

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2023

Present: Diana Hardina, Mary Lou Gallup, Stefan Topolski, Norman Beebe, and Cowell Gym Director Bill Buck

1---- Minutes for March will be approved via email.

2---- Pickleball/ Please see the attached pickleball update for 4-12-23

Norman will check with Terry to determine how Mary Lou should put in to be reimbursed for purchases she has made. We approved these purchases at the last meeting.

Pickleball has moved to the outdoor courts at the Cowell as of Sunday, April 9th. They have taped a third court for use when the court is reserved for pickleball.. Unfortunately, this third court overlaps with the basketball court. This means that when the third court is in use neither tennis or basketball can use the outdoor court.

The outdoor pickleball schedule (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30 am; Sunday 9-11:30 am; and Monday, Wednesday 5 to 8 pm) is approved. There was some concern about the amount of time being set aside for pickleball (given nothing else can happen on the Cowell outdoor court during these times) and the fact that both weekend mornings are being reserved but we anticipate the pickleball sessions being well utilized and agree to revisit the schedule if this proves contentious. Mary Lou will post a sign with these times.

We also discuss the men's bootcamp (April 22nd, 2 to 5 pm). Jay and Mary Lou came up with this idea as a way to increase male participation in pickleball. There was concern about reserving time for a specific group and how this would be perceived by the community.

3---- Cowell director report/ Bill reports we've collected \$1311 from pickleball, \$470 from adult basketball (now three nights a week), \$50 from volleyball, and \$25 for a gym rental, for the month of March. Tai Chi paid \$280 for the months of March and April. Additionally, the Academy was billed \$1800 and Four Rivers \$500 for their use of the Cowell this past winter. Senior walk/ Has wrapped up for the year and plans to be start back up next January.

Tennis/pickleball practice board/ The backboard is ready to go. Bill will be meeting with Mark this Friday.

Apparently, the Cowell is being fitted with mini-splits. We were not kept in the loop about this, Bill heard about this from someone on the Town Energy Committee. Bill thinks they will be going up relatively soon, and will certainly be operational at some point during the summer. Bill plans to make sure they are placed appropriately. We will keep the boiler but the hope is it will not be needed as much. We also talk about how maybe we could use them in the summer to cool the gym.

The Draw-around plans to return for the weekend of May 4th through 7th.

4---- Town election May 16th – no gym activities from Friday through Wednesday morning.

5---- Summer Softball/Folks like the idea of having a drop-in practice time once a week for children grades 4-6. Bill suggests that Norman reach out to Mohawk Athletic Director Greg Lily about finding someone, maybe a high school student, to run this.

6--- Dogs in the Cowell outdoor courts are a problem. We will post a sign exclusively about their prohibition. Stefan will take the lead on this.

7---- Next meeting/Wednesday May 10th at 6:30. We discuss meeting in person. It's decided that we'll meet in May via Zoom as Stefan will be out of town but will meet in person starting in June.

Pickleball Update Rec Committee Meeting April 12, 2023

Pickleball moved outdoors on Sunday, April 9th. Wednesday and Saturday nights will continue to be in the gym for the next couple of weeks, until sunset is late enough to make outdoor evening play safe and enjoyable.

Outdoors-

- Storage box is in place
- 2 newly purchased town nets, 2 town nets from inside the gym, and one of our personal nets, 1 dozen balls, chalk, chalk sticks, clip board for sign in, court tape, are at the courts
- Storage box has one of our locks on it and will be getting a new town purchased lock once I have a chance to purchase. Combo will be changed frequently. I'll email it to Bill
- Will be in gym pickleball storage locker-2 dozen extra outdoor balls, extra chalk (bought a box of 72
- Court roller for drying the courts will be at the courts as of tomorrow.
- Balls, nets and paddles that belong to the town have been marked with SF
- Reserved times to reserve for pickleball and post on the court sign:
 - Mornings 8-11:30 Sat., Tues., Thur.
 - Morning 9-11:30 Sunday
 - Evenings 5-8 Mon., Wed
- Safety issue on courts – gap between playing surface and fence

The plan for this summer is to use the existing 2 painted courts and three courts to the roadside of the tennis/pickleball surface, in the same orientation as the pickleball and basketball court. We want to tape the court nearest to the tennis court. It will overlap onto the basketball court slightly. The other two courts we will chalk as needed. The two days that we have played outside we have used 3 courts. We anticipate needing 4 regularly and a 5th for special occasions. We plan to tape in the next couple of days.

Talk about desired changes to the outdoor courts for next year.

- Infill
- Paint 2 more courts

Gym- Two maintenance requests:

1. Shades are inoperable. They should be open for solar gain in the colder months and closed during play and probably best to close them in the summer on hot days to keep the gym cool. So, they need to be made operable.
2. There are LOTS of dead spots in the gym floor. I don't know an estimate for fixing that, but it would be good for pickleball in particular to have the dead spots fixed. It has obviously been addressed in the past, but more is necessary. Thoughts?

Leagues- We're starting with an individual league beginning in a couple of weeks, not sure if it will be Monday or Wednesday nights. We are going to continue the Saturday night 'Team Play' but move the day and time. Not sure where it will fit in the schedule yet. We are surveying those who have played.

Tentative plan for monthly special events:

May	Round Robin Mixer	<- AED training will occur during one of these
June	Team Special Event	
July	In-house tournament	

Aug	Glow in the Dark Play (inside gym)
Sept.	Skinny Singles Tournament
Oct	Skills Rodeo

We did a survey to approximately 160 people. We received 74 responses. Here is a link to the quantitative results. We also had text based questions and I will have a recap of those responses for the next meeting.

<https://pickleball.typeform.com/report/mysG4RIs/uIMjok2PoUaEozcP>