



## **CVEP Board of Directors**

### **Meeting Minutes**

March 26, 2025

9:00 at the Club House

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairperson calls the meeting to order.
- Roll call of the 7 board members:
  1. Stephane Dumas
  2. Karyn Morrisson
  3. France Desfosses
  4. Lise Poissant
  5. Jocelyn Rouleau
  6. Benoit Lachance
  7. Anne-Marie Gingras

#### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- The agenda is reviewed at the beginning of the meeting. Approved by all. In the future, Stéphane will send the agenda prior to the meeting.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- The minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2025 are reviewed at the meeting and approved by all. Next time, the minutes will be sent prior to the meeting.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Stephane validates with each director their willingness to maintain the role they agreed to take at the last meeting. See 03-20-2025 meeting minutes for details.

#### **5. NAME OF OUR ASSOCIATION**

Stephane opens the discussion regarding the name of CVE Pickleball questioning if it should be identified as a club or as an association. Knowing that Le Club is an entity at CVE, the use

of club could be confusing. The board discusses and all agree in favor of maintaining “CVE Pickleball Club.

## **6. SCHEDULE**

Stephane reinforces that ‘the game schedule is the cornerstone of the Club's proper functioning’. He opens a discussion on a 5-day schedule instead of the current 6-day schedule. Saturdays could be dedicated to other activities (ladder, level play, etc). Sunday mornings are booked for Adam & Eve, a popular activity. If all 12 courts were used for ladder play, 256 players could register to that event. Stephane and Jocelyn mention that some members have already identify that they would be willing to volunteer in organizing the ladder activity. The board discusses the pros and cons of having a 5-day schedule. It is decided to send a survey to captains to obtain their opinion on the subject. Benoît will work on the short survey to be sent. Delays are short as courts must be booked rapidly with CenClub. All agree that next season will run from November 17, 2025 to April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Karyn, Benoît and Jocelyn will work on the schedule this summer/fall. All agree that time choices identified by teams should be respected as much as possible. Equity should also be put forward for the venues assigned to teams.

## **7. BOARD SUPPORT**

Stephane encourages everyone to accept support offered by members who want to get involved in the club. For example, Lyne Morin approached Stephane to offer her support in creating a welcome committee for new players. Karyn is already greeting new players but Anne-Marie will get in touch with Lyne and try to integrate her in activities offered by the club. Other close collaborators of the board are Claude Boulay for legal aspects; Line Bergeron and Richard Henry for the website and Ghyslain Mondoux for the membership file. Stephane and Lise will meet Line Bergeron and Richard Henry to discuss how they want to contribute to the ‘remake’ of the website. Members’ e-mails are still on the website. Ghislain will look at removing those.

## **8. SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Stéphane proposes to have one director accompanying any projects/activities associated to the CVE Pickleball Club that would not be initiated and led by the board. All agree.

### **8.1 Code of Conduct**

The new code of conduct is likely to lead to penalties for members who would not respect the code. The fact that CVE Pickleball Club is not a registered entity exposes board members

to personal suits. Following a discussion, the board all agree to go forward with the registration process and with having an insurance. CVE Pickleball has the budget to cover the costs associated to registering and obtaining insurance. Stephane will discuss with Didi Lacroix and with Peter Sibermann, respectively the president and a board director of CVE Tennis Club, to investigate if a collaborative approach to sharing the costs is a possibility.

Stephane proposes to develop inner policies/by-laws to make explicit elements of the code of conduct. For example, the board will decide on a gradation of consequences for non-compliance of the code of conduct. Those would be aligned with the mission and core values of the Club. This document would then be published on the website and made available to all members.

## **8.2 Webpage review**

All agree that the website needs an important makeover. Lise will look into this over the summer with Line and Richard.

## **8.3 Adam & Eve**

As mentioned at the AGM, Gilles Généreux and Anne Gauthier will chair the Adam & Eve activity once Paul Monette and Francine Denis 'retire' from their leadership role at the end of next season.

## **8.4 Annual Tournament**

Stephane will remain president of the CVE Pickleball tournament with the collaboration of Gerard Lachapelle, Paul Monette and Chuck Merovitz. It is scheduled on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 (March 5<sup>th</sup> if it rains). Directors are concerned that the tournament will be held during school break when many members have visitors.

*Update: The Tournament will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 and, in case of rain, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.*

The possibility of opening to more players if clubhouse courts are open in the morning will be explored.

The board agrees that there will not be a meal offered after the tournament.

## **8.5 BBQ**

The board discusses the possibility of having a welcome BBQ (hot dogs and hamburgers) offered to all members. Since several members arrive in January only, it is decided to target January 18<sup>th</sup> as a first choice date. Anne-Marie will contact Michelle, Rosalia and Lyne Morin to help her in organizing the activity. The board agrees that participants will be charged a

small fee. Spouses will be invited only if there is room outside. Anne-Marie will make the reservation.

### **8.6 T-shirts**

Several members have expressed interest in having t-shirts with the club's logo. Two years ago, 221 t-shirts were sold. This season, many teams got their own t-shirts, with their team's name on it.

Therefore, all directors are in favor of not offering generic t-shirts but rather encourage captains to share information on where and how to get t-shirts for their team.

### **8.7 Ladder**

Results of the survey will inform if the activity will be offered or not next season. This activity is dependent on availability of courts.

### **8.8 Interclub friendly competition**

Stephane informs the board of an opportunity for elite CVE Pickleball players to integrate a group reuniting Wynmoor-Aztec-Boca West elite players.

Stephane expects that 10 players from CVE could participate. Games would be played on all these venues on a rotation format. The board is in favor but strongly suggests scheduling games to be played at CVE, on Sunday afternoon. This initiative must be approved by CenClub.

Stephane will coordinate this activity with Alain Maheu.

### **8.9 End of Season dinner and danse**

France Desfossés has already confirmed the caterer for next year. The DJ and MC will also be confirmed as everyone agrees they offered an excellent service and were appreciated by many members present at the end-of-season party.

### **8.10 Ambassador program**

Stephane proposes to create an Ambassador program.

Essentially, this program would offer advice and guidance/mentoring from the Club's elite players to teams wishing to improve their level of play. Ambassadors would be volunteers, and no compensation of any kind would be allowed. This initiative is welcomed and appreciated by all directors. Stephane will follow up with Benoit and Jocelyn.

### **8.11 Scoring**

Stephane informs the board that USAPA recognizes ‘rallye scoring’ as an official scoring format. Rallye scoring shortens game length contrary to traditional 11 points games. In our Club, different teams do different scoring. The board agrees to implement rallye scoring as the scoring system to be used by all teams next season. Captains will be met next December to ensure everyone understands this scoring format.

### **8.12 Balls**

CVE Pickleball will continue providing balls to each team. However, the logistics will need to be revised as it was very demanding to Jano and Jocelyn this past season.

Stephane will explore the possibility of having Diadem as a sponsor for balls.

## **9. REVIEW OF THE RULES BOOK**

Recent changes to the USAPA were made in the last 2 years and our Rules Book doesn’t reflect them. Benoit will give the new rule book to the captains at the fall meeting. The most recent Rules book will be placed on the website.

## **10. VARIA**

- Parking lot benches in courts 7A-8A are gone. Karyn will inform Andy. She also informs the board that fences of parking lot courts will be fixed this summer.
- There will be no refund to members who paid but, for any given reason, will not be playing next season.
- Lise confirms the following dates;
  - End-of-season party will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026
  - AGM will be March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. GP-A has been booked but Lise will try and book Le Club as this room can accommodate more participants and is already set up.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting is adjourned at 12:05

Lise Poissant

Secretary

Approved by

Stephane Dumas, President

CVEP Club