



**Pickleball Canada 2023 Annual General Meeting
June 28, 2022
Election of Directors - Nominee Information Package**

Nominee Name: Rod Hamilton

Nominee Letter of Intent:

As required by the PCO Board Nomination procedures, please consider this my Letter of Intent describing why I believe I would be a good candidate and positive influence for the Board of Directors.

Pickleball

I've been involved with the Comox Valley Pickleball Association (CVPA) for six years serving initially as a Board Member, then three terms as Vice President and now as President.

During that time the CVPA membership has grown from approximately 100 members to its current 510 members.

As with pickleball throughout the country this growth has its challenges which the CVPA has been able to navigate successfully with the building of several court facilities and strengthening the working relationships with all Municipalities.

I'm a competent pickleball player in my age group. Playing at the 4.5 level in both Canadian and U.S. National tournaments and having won a significant number of tournaments at the regional and local levels. Recently won Silver at the B.C. Provincial Championships at the 4.5 level.

Founder and head of the CVPA Training Academy. I personally teach between 12 – 15 hours per week and manage five coaches within the Academy. No coaches are paid, the Academy operates on a volunteer basis.

ITPTA Level II Certified Coach. IPTPA Certified Player Rater.

Work Experience

My business career started in the financial services business and continued on that path having founded the Accel Financial Group (now Scotia Leasing) becoming Canada's largest non-bank small ticket lender.

Operating a public company, I am well versed in managing both a large number of employees, understanding the detailed financial requirements placed on public companies and working successfully with a variety of stake holders.

Since selling the Accel Financial Group I have owned, operated and invested in a number of companies, both public and private.

Board, Governance and Volunteer

I have served on a variety of Boards during my career, both nationally and locally.

- Board member of the Canadian Finance and Leasing Association – six years
- Board member of the Canadian Franchise Association – six years
- Board Member of five Canadian public companies – thirty years

- Board member of a variety of private Canadian corporations – thirty years
- Board member of numerous charitable non-profit organizations - twenty five years

Served as a volunteer for non-profits throughout my life currently active with environmental, fisheries and wildlife causes.

I spend upwards of thirty hours a week devoted to pickleball in some capacity, all in an effort to support the sport and its growth locally and provincially. I believe my past experience, credentials and current efforts within the sport make me a good candidate to serve on the Board of Pickleball Canada.

Nominee Resume:

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Founder and CEO of three large publicly traded Canadian corporations, primarily in the financial services field.
- Now retired.

BOARD AND GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

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PICKLEBALL EXPERIENCE

- Currently tournament play at the 4.5 – 5.0 in both the U.S. and Canada including the Nationals in both countries
- Past Silver medalist in Canadian Nationals
- Past Bronze medalist in U. S. Nationals
- Current Silver medalist in B.C. Provincials
- Current President of the Comox Valley Pickleball Association (510 members)
- Past Vice-President and Board member of the Comox Valley Pickleball Association – five years
- Founder and Director of the Comox Valley Pickleball Association Training Academy – five years
- IPTPA Level II certified instructor IPTPA Certified Player Rater