



# THE INSIDER

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## 1. 2019-20 Annual General Meeting:

Fifty-nine members joined together virtually on October 17<sup>th</sup> for the Annual General Meeting. The activities of the organization were discussed including amendments to the bylaws, acceptance of the financial statements for 2019-20 plus the budget for 2020-21. An election was held for the five vacant director positions. As a result, Al Carpentier, Murray Cook, Barry Thuen, Lonnie Dynna and Georgia Hearn were elected to serve two year terms on the Board.

Special thanks to Karen Rust for leadership, energy and a clear vision that has led PRI from its beginning to the success it now enjoys. As Karen moves to the role of Past President, we welcome Reg Lakness as the new President and Al Carpentier as Vice President. Murray Cook will remain Treasurer and Shelley Serle was confirmed as Secretary.

Members also thanked Michelle Askew and Doug Olson for their contributions as they had resigned from the Board during the year.

If you missed the AGM and are interested, all documents are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/pickleballregina/home/members-only>

## 2. Member Motion – Future Court Development

At the AGM, a following motion from the membership was discussed and passed:

*Therefore be it resolved that PRI establish a new committee, consisting of no less than three and no more than seven members – including at least one member of PRI's Board - to amass the necessary information to allow the Board to make a motion no later than PRI's AGM 2021, for consideration by the membership, whether to continue pursuit of dedicated pickleball courts.*

*Be it further resolved that the information to be sought may include but not be limited to the following:*

- *An indicative cost estimate for the construction of a 12 - 20 court Pickleball facility north of the current Tennis/Pickleball courts at Douglas Park, previously determined to be the best location for said facility.*
- *Confirmation from Regina of the total number of Pickleball courts they are willing to commit to develop over the next two to five years, either through new construction or repurposing existing facilities.*
- *Regina's expectation of the level of funding participation that would be required of PRI in a partnership.*
- *The premium that participants in PRI programs and managed tournaments are currently paying in each such activity that has been, or will be, collected for the purpose of supporting the dedicated court fund.*
- *A broad based timeline for the construction of the dedicated courts.*

### **3. Return to Play – Stay Safe**

When Pickleball Regina developed the “return to play” direction, the primary consideration was to ensure ALL members can play safely on the courts. Now that we have moved indoor, this is even more important.

Our “return to play” document was approved by the various health and City officials with the understanding that PRI would self-regulate for the continued safety of both members and the general public. One of the keys to getting back on the courts was the agreement that ALL players would wear masks when off the courts. This was not put forth as optional, so we are reminding everyone that we need your continued co-operation to wear your mask when you are off the courts but in the facility where pickleball is being played.



### **4. PRI - New Member Attraction**

Pickleball Regina has received funding from the New Horizons for Seniors/COVID Relief Program, part of which is being directed to training of coaches and attraction of new older adult members.

Over the next month, 25 members have agreed to work through Pickleball Coaching International's training program, so they are prepared to introduce new

PRI members to the sport of pickleball. There will be opportunities to attract new, older adult members to learn the skills and rules of pickleball under the guidance of these newly trained coaches. Added play times will be included at Evraz so new players can practice their new skills in a welcoming environment with mentorship. The newly acquired Playmate ball machine will also be part of the learning events for new players. It will be available to everyone, so stay tuned for details on how to book the Playmate.

## **5. PRI Policy Development**

Over the past year, the Board has approved a series of policies to support the organization. Several policies have been focused on the Board including conflict of interest, code of conduct, record retention, investment management, sponsorship.

An important member policy regarding alternate dispute resolution was approved at the recommendation of Sask Sport. [Pickleball Canada policies](#) regarding concussion protocol and abuse prevention are also applicable to PRI members.

The Board is committed to developing a full range of policies to guide the organization as we continue to grow and mature. Copies of the various policies are available on the [Members Information Webpage](#)

## **6. Renew Your Membership:**

Keeping your membership up to date keeps your Sport Accident insurance in force plus provides opportunity to receive invitations to register for organized play and training opportunities.

Also review and update your profile on [www.pickleballcanada.org](http://www.pickleballcanada.org) with current information - especially **emergency contact** information. Contact [membership@pickleballregina.ca](mailto:membership@pickleballregina.ca) if you have questions or need assistance.

## **7. Mark your Calendars- 2021 Tournaments:**

### **a) Saskatchewan Provincial Championship**

Saskatoon Pickleball Inc. has been awarded the hosting of the 2021 Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament. The dates are **June 5 - 6, 2021**.

### **b) Western Canadian Regional Championship**

The inaugural Western Canadian Regional Pickleball Championship has been rescheduled to **July 23 - 25, 2021** at The International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. Many of our sponsors have shown incredible support by continuing their commitment to the tournament in 2021.

### **c) Canadian National Championship**

The Red Deer Pickleball Club is excited and proud to host the Pickleball Canada National Championship 2021. The dates are **August 11th - 15, 2021**

#### **Thanks for your continued support!**

Your NEW 2020 - 2021 Board of Directors,  
President – Reg Lakness  
Vice-President – Allan Carpentier  
Treasurer - Murray Cook  
Secretary – Shelley Serle  
Past President - Karen Rust  
Directors at Large - Barry Thuen, Leslie Kingston, Donna Loran, Randy Dove,  
Lonnie Dynna and Georgia Hearn

**Have a comment, notice or need information?**

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**Learn, Play, And Grow Together!**

#### **Helpful Hint:**

**To remind yourself to put on your mask, keep it with your water bottle so when you come off the court, go for water, your mask is there for you to wear!**