

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## MINUTES

### SUMMERLAND PICKLEBALL CLUB

held at 7:00 pm Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at the  
Summerland Seniors Drop In Centre, 9710 Brown Street

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was confirmed with 43 members signed in.

2. A **Motion** was put forward by Brian Christopherson, seconded by Angela Sielmann to approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2018 AGM as written – **Carried** (unanimous).

#### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Brian Christopherson welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked all volunteers and committee members for their ongoing contributions to the Club. Special recognition was given to outgoing directors Henry Sielmann and Pat Begley for their service on the Board. Recognition and appreciation was given to local businesses for their continued support of the club.

##### Review of Past Year

- Pickleball lines were painted on the remaining Peach Orchard tennis court, providing the club with 2 additional courts when using SPC portable nets.
- The District's Recreation Master Plan has identified three (3) priority areas for the next budget cycle – pickleball, tennis and a future dog park. A Consultant has been hired by the District to determine the best locations for all three. A report should be available by the end of December.
- There have been no issues or complaints submitted by the District toward the club.
- Indoor programs will be underway in October. The Harold Simpson Memorial Hall is reserved for the SPC indoor program on the same days and times as last year.
- Mark Siemens will follow up with Unisus School in the next couple of weeks to find out if the gym is available for use by the club. More than half of the members present showed interest in evening play.
- Linda Curle (President, Badminton Hall) reported the Badminton executive is pleased with our joint collaboration and the club is invited to use the Hall again this winter. Linda suggested more training is needed for court hosts (mandatory at the Hall) on managing the badminton nets and opening and closing the Hall. Linda and Dennis Curle have offered to train potential court hosts. A \$3.00 p.p. usage fee will apply for this coming indoor season.

#### Committee Reports

##### Membership (Henry Sielmann)

- Henry reported 142 members this year – half of which are new members to the Club. The retention rate is good. Some members belong to other clubs in the valley.

##### Maintenance Report (Pat Begley)

- Outdoor season - regular maintenance of the Peach Orchard courts was carried out involving perimeter fence repair, cutting back branches along the exterior fence, weed control, cleaning court surfaces and keeping courts clear of leaves and vegetation.

- Additional work involved permanent installation of paddle rack w/ appropriate signage, capping fence railings w/ protective black piping, re-installing and repairing wind screen and installing plywood base plate to back wall of court #1.
- Indoor season – temporary lines were installed on the gym floor at Unisus School and subsequently removed at the end of the season.
- Many thanks to Ray Bogarth, Mike Donnelly, Lori Burgoyne, Mark Siemens and Henry Sielmann for their help with maintenance.

#### Programs (Carol Hermesh)

- Many thanks to the six (6) members (Mark Siemens, Henry Sielmann, Sue Simpson, Barb Heemeryck, Brian Christopherson and Mike Wierzbicki) of the program team for their contributions to the Committee this year.
- The Committee continues to work toward improving programs. Popular outdoor programs were Skills & Drills, the Competitive Group, Partner Play, 3.5 and 3.0 Skill Levels and Social Play.

Accolades and applause were given to the following medal winners who participated in tournaments throughout the valley representing the Summerland Pickleball Club:

Carol McCabe, Dale Jenner, Carol Hermesh, Art Flett, Nell & Bill Hinchey and Lori & Dave Burgoyne

- Goals for the next year include:
  - better training and more latitude to Captains for managing their programs, and
  - another survey to acquire input from the membership regarding programs.

#### **New Club Insurance**

- Angela Sielmann outlined a new comprehensive 3<sup>rd</sup> Person Liability, Directors and Officers Liability and Sport Accident insurance that is offered through Pickleball BC and Pickleball Canada. The fee will include membership to both organizations.

A **Motion** was put forward by Angela Sielmann, seconded by Lionel Simpson to approve the new general liability insurance for our club offered through Pickleball Canada, at a fee of \$7.50 p.p. – **Carried** (unanimous)

#### **4. Treasurer's Report – attached to these Minutes**

A **Motion** was put forward by Carol Johnson, seconded by Henry Sielmann that the SPC accepts the financial statements as presented – **Carried** (unanimous).

#### **Budget**

- \$15.00 Restricted Fund
- \$ 7.50 Comprehensive Insurance Package
- \$ 8.50 Equipment (pickleballs, nets, etc.)
- \$ 1.00 Administrative expenses
- \$ 3.00 Court rental from District

A **Motion** was put forward by Carol Johnson, seconded by Sue Simpson to approve the SPC Budget for fiscal year September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 – **Carried** (unanimous)

## 5. Special Resolutions

A **Motion** was put forward by Carol Johnson, seconded by Carol Hermesh that the SPC membership fee of \$35.00 per member be approved, effective September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 – **Carried** (unanimous).

A **Motion** was put forward by Brian Christopherson, seconded by Gwen Redfern that the SPC membership fee be waived for persons 80 years of age and older – **Carried** (unanimous)

## 6. Election of 2020 SPC Board of Directors

A **Motion** is put forward by Henry Sielmann, seconded by Lionel Simpson that the following members form the 2020 Board of Directors of the Summerland Pickleball Club by acclamation – **Carried** (unanimous)

### **Executive**

President - Brian Christopherson  
Vice-President - Mark Siemens  
Secretary - Angela Sielmann  
Treasurer - Carol Johnson

### **Directors-at-large**

Director 1 – Carol McCabe  
Director 2 – Dale Jenner  
Director 3 – Carol Hermesh  
Director 4 – Sue Simpson

## 7. Other Business

### Special Resolution

A Motion was put forward by Mark Siemens, seconded by Mike Morasse to approve an amendment to the *SPC Bylaws, PART VI – DIRECTOR AND OFFICERS, Article 6.07* to read the following, “The Directors shall retire from office at each Annual General Meeting when their successors are elected. **Directors are eligible for re-election and may hold office for a period of two (2) years.** Separate elections shall be held for each office to be filled. An election may be by acclamation; otherwise it shall be by show of hands. If no successor is elected, the person previously elected or appointed continues to hold office **for one (1) more year – Carried** (unanimous).

## 8. Comments/ Suggestions from the floor.

- Pro-rating the membership fee. Not recommended by the Board.
- Fee for guests. Guests are allowed one (1) free visit after which they need to become members of the SPC if they wish to play in club run programs.
- Court hosts are needed, both for the outdoor and indoor programs. Members are encouraged to step up and take a turn at court hosting.
- Using the local high school facilities to play pickleball. The club has approached the school board on this issue with no success.
- Appoint a Board member to be the PR and media rep for the club. The new Board will follow up with this suggestion.

## 9. Adjournment

A Motion was put forward by Linda Bishop, seconded by Lionel Simpson to adjourn the third annual general meeting of the Summerland Pickleball Club at 8:09 pm – **Carried** (unanimous)

Submitted by Angela Sielmann, Secretary  
September 4, 2019