

KELOWNA BADMINTON CLUB

Executive Meeting – Nov 16 2020 - held upstairs at conference table

Present: Mike Christian, Lyndsay Thomson, Takashi Hirose, Martin Weilmeier, Colin Comfort, Karen Quigley, Donna Campbell, Harpreet Sidhu

Regrets: Pdraig MacRoibeaird (Paddy), Stephen Atherton, Andy Galloway

Mike Christian called this meeting to order at 7:05 pm

An update on Stephen's recovery was provided, with all very pleased to learn he appears to be doing fairly well at home and is well cared for. Stephen has been able to continue keeping up with our public relations needs.

Review of Minutes from Oct 19, 2020 - Items arising from these Minutes:

Securing Net Poles - Since Tyler is busy, Mike will see if this can be taken care of.

Additional Sport funding - Karen expects to hear back by the end of the month.

Waivers: Colin will check to see if Paddy & Andy have submitted theirs.

Minutes approved - moved by Karen

Agenda - Approved - moved by Lyndsay

Director's Reports:

Colin - Membership Report as of November 15

Brackets: Renewed, New

Total: 385 (229, 156)

Adult: 246 (152, 94)

Adult Student: 26 (11, 15)

Junior: 79 (54, 25)

Restricted: 34 (12, 22)

Last year at this time there were 348 members in total.

Colin gave the executive credit for the excellent efforts put in to keep the club operational and maintain all Covid protocols.

Karen - Co-Treasurer -The reports presented were reviewed and note was made that Paddy continues to work on providing a more accurate breakdown of the various categories, which should be completed later this week.

All signing authorizations have now been updated at the bank.

Harpreet - Junior Director - 60 students are currently participating in programs and all seems to be going very well.

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Lyndsay - Program Director - All program participants will be reminded of the necessity of carding in each time they enter, which is for contact tracing & attendance. There will be no Holiday gathering this December but as with Halloween, goodie bags will be distributed. Provincial Covid protocol changes are carefully adhered to and participants have been following these very well. Some Juniors are wanting to start a ladder so this will be explored to see if that can work. Lyndsay will see if the new volunteer, Claudia, can help on the Friday session. Lyndsay will forward our new club Covid guidelines to Badminton BC and to Doug Nichols with Kelowna Sport just to ensure we are not missing anything.

Martin - Vice President - suggests contacting other BC clubs to see how they are handling their clubs especially those clubs that are now back into phase 2 with the surge in cases in certain areas. Suggests we may want to have an idea what to do in case our area is once again designated as a Covid phase 2 region. Lyndsay will check with other clubs and report back to us.

Guests: General discussion ensued about the advisability of inviting guests into the club at this time of Covid surge and it was decided that no guests would be permitted for the time being, sadly. TK has been running a weekly session inviting prospective members in to try out the club but for now that will have to be a members only session.

Pub Parking: With the pub next door expanding we foresee more parking problems for the club in the future. Parking along the Richter Street side of the building, while we have used it for years and have erected signs designating that as KBC parking, is actually city parking so we have no claim to that section. Ideas were put forth to move the Garbage & Recycling bins a bit to allow for more space in that area, and having parking closer to the building along Gaston Ave. with the idea being that people playing during the same sessions could double up behind one another to allow for more parking. Mike is to contact the city to see about options.

Skedda Bookings: Linda offered a guide for numbers of players allowed per court booking to try to maintain fairness and efficient use of all courts. Prime time is Mon-Fri 5-9 pm and demand is becoming high for bookings, with some players booking several spots per week. It was suggested limiting players to 2 sessions a week in these prime time slots. Martin will discuss ideas with Linda to see if a workable solution can be found.

Private Coaching: TK has run into multiple problems in his effort to offer adult coaching. The main problems being the times he or Mat are available and the times prospective players are available as well as finding courts available to work within these restraints. TK was wondering if coaches could be permitted to book courts 2 weeks in advance instead of the current 1 week. He will talk to Linda about this.

Lost & Found: this will have to be addressed at the next meeting as time ran out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

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