

## MLPBC Board Meeting Minutes

2023-11-09 at 4pm  
Queensway

Present: Mike, Karen, Fred, Roy, Katie, Tony, Colette, members

### 1- Intro – Mike

We anticipate 200 to 300 members this season so wearing your name tag (order at the office) will help us get to know you.

New Mission Statement for the Club:

*Our mission at Maple Leaf Pickleball is to create a unique pickleball experience where beginners and veterans are treated equally, sportsmanship is more important than wins and losses, competition is strong but not relentless, friendships and camaraderie are treasured and people are more important than the game.*

Besides our website at [MapleLeafPickleballClub.com](http://MapleLeafPickleballClub.com) please consult our Facebook page for info and photos.

Wilma Ball Memorial Fund - Nancy Bower thanked everyone for their contributions and read a letter from Laura Hostetler, Wilma Ball's daughter, thanking the Club for recognizing Wilma's contribution to the Club. Wilma's memorial nameplate appears on the red tables and benches at the Pickleball centre.

Mike thanked Julie Jobgen and her team for their many hours of work organizing Party in the Park which was a truly wonderful experience.

Jeanine Robinson announced the December 10<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Dance at the Queensway, 6pm-9pm with Lori D and Jimmy B entertaining. There will be door prizes, raffle, 50/50. Any donations of door prizes would be greatly appreciated. Gary and Pat Pillard will be organizing the sale of tickets next week. We are looking for **Volunteers** to help with door prizes, set up and tear down.

Other important dates: Fundraiser Activities Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>; Club Championship Feb 23rd-25<sup>th</sup>; AGM Mar 19<sup>th</sup>; Exhibition Match with Bob White and team (TBD); Fun Tournaments. Mike emphasized the big need for a Social Director and **Volunteers** to oversee these activities.

### 2- Treasurer's Report – Fred

As of Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, Operating Account \$26,349  
Capital Savings Account \$600

The board has previously approved a transfer of \$17,000 of prior year retained surpluses from Operating to Capital Savings. This transfer will be made in November.

Dues have increased to \$65 for the season of which \$50 is directed to the Operating Account and \$15 to the Capital Savings Account.

### 3- **VP Update – Karen**

Court Reserve - Karen walked us through the steps to register on Court Reserve. Questions or concerns could be addressed after the meeting at the designated table with the help from our ambassadors. She emphasized using Court Reserve for on-line payment and to indicate your attendance at all events, even regular play, so that we can adjust the schedule as needed. All members will be asked to sign a waiver the first time they register. Members may also Reserve a Court (Sat. and Sun.) on-line. Afterwards, they will receive a reminder by email.

Beautification- Karen introduced and thanked her Committee for all their hard work. Phase 1 included the installation of tables, benches and shades. She asked the members to give feedback and their ideas on all initiatives, likes and dislikes. Once the concrete is installed we may add more tables and benches, message board, bag holders, signage, practice wall...

### 4- **Ladders/Tournaments - Royp**

Tom Oliphant has volunteered to organize the Club Championship and smaller tournaments by level. More info to come.

Ladders: Mixed on Mondays, Women's on Wednesdays, Men's on Fridays starting Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Roy walked us through an on-line Registration for Ladders. There is a Ladder Withdrawal Form to fill out on-line (3 days in advance) when you are not available. Everyone plays a 3-game set. If set goes beyond 45 minutes we will use rally scoring (1 point allotted on every serve). There will always be 2 courts available for scheduled play during Ladders.

Court Scheduling is posted on the Website through December. We will reassess court usage for each level as time goes on. We need **Volunteers** to check balls in trays and replace when necessary. Hank Mann has stepped up but we need a few more people. Please throw used balls in box (provided) for Arts and Crafts.

### 5- **Player Development – Katie**

"Intro to Pickleball" is a 2-day clinic on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm. Registration on-line . Open and free to all residents and guests of Maple Leaf. You do not need to be a member. Paddles will be available if you need one.

"Stroke and Strategy" clinics with Pro Bob White, weekly starting Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, \$21/clinic or \$120 for all 6. You can choose one or all at your skill level. These are meant to improve your skills to get you to the next level and to have fun. Sign up on Court Reserve.

### 6- **Wrap-up – Mike**

Site development is slow but we're getting there. The Rampart Building should be moved in the next few days. The foundation for restrooms and water cooler is in place. We're waiting for concrete to be laid for the Woodworking Shop. Shells are temporary till concrete is laid. Waiting for new sunshades. Storage Building (10x16) needed desperately. Electricity and conduit will be installed for courts 3 and 4, as well as the backside of court 2 and in the storage unit. There are no hard dates on anything. Courts 5 and 6 are not on this budget.

## 7- Open Mic

Don White asked if there would be a list of Substitutes for Ladders. Roy said no and added that no-shows (people who did not complete a Ladder Withdrawal notice) would move down a rung. A second no-show would result in being removed from Ladders.

Pauline Levac asked when the Ladders schedule would be posted. Roy said they would be posted at the courts 2 days before Ladders. She also asked how many days in advance that we could reserve a court. Courts can be reserved 5 days in advance. So, on Monday you can reserve for Saturday. Pauline made a comment about having a problem with completing a waiver when registered as a family. Karen suggested seeing her at the help table after the meeting or to call her.

Roger Marsh was concerned his registration on Court Reserve was not received. There was no way to check. Roy acknowledged that registrations done on CR rather than the website take longer to get to him but indeed he was registered and that he had emailed him to confirm that he was on the list.

Don White inquired about the paddle stacking box. Roy answered since the courts have not been full lately we have not been using that system. When we have more than 20 players we will start using the Gold/Silver box. We will reassess as time goes by.

Debbie Oliphant inquired if mixed ladders meant M-F partners. Roy answered it simply meant it was open to all. We could have 4 men playing together.

LaNell Burgsteden asked who could play during Open Court times. Roy answered that courts are available to everyone in the community from 7:30-9am and 4:30-6pm daily. You do not have to be a member of the MLPBC. LaNell also asked about spouses attending social functions. Mike assured everyone that spouses/partners are always welcome without a membership. Karen added that when registering for attendance at a function on CR, you can check off for a guest. This helps the organizers planning food and beverage for those functions.

Mike reminded everyone that the tables were open for help with CR, Ladders, Registration, Training, Bands... Mike also had his label maker and invited everyone to come see him to add their name to their paddle. He repeated the great need for **VOLUNTEERS**.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm