WEST NIPISSING OUEST PICKLEBALL CLUB

Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026 | Franco-Cité Cafeteria | 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes
The minutes of the October 1, 2025 Annual General Meeting were approved. Christine Lajeunesse moved approval, and Sylvie Cull seconded the motion.

3. Treasurer's Report — Raymond Truax
The Treasurer's Report was presented based on the financial summary for October 2025 to October 2026.

Paul Goulard and Simone Dumont asked questions about the website expenses. Jacques Tardif explained that the club is establishing a web presence using four registered domain names. The website could also provide information about the club, activities, tournaments, and other matters. The different website options will be assessed to determine the most cost-effective approach.

Lise Grenier noted that the website had been discussed at a Board meeting, but members had not been aware of the total cost involved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Sylvie Wallis moved approval, and Janice Kellogg seconded the motion.

4. President's Report — Jacques Tardif
Jacques Tardif explained that he had sought the presidency to bring about changes within the club. One of his goals was to work with the municipality to secure indoor pickleball opportunities during the summer at the Sturgeon Falls arena and during the winter at the Verner arena.

He sent letters to individual councillors to encourage progress. Jacques also met with Stéphane and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The municipality offered arena rental rather than providing a program; the club declined that offer.

Jacques reviewed tournaments held during the year, including the Glow in the Dark tournament, the Franco-Cité year-end tournament, and the Hospital Foundation tournament.

He also acknowledged Sylvain Poirier's assistance in establishing pickleball in Field over the summer.

The club was approached by Caisse Alliance and encouraged to submit a proposal. Jacques submitted a proposal for approximately $200,000. Caisse Alliance indicated that additional funds would be needed before donations could be allocated. Permission would also be required to build on municipal land. Fundraising will therefore be necessary.

Jacques noted that Fern Pellerin may bring the issue of indoor pickleball back to the Sturgeon Falls council agenda after the election, if elected.

The meeting discussed potential funding opportunities and the need for the club to become incorporated as a not-for-profit organization.

5. Fall/Winter Play — Susie Michaud
Jacques discussed a ladder-play system intended to help players of similar ability play together over time. Each participant would be expected to play at least once per month and keep score.

The group also discussed level-based play. Lise Grenier suggested evaluating new players, potentially with the assistance of a professional or more advanced club members.

Susie Michaud reviewed options for playing at different schools. At present, open play is scheduled once a week at Northern. Members expressed interest in having open play twice a week.

6. Membership Fees
An increase in membership fees was discussed. Members also expressed a desire for more social activities.

Motion: Simone Dumont moved that the membership fee be increased to $50. Celeste seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Constitution
Simone Dumont reviewed her proposed changes, which were similar to Jacques Tardif's proposal titled "Board

of Directors — Candidates, Elections and Responsibilities." The proposal stated that, if approved by the General Assembly, the changes would be implemented at the 2027 AGM and apply after that AGM. All positions would be voted on.

The proposal was seconded by Sylvie Cull and carried by a majority vote.

Jacques's proposal was to implement the changes in the current year.

The following amendments to "Board of Directors — Candidates, Elections and Responsibilities" were recorded:

• Section d): All members in good standing who have paid their membership dues and are present at the AGM are entitled to vote for the position being considered. Christine Fournier seconded the motion; it carried by a majority.

• Section e): Voting procedures are to be determined by the Board and approved by the AGM, including a show of hands or a secret ballot, where appropriate. Christine Lajeunesse seconded the motion; it carried.

• Quorum and elections: For voting purposes, a quorum consists of the voting members present at the AGM. Election of Directors requires a simple majority. Marie Gonnella seconded the motion; it carried.

• President and Past President responsibilities: The President provides leadership and chairs general meetings using rules of order based on Robert's Rules of Order. The Past President counsels and supports the incoming President. Sylvie Cull seconded the motion; it carried.

• Vacancies: A mid-term vacancy on the Board, except for the President (as addressed under Board Responsibilities, Vice-President), may be filled by appointment of the Board until the next general election. Janice Kellogg seconded the motion; it carried.

New proposal — Article 2, Responsibilities:

The existing paragraph stating that the club is managed by its Board of Directors, which handles matters concerning the club, remains unchanged. The following paragraph was proposed for addition: "No individual Director shall have the power or authority to act independently, enter into contracts, or incur financial obligations on behalf of the Club without the prior express authorization and majority approval of the members of the Board of Directors."

Simone Dumont moved that the proposed changes to Jacques's proposal, as circulated by email, be accepted, with the exception of the changes made by Simone. Janice Kellogg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Elections

Susie Michaud and Raymond Truax announced that they were leaving the executive after many years of service. The club thanked them for their assistance and dedication.

The following nominations were made:

• Kevin Marsh was nominated by Susie Michaud and seconded by Janice Kellogg. Kevin accepted the nomination.

• Fern Labelle was nominated by Susie Michaud and seconded by Laurette Duguay. Fern was absent but had indicated an interest in joining the executive.

• Marie-Joëlle Roberge was nominated by Celeste Auger-Proulx and seconded by Gisele McMurray. Marie-Joëlle accepted the nomination.

• Marsha O'Connor was nominated by Lise Grenier and seconded by Sylvie Cull. Marsha was absent but had indicated that she would agree to join the Board if nominated.

No other members were nominated or accepted a nomination. The new Board consists of:

• Jacques Tardif

• Lise Grenier

• Gisele McMurray

• Kevin Marsh

• Fern Labelle

• Marie-Joëlle Roberge

• Marsha O'Connor

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Attendance

Denise Paquette, Andre Menard, Linda Duval, Andre Michaud, Susie Michaud, Simone Dumont, Marie Gonnella, Marie-Joëlle Roberge, Raymond Truax, Lise Grenier, Laurette Duguay, Yvon Duguay, Celeste Auger-

Proulx, Richard Vaillancourt, Jeannette Sylvestre, Louise Venne, Micheline Meeking, Sylvie Miron, Christine Lajeunesse, Lise Roberge, Sylvain Poirier, Julie Lamoureux, Francine Michaud, Gisele Blais-Rivest, Priscille Desjardins, Marie-Anne Pronovost, Sylvie Cull, Janice Kellogg, Sylvie Wallis, Denise Gignac, Julie Lachance, Estelle Giroux, Deb Barbon, Diane Deschatelets, Paul Goulard, Carol Durie, Kevin Marsh, Fr. Tensingh Alexander, Denise Deschamps, Bob Davison, Jacques Tardif, Gisele McMurray, and Sylvie Tardif.

Items to Confirm Before Approval

• Confirm whether the previous AGM minutes and Treasurer's Report were formally carried, and whether any vote counts should be recorded.

• Confirm the exact wording and effective date of the constitutional changes, especially the proposal to implement changes after the 2027 AGM versus Jacques's proposal to implement them in the current year.

• Confirm whether the new Article 2 paragraph was adopted as part of the motion, and whether "majority approval" means a majority of the Board or of members present at a Board meeting.

• Confirm the spelling of names and the preferred official spelling of "Franco-Cité," "Marie-Joëlle Roberge," "Auger-Proulx," and "Stéphane."

• The source notes list the meeting as October 6, 2026, while the uploaded filename refers to October 1, 2026; confirm the correct date for the final record.