; two games consecutively played at a time. At some point in the future if the courts begin to fill up, 4 in and 4 out may need to be implemented.

-Accurate ranking will help so that members can play at their own skill level and also slightly higher in order to build their skillset. DUPR may help with this.

-Ranked Courts? Losers at higher level would have to go to lower ranked courts for two games before they could move back up.

-CLPBC Member T. Highfield asked about Dink boards; consensus is that if anyone wants to build one with marine plywood, we can have it installed by CLPOC.

Monetary Ideas discussed:

-It was previously discussed that there will be a donation box for guest players to donate for ball usage. We also discussed having donations for repaving.

-Suggestion was made to have people bring their own balls; Treasurer P. Aleksynas advised the budget was about \$300 for balls so this would not be a major money saver.

-P. Aleksynas also advised that if club members wanted anything with the club logo they can reach out to Graphic Specialties in Mecosta.

-Winter play was brought up again; due to the bad weather, indoor play continued past the annual contract the club had with New Hope. New Hope then charged \$25 per session so players paid \$2 to play daily.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Parks, Secretary

Canadian Lakes Pickleball Club

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