

KELOWNA BADMINTON CLUB

Executive Meeting – September 20, 2021 in KBC Board Room

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mike Christian, Linda Estabrooks, , Lyndsay Thompson, Donna Campbell, Martin Weilmeier, Clayton Miller, Stephen Atherton, Colin Comfort & Arman Chowdhury

Regrets: Andy Galloway

7:07 Meeting called to order

Agenda - approved

Minutes of July 26th meeting approved

Discussion arising from the Minutes: How many complaints did club receive about children playing during adult play times. There were a few so a motion was eventually put forward in an attempt to forestall future problems in this area.

***Motion** put forward by Lyndsay: That no under 12 players be permitted to play during adult prime time, identified as Monday to Friday from 5-9 pm and youth between the ages of 12-18 can participate only with the coach's approval. The motion **passed**.

All in attendance celebrated the beginning of our new season, thanks to Stephen!

1. Skedda

Booking slots are becoming busy so some concern was expressed about just how to fit players into the slots they prefer. Nathan seems to have a good deal of interest in his group program. His group is open to all levels of play and enjoyed so it is hoped his preferred times can be accommodated. Booking will now be allowed up to 8 hours before play as opposed to 24 hours as previous, in the hopes to make best use of court time.

2. Financials

Linda has received bank statements as of end of July. The balance is low at this point as per usual just before membership renewal and now with renewals flowing in, things are once again where we hoped they'd be.

Linda will be in contact with someone at the bank to discuss the possibility of receiving e-transfer payments, and she will report back at our next meeting.

There was also discussion about the possibility of getting remote access for Linda as getting up the stairs to the office is becoming a problem. Arman may be able to help in this regard so that will be explored further & the board will be advised.

3. Vaccine/Covid update:

Martin reported that club renewals are coming in regularly along with the necessary proof of vaccine. 250 members are now paid up & able to play. QR codes will be necessary by Sept 26th and many have already been received.

There is a maximum of 50 people permitted inside the club at this time. Contact tracing appears to be still necessary but this is not clear so we will continue until further details are available.

There was discussion about how much we want to open up at this stage. A decision was made that one parent of young players would be permitted to come inside to watch their player as long as they provide proof of vaccination.

***Motion** put forward by Stephen & seconded by Colin that the upstairs will once again be open to members during the times they have booked courts. This motion **passed**.

4. Sale of merchandise at club

Some discussion ensued about selling of goods at the club other than our inventory and it was generally felt this is not to be permitted within the club itself.

5. Court Fees

Court rental fees have remained at \$5.00/hr for several years. Thoughts about whether or not to raise these fees and in the end it was felt that leaving the fee at \$5.00/hr for coaches but increasing fees on a per case basis may be our best option.

6. Private Lessons

Anyone interested in providing coaching at the club must clear this with the Board to ensure quality control with regard to appropriate qualifications and documentation is in place. It is hoped that members will spread the word to get more coaching availability for our club members.

7. Junior Program

There are currently 50 children signed up for programs.

8. Membership

Adult: 142 renewed 22 new = 164 total

Student: 8 renewed 12 new = 20 total

Junior: 40 renewed 26 new = 250 total

190 renewed, 60 new = 250 total

9. UBCO Open house/BBC Associate Memberships/KBC memberships

Lyndsay & Martin kindly volunteered to help UBCO set up a badminton program and, in the process, promoted our club which has resulted in some new members signing up.

Badminton BC fees - Linda will check with BBC to ensure that part of our membership fee ensures membership in BBC.

Lyndsay and Colin were pleased with their first week of coaching programs.

10. Ladder start

With current provincial regulations it was felt we could once again get the ladder program going at the club. It is a popular group and generally well attended. Some likely candidates will be contacted to see if one will take on overseeing ladder to ensure list of names (full names) are submitted to Linda on play nights, for contact tracing.

11. Facility Update

The new outside lighting on motion detection setting seems to be just fine so we are grateful to have that completed, thanks to Andy. Andy, can you ask the electrician if the lobby lights can be put on a dimmer to decrease the glare to players, even when the door gets put back on as it interferes with play when people are coming & going?

12. Junior members family discount

Colin asked about membership fee discount for multiple children in a family and it will remain that after the first two children are signed up, additional children within the family will be free after all necessary documentation for all members must be completed. Martin or Clayton will provide a code to facilitate the difference in fees.

13. Update on Norm

Mike and Linda were kind enough to give the difficult news of Norm's current health issues. The board agreed to giving both Norm & Tess honorary memberships. They have been valued members of our club & have been keenly helpful in many club endeavors for some time & this seems like a small gesture we can extend during this tough time.

14. Adult Programs

Lyndsay and Arman will be working on getting information on what might be welcome programs and initiating them.

Next Meeting October 18, 2021, 7:00 pm at KBC

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm