

## **President's Report 2022**

It has been another challenging year for us all due to COVID-19. Once again, we have had another provincially mandated lockdown and again many facilities were closed for pickleball play.

In spite of these unprecedented times, enthusiastic pickleball players have found places to play in safe environments, on outdoor courts and until recently, indoor clubs and recreational centres.

Our Board, comprised of volunteers, has continued to be active as well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are some highlights from January 2021 to December 2021:

- POWWR became an Affiliated Club of Pickleball Canada (PCO) and Pickleball Ontario (PO).
- Met with Pickleball Ontario and Pickleball Canada to set up POWWR on the new Pickleball Canada National System (PCNS). All POWWR members can now register and renew their membership online.
- Maintained the [www.powwr.ca](http://www.powwr.ca) website and POWWR mailing lists.
- One Board member completed the “Effective Board Governance Course” offered by Sport for Life.

- Secured Microsoft suite of tools for non-profit organizations free of charge for POWWR's administrative needs.
- Sent out the City of Kitchener survey for the new courts at RBJ Schlegel Park to pickleball constituents.
- Worked with the City of Kitchener for possible outdoor pickleball courts at the Kitchener Auditorium.
- Held POWWR Board meetings through Zoom.
- Ran two 10 week 'Drills and Game Play' sessions in the fall. These sessions were held at the KW Badminton Club and the 60 available spots were quickly filled. Both sessions were shortened by one week due to resurgence of COVID-19.
- Organized two 10 week 'Drills and Game Play' sessions for January-March 2022. Registration for both sessions was swift, and all 60 spots are filled. These sessions have been postponed due to COVID-19 health measures put in place by the provincial government.
- Booked a full day of court time at the KW Badminton Club to hold two events on March 19th, 2022.
- Met with Jim Zuber and Andrea Vincent from RIM to discuss future joint pickleball ventures.
- Met with Joanna Phang at the Greystone Racquet Club to discuss possible rentals and programs.

- POWWR Board Members and friends sorted 2,721 pounds of food at the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.
- Held a holiday food drive and donated 181 pounds of food to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.
- I served as Vice-President and then President of Pickleball Ontario - our club was well informed of Provincial and National Pickleball news. My term with PO ended in September 2021.

Looking ahead to 2022, a committee will be developing a strategic plan for POWWR.

In closing I would like to thank our Board members for volunteering their time during a difficult year. I would like to extend a special thank you to our Secretary Linda Sitler. Linda has been amazing during our last two COVID-19 pickleball years - hosting zoom meetings, keeping us organized, and never losing her sense of humour. We will all miss her on our POWWR Board and wish her well.

I would also like to thank all our POWWR members who have supported us this past year. We hope to see you all on the courts soon.

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POWWR President