

MINUTES

West Nipissing Ouest Pickleball

Thursday May 7, 2026

10:00 am

Location: Bay Street, Sturgeon Falls

In attendance: Gisele McMurray, Susie Michaud, Lise Grenier, Celeste Auger Proulx, Jacques Tardif, Raymond Truax (via zoom)

Regrets: Bob Landry

1. Call to order

2. Treasurer's report (Raymond)

In the future , we will need to prepare more detailed financial reports. Balance in chequing 3518.38. Investment account 3137.03, investment account 3111.96. Petty cash 7.00. Grand total 9773.37. 20\$ cash for drop in fees to be deposited.

Jacques has submitted expenses for locks at Northern in the amount of 21.81\$

3. Update on sub-committee Incorporation process (Jacques, Gisele).

Jacques has agreed to use his address to order a postal box at the postal office to avoid paying a yearly PO rental fee. **Action item:** Jacques will register the company name asap. Gisele has acquired bylaws from other Pickleball clubs. We just need to tweak them to reflect our club. Another meeting to pursue the incorporation process on May 29 at 10 at Celeste's home, 123 Bourgault St. **Action item:** Gisele will call Neil Fox to inquire about submitting invoices related to the incorporation process.

4. End of Season Pickleball tournament (Franco Cite June 6,2026) (Celeste, Jacques)

It is agreed to offer a bursary to Franco Cite for the use of the gym. A max of 36 participants. A fee of 25\$ to play. **Action item:** Jacques will send a registration survey. **Action item** Lise will ask Charlene for ball bags. **Action item** Gisele will ask Pierre for prizes. **Action item** Celeste will ask Denise Deschamps for prizes. An info session to be

offered to the group during lunch just to update everyone on what is happening. Talking points to be determined at the next executive meeting in June.

5. Issues with bullying, disrespect at Playtime (Celeste)

Discussion about players refusing to play with weaker players, and changing paddle rotation. All agreed that while no one should adapt their game to play at a lower level, players should not engage in bullying or disrespectful behaviour. **Action item** Gisele will put out a memo on Teamreach about respect and inclusive play.

6. Maximum numbers for play (Lise)

There is an issue with people signing up weeks in advance. Lise recommends removing the maximum number of play. Discussion about the pros and cons of having limitless play. **Action item** Suzie will increase the number of potential attendants by 3 players for each school.

7. WNGH request for PB fundraiser (Gisele)

Action item Gisele will communicate with the person from the hospital about what the hospital can contribute to making a tournament happen and what the WNOPC can do. Tournament date is August. **Action item** Gisele to report back.

8. Memos on Teamreach (Lise)

Concerns about important information sharing being lost in the shuffle with all the other stuff memos are posting on Teamreach. The app was not designed for information sharing. **Action Item** Jacques will register our domain name in order to create our own website. This may help with the amount of memos being lost on Teamreach.

9. Ladderball League play (Jacques)

Jacques will look at different software which looks at Ladder Play different levels of play. He will determine the levels of the club members. **Action item** Jacques will create a template for accumulating scores to start looking at stats. This will help with establishing Ladderplay.

10. **KOA update.** Gisele, Lise and Celeste visited KOA to look at the space and talk to the owner. Jessie Demers is very eager to help us out. He encouraged us to seek out contractors to provide in kind work. It was determined that 4 courts would be built. Jessie wants to have something to offer his campers but is willing to have the community use it as well. Possibility of fundraising at KOA is an option. It is recommended to pursue this partnership.

11. Other

BALLS: Starting next season the Club will no longer be supplying balls. We still have a stock of outdoor balls and once this is depleted.

Next executive meeting Thursday, June 4th 10:00am, at Susie's home, 70 Second Street, Sturgeon Falls.