

**Members Meeting
6th January 2019
Sequim Library**

All board members, except the Treasurer and the Director of Communications, were present along with 14 members.

Play etiquette:

- There was a suggestion to avoid calling 'out' on a ball unless you are absolutely certain.
- The Director of Court Operations is going to send out a recap of the rules.

Novice play:

- There was discussion on playing with a novice player. It was stated that it is unkind to pick on the weaker partner. However, it was also stated that some novice players do not want to be 'played down to' as they want to improve. This should be discussed with the novice at the start of each game.
- The lack of time just to practice was noted. The 'two in two out' rule discourages practicing strokes.
- Once again, much appreciation was expressed for the work of Mary Helen Benapfil and Ruby Pugh in teaching the novices. Novice play is from 12:00 - 1:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Members are encouraged to go along and help.

Boys and Girls Club:

- It was stated that it can be daunting for novices to play at the B&G club. They should be encouraged to try it.
- There is one spare paddle in the box for the B&G club. Members are encouraged to donate unused paddles.
- Opinions were sought on the make up of the next league. The general consensus was for an individual league.
- The next league will have a 2.5 section.
- Gary Poor said that it would cost approximately \$950 (including tax) to replace the present lights with LEDs. The proposal will have to be cleared with the B&G club. Gary and the Director of Court Operations will follow up.
- There was a suggestion to change the morning start time to 8:00 am with the 2.5s/3.0s playing for two hours and the 3.5s/4.0s playing for the other two hours with the fee increasing to \$3.00
- Play at the B&G club may be available on Saturday afternoons in the future.

Courts:

- It was stated that the bolts on the gates sometimes fall into the holes in the ground and it is hard to free them. Solutions included using a magnet to keep the door open and removing the bolt, and filling in the hole. The Director of Court Operations will look into it.

- The winter play schedule needs to be put up at the courts.
- The President stated that the cracks appearing in the courts are covered under the warranty.
- There is a texting group for knowing who is playing at the courts. Details are on the web site.

Shed:

- Gary suggested replacing the current door, which is insecure, with a steel door. This would have to be cleared with the city. The Treasurer will check if there are shed funds left.
- There were suggestions to have a lock with a combo lock or a keyed lock with the key inside a key box with a combo.

Members:

- Bob Sester stated that the ratings are finished. Thanks were expressed for all the work put in by the ratings group.
- It was suggested that members look at the ratings occasionally to identify areas for improving their play.
- A suggestion was made to add links to videos in the newsletter.
- The Vice President requested member input on the strategic plan which can be found on the web site.
- Much appreciation was expressed to Denise Cordero for the many hours she has put in to upgrading the web site and to keeping it running smoothly.

Adopt a Highway

- A big thank you to all the people who turned out to pick up litter along our section of 101. A total of 56 bags were filled.

The next members meeting will be in April.