

KELOWNA BADMINTON CLUB

Executive Meeting – March 29, 2021 - via Google Meet

Present: Lyndsay Thomson, Martin Weilmeier, Colin Comfort, Karen Quigley, Donna Campbell, Padraig MacRoibeaird, Harpreet Sidhu & Stephen Atherton

Regrets: Mike Christian, Andy Galloway, Linda Estabrooks

Martin called this meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Minutes of February Meeting approved

Agenda approved

Membership Report as of 30 March 2021 - Colin

29 March 2021	Renewed	New Member	Total	Last Year to April
Adult	153	142	295	262
Adult Student	15	25	40	31
Junior	47	44	91	106
Restricted	14	31	45	49
	229	242	471	448

Junior programs: Lyndsay & Harpreet

The program has been going very well. Emily & Shen continue to maintain a well organized group who appear to be learning a lot.

A coaching course has been offered by Badminton BC and Shen has indicated he'd be happy to attend. The option of funding this opportunity for him was discussed and while all support funding, it was noted that with new Covid restrictions it is best to wait & attend this particular course in the future when things settle down. There was also a question as to why BBC would be offering this at this time when we are all advised against travel.

Lyndsay addressed concerns Mike had expressed about some of the junior players arriving via bus or bike. Lyndsay will send a note to the parents of those juniors to get a note from each parent confirming that they give consent to allow their player continue with this practice. This is seen as a formality to ensure all precautions are being taken. The players involved are all in the older category.

Scheduling Update: Martin

There had been a minor issue with a player having to be reminded of limits on scheduling but this appears to be sorted out now. Linda continues to do a stellar job of addressing issues that arise and monitoring activity.

Website & Social Media: Stephen

A group has been set up within Facebook to allow members to join & arrange games with others and this appears to be going well, at least as far as can be determined so far. There had also been a second Facebook group someone had set up years ago which followers will find confusing so Lyndsay believes she knows who that was and will ask that it be deleted now that this new one has been set up.

Financial Report: Paddy was only able to join us briefly to provide an update on his progress with itemizing various details of club revenues and expenses. There was some discussion on the complications involved and just how to organize these items. Next month is year end.

Shelter/Dumpster/Parking:

Mike had sent a note with his concerns around this and noted that the bulb on the light in the alleyway next to the ball field needs replacing. Martin & Colin to take a look at getting that done but because it is quite high on the building there were concerns expressed about the safety aspect of having members doing such jobs. There are a few other electrical jobs needing to be done so this may be something for the club to hire qualified people to handle. A light and camera installation in that dark corner of the club just outside the locker area doors area is one of the jobs we have agreed need doing and is more of a priority since we've experienced people using corner to park themselves and leave garbage, including used needles. We also need to have the outside light on a separate switch from the foyer lights to allow us to use one or the other.

Mike had expressed the idea of moving the dumpsters to the parking spot next to the alley as there is a sharps container at that corner in the park. This idea was discussed but it was felt that waiting to see if the lighting and camera installation might deter people from hanging around that area.

We also wondered if it might be wise to consult with someone from the Shelter across Richter Street to advise them of our concerns and see if they might have any suggestions. Lyndsay will give them a call & report back to us.

New Covid restrictions:

With new restrictions being imposed just today, we assume, by the wording, that there will be no changes for us at this point but will await direction from Via Sport and see what Vancouver Racquet Club (VRC) is planning to do and follow these leads. Lyndsay will contact someone at VRC.

KBC - Post Covid discussion:

Martin suggested we begin planning for how we'd like the club to run when we are able to get back to some idea of normalcy; ie do we want to continue with a scheduling model and if so, how involved as there are programs to handle many of the complications involved in running the club. It was felt a committee could explore the pros & cons of this and come up with some recommendations to present at our AGM, so that will be put out to the membership to see who might like to participate.

Past discussion took place regarding the categories of "Restricted" & "Student" memberships and if we wish to eliminate one or both of these. We decided to eliminate the "Restricted" category & discuss further the "Student" component before deciding.

Membership fees will be once again up for an increase so we must decide if we want to present increases at the AGM and if so, how much. For further discussion.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:30 - Google Meet format.

9:40 p.m. meeting adjourned

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