



THE INSIDER

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Learn, Play, And Grow Together

1. Winter Programming

PRI is working on finalizing the winter program for members. Indoor play will occur at the Queen City Pickleball Hub starting in January 2022. Details on sessions and pricing will be announced in December. Watch for Sign Up Genius for details.

2. Highlights - Annual General Meeting

PRI held its 2021 virtual Annual General meeting (AGM) on October 16, 2021. 44 members attended using Zoom technology. The meeting received reports from the President, the financial statements for 2020-21, budget for 2021-22 and comments about future plans for PRI. Member motions related to the rating process for new members as well as a continued direction to coordinate efforts for court development with the City of Regina.

Board elections were held with Murray Bennett and Marilyn Picard being added to the Board. Joyce Rieder was appointed to fill the term of the Treasurer until 2022.

The new PRI Executive was elected including Reg Lakness-President, Randy Dove-Vice President and Joyce Rider as Treasurer. Randy Dove agreed to serve as interim Secretary while the Board searches for a Meeting Recorder to assist with meeting minutes for Board meetings. Your Board is still looking for additional Directors as we will be operating with two fewer Directors than provided by our bylaws. If you are curious about any role, please [contact](#) the Nominations Committee.

Your Board sincerely thanks retiring Directors: Karen Rust, Les Kingston, Shelley Serle, Murray Cook and Barry Thuen for your contributions to making PRI one of the leading clubs in Canada!

3. Venue Updates

Members should be aware that the Queen City Pickleball Hub (QCPH) will be closed between November 1 - December 15, 2021 due to leasing agreements that accommodate the Western Canadian Agribition. It is anticipated that the QCPH will re-open in late December with the start of the PRI winter program schedule in early January.

4. Membership Renewals

At the AGM, members approved a bylaw change to ensure PRI is consistent with Pickleball Canada's schedule for membership renewal. All memberships will now expire at December 31st of each year. Members can continue to join at any time during the year. Members joining after October 1st will have their renewal expiry date set at the end of the following year. No prorating is planned as the annual fees continue to at \$5.00 for PRI, plus \$5.00 for Pickleball Saskatchewan and \$10.00 for Pickleball Canada. Please watch for your membership renewal request later this year.

5. Youth Pickleball League (YPL)

PRI has launched a program for youth aged 10-17 years. This program was launched in September with 20-24 young players being coached by 4-6 of our volunteer coaches. This session will conclude on October 30th with a fun, family day for the participants, coaches and families. Another session is planned for January 2022 and is filling up already. Please contact [Georgia Hearn](#), Project Lead for more details.

6. HELP WANTED - Volunteers Needed

PRI will need a variety of volunteers to help as we prepare to host the Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship in Regina in July 2022. A variety of skills are needed so let us know about your availability.

The Board is always looking for volunteers to support the various Committees. If you are interested in any of the Committees, please let us know. At this point we are looking for volunteers that have an info-technology background to help with Programming and Membership as well as a person with skills to become the PRI webmaster and keep the new website updated on a regular basis. Click [HERE](#) to let us know about your interests.

7. New Coaching “Graduates”

In September, PRI was proud to host the first Canadian offering of the National Coaches Certification Program, with Mark Renneson, well known pickleball leader as the instructor. Sessions were held over two days with 16 participants learning more about coaching leading to their certification in the next while as they fulfil the expectations of the program.

8. Mark your Calendars- 2022 Tournaments

a) Pickleball Canada National Championship

The “Nationals” are planned for Kingston on June 20-26, 2022. Watch for details.

b) Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship

The inaugural Pickleball Canada Western Regional Championship has been scheduled for **July 22 - 24, 2022** at The International Trade Centre, Regina, SK. For more information, click [here](#).

Your 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors:

President – Reg Lakness

Vice-President – Randy Dove

Treasurer – Joyce Rieder

A/Secretary – Randy Dove

Directors at Large – Al Carpentier, Donna Loran, Lonnie Dynna, Georgia Hearn, Murray Bennett and Marilyn Picard.

Questions or comments:

Let us know at pickleballreginainc@gmail.com

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