

# **President's Report presented at the POWWR AGM on February 1st, 2021**

What POWWR accomplished this year during Covid-19:

- ran Wednesday night drills and game play at Kitchener Collegiate Institute till the shutdown in March. (Ages 35-75)
- assisted in providing referees for the St. Mary's Cardiac Classic Tournament at Rim on February 19th to 21st.
- worked with Rim pickleball administration on the Player Assessment Program.
- taught and coached pickleball indoors at the Downtown Community Centre, and the KW Badminton Club. (Ages 8-80)
- met with Wilmot Township and Guelph Recreation to discuss working together on developing pickleball.
- ran evening pickleball player clinics at Glencairn Church. (Ages 20-75)
- ran a free beginner coaching clinic at KW Badminton Club. (Ages 50+)
- continued to work with Pickleball Ontario (PO), by recruiting two more PO ambassadors to our area. Kitchener ambassadors John and Kelly Dobos.
- continued to run POWWR board meetings through zoom.
- continued to sign up new VIP members.
- contacted referees from the scorekeepers clinic held in 2019 to inform of Pickleball Canada updates and rule changes.
- working with Greystone Racquet Club on pickleball events, first one this year was World Pickleball Day. Picture was taken and added to social media including a picture featured in the December Pickleball Magazine.

- applied and received 15 Franklin paddles and 30 Gamma pickleballs free from the World Pickleball Federation. (\$1,400 worth of equipment).
- donated the equipment to Courtland P.S. in Kitchener. (Grade 7&8 students)
- worked with and continuing to work with the City of Kitchener to look at setting up dedicated outdoor pickleball courts for 2021/2022.
- completed an inventory of outdoor courts in Waterloo Region.
- connected with para pickleball at the Pickleball Ontario coaching clinic pilot.
- 2 board members attended the Pickleball Ontario coaching clinic pilot at Greystone in Waterloo.
- continue to have a POWWR board member on the Pickleball Ontario board.
- assisted Markham and Halton Hills pickleball clubs with their bylaws. (Halton Hills non profit application)
- became an associate club of Pickleball Ontario.
- coached players on outdoor courts. (Ages 50-65)
- completed survey with City of Kitchener regarding outdoor courts.

## Looking Ahead (after Covid)

- continue with youth development.
- continue collecting paddle donations for the elementary schools.
- work with local city councillors to find more places to play, including outdoor courts.
- continue work towards affiliation with the City of Waterloo and Kitchener.
- continue to develop coaches and referees in the Waterloo Wellington Region.
- run local tournaments including assisting PO, the OSGA and ODSA.
- run local clinics to promote skill development and an active lifestyle.
- run an Open house in conjunction with PO and RIM.
- organize volunteer committees to implement these initiatives.
- work towards full affiliation with Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada.
- continue to work with the Food Bank of Waterloo Region and the Waterloo Crises Services