



Following are notes taken and transcribed of our May 11, 1 pm Zoom meeting - my thanks to Louise Marphis for covering up for me, as I had not taken adequate notes.

Walter

Walter convened the meeting giving information that the reason we want to be talking is to make sure we have a plan where we can feel safe & one that we can present to convince the authorities opening up the courts will be done in a compliant and safe and consistent manner respecting social distancing.

These discussions were meant to talk about opening up outdoor p'ball, no indoor plans yet. Aside from, just being outdoors & exercising is supposed to be good for us, the is somewhat better for protection from covid19 when properly social distancing.

Summary:

Dave from the interior (?) gave a summary of what his pickleball club had done to send to their local government.... You got this plan from his email I think.... This included a four-part program where the first part was they would either play singles or doubles with 2 groups of two people who live in the same household. A playing time period of 1 hr per group with no overlapping of times & when one group finishes, the other group would not be scheduled until 15 minutes later and they would not arrive until 5 minutes before time that way socializing would not be happen between too many people which is one of the mandates for opening up. Three courts are available but the middle would not be use.

There was talk about not touching another groups balls & wearing a glove on the non Paddle hand.

If wearing masks, this should be reciprocal with partners as... I protect you from myself... you protect me from yourself. Someone said they were looking at the Plexiglas mask as it was less restricting for breathing.

Questions about those who are single & don't live with a pickleball partner as well as those who are older and don't feel comfortable playing singles was addressed as to what might be done for these people. Walter indicated that maybe it depends on the way you think about family member and maybe playing with somebody from your pickleball family would be allowed. But...maybe not, or then again, maybe so. Walter was going to look into if there was any leeway in determining who you could partner with. Someone mentioned perhaps a regular partner or a close friend could become your partner for pickleball. It would also depend on if you felt comfortable with each other.

Some people recommended that you could play skinny singles if you didn't have a live-with partner.

Some places in the states had opened up allowing club member booking times, but not for non-members who would need to come up with their own plan.



Walter was going to contact the City of Vancouver's (Park Board) way of opening up courts, including making play dependent on providing your own net.

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Louise

Notes by Walter:

Meeting overloaded - maxed system out at 100 people within 5 minutes of opening the meeting room.

Meeting started on time at 1 pm, ended approx 2 pm.

I have NOT edited Louise's notes at all.