



SCPA Annual General Meeting Minutes
9 October, 2025
Zoom Call

Time: 4:05pm

Present: Ted Bentley, Brian Chipman(Chair), Rick Semel, Carlyne Oughton, James Adam, Carol Mollerup, Cheryl Linsley, Bruce Fraser

Regrets: Ross Miller

The following SCPA members joined the meeting: Hiram Mok, Jim Pye, Jo-Anne Bentley, Peter Fisher, Don Rose, Russ Proudman

Opening Remarks:

Brian Chipman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members in good standing are permitted to vote where applicable. He asked that questions and comments be held until the end of the meeting. He also noted that documents referenced in the meeting have been posted on the SCPA website,

1. Approval of 2025 AGM Agenda: Moved: Brian Chipman, Seconded: Ted Bentley, Carlyne Oughton and Bruce Fraser
Approved
2. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes: Moved: Brian Chipman, Seconded: Carlyne Oughton and Rick Semel
Approved
3. **President's Report:** Ted Bentley advised his report is on-line and therefore his comments will be brief.
It was an eventful year with ups and downs.
On the down side: stepping down from the board this year Jo-Anne Bentley, Richard Hoath, Rick Semel and Kira Sufalko. Ted thanked them all for their service.
Membership is down and is being addressed by providing new programs in the coming year.
Ted is stepping down as President after 5 years in the position.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Carlyne Oughton presented the Statement of Operations and Balance Sheet both of which are on line.
Motion to Accept financials: Brian Chipman, Seconded: Ted Bentley
Financials accepted.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. **Player Development Cte:** Rick Semel noted the Chatelech High School Introductory program for Youth had 300 students participate and 28 volunteers assisting. 18 players participated in Player Ratings and 9 volunteers assisted in the ratings. DUPR has now been accepted as the player rating program and there are plans to host DUPR games for players interested in being rated. There are grant opportunities for the Chatelech programs and discussions for these grants are underway. Details are in Player Development report
 - b. **Operations Cte:** Brian Chipman noted the School volunteers, in particular, Wendy Skeath, Marie Fontaine, Deb Nelson and Tom Pinfold who were assisted by non-board volunteers. SCPA held CPR & DeFib training in which 40 members participated. Brian noted that Sue Chipman has received her Standard First Aid & CPR/AED level C certificate and has volunteered as the First Aid attendant at SCPA tournaments. Details are in the Operations report.
 - c. **Marketing Cte:** Bruce Fraser noted that SCPA had a lengthy article in the Coast Reporter and thanked Brian Chipman for this submission, July saw the Communications Committee renamed to Marketing and Public Relations, August the Committee met with Patrick Weiler at Hackett Park and had a meaningful meeting with him which included a quick game of Pickleball. Planned activities for 2026 include an update to the website and the introduction of SCPA logo'd baseball caps for sale.
 - d. **Membership Events:** In Ross Miller's absence Brian Chipman read notes provided by Ross: there were 5 major events this past year, 10 year celebration held at the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club, Arena Bowl tournament had 105 participants, Hackett Park drop in on Canada Day, Dinks and Drinks tournament and the upcoming Autumn Bowl which has 48 participants.
 - e. **Facilities:** Ted Bentley noted the "big low" of the year was the ending of negotiations with Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club (SCCGC) on their insistence that SCPA pay for the relocation of a green. On the plus side the committee identified and reviewed a half dozen new sites with the lead site being in Roberts Creek on the corner of Hwy 101 and Roberts Creek Road. (Behind the Masons hall). The site is Park zoned and is technically SCRDP property. SCPA will be meeting with the Roberts Creek Planning Committee on October 21st to get the Roberts Creek Community buy-in. SCPA is moving forward in optimism!
- 6. Election of 2025/2026 Directors:** Brian Chipman noted the board has 9 positions filled and 1 vacancy. Brian called for nominations from the floor noting that the board has names for consideration. Jim Pye advised he would like to be considered for the vacancy. The Board will meet to discuss nominations. Moved to approve: Brian Chipman, Seconded: Carolyn Oughton.
- 7. Other Business:** Brian Chipman took questions from the floor
- a. Jim Pye – questioned the direction SCPA was taking in the proposed facility and if they had considered the Vernon model. Ted Bentley replied SCPA was following the Vernon model to provide a year round Pickleball facility.

- b. Jim Pye – felt the membership cost was too low and wondered if there had been any thought to raising it and putting the additional funds raised into the building fund. Ted Bentley advised the thought was to wait until a site had been secured before fund raising for the facility.

Adjournment: 4:35pm