

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

At Connie McCann's House

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Jules van Rosebrook, Director (Via Zoom)
Damaris Brix, Secretary

Regrets

Judy Langford, Director
Joanne Rykers, Treasurer
Lindsey Stene, Director
Beverly De Haitre, VP, Director

The meeting took place as scheduled, but as there was no quorum, agenda items were not voted on.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 2023 board meeting were reviewed.

Old Business

Westshore

Connie advised that the RFP has closed, and the bids are being evaluated for the feasibility study at Juan de Fuca. Hopefully we are kept up to date on their progress.

Sign-Up Genius

Connie, Lindsey and Chris will meet before the September program registration to discuss the various options for course registration programs. Jules wondered if PCO offered a registration program for member clubs to use. Connie agreed to check with Carla, the Executive Director of PCO on this.

90 Minute Tournament

Connie has produced a brochure outlining the benefits of VRPA membership to distribute at the 90-minute tournament and other venues. We will also have a booth and banner on display at the tournament.

Financial Report

Joanne had previously submitted the financial report as of March 20, 2023

- Island Savings balance \$21,942.02
- PayPal balance \$839.95
- Petty Cash balance \$100.35
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$290.00 (transfer pending)

June Tournament Budget

Jeff, Cathy and Connie had a Zoom meeting with Sheena Brewer of Pickleball Brackets to review the functionality of the program. Other tournament details are coming together with sponsorships, medals, and snacks. There is a tournament in Kamloops on the same weekend which will limit the number of refs available. However, we anticipate a few more refs to come forward after they take the basic ref training from Al Thomson. Bill McKay is a Level II ref and will be available for the finals.

Membership Report

Current membership is at 560.

Connie advised that viaSport audited Pickleball BC and found that Pickleball clubs could do better in retaining members. They recommended that clubs canvass past members why they didn't renew. While we have had a 20-30% loss of membership, we typically gain that many new members. ViaSport recommends we have a policy about membership. Having a strong membership, gives us a strong voice politically.

Programs

Connie reviewed the programs taking place until the end of April. She advised that the rental rates for Pearkes are going up, although we do get a reduction being a profit society. Contracts have been submitted to Pearkes for the fall on Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30 – 4:30pm and the December & June tournaments. Connie plans to implement a league or ladder play on Mondays and Wednesdays in addition to regular programming.

Website

Jules asked for specific feedback on the website. Damaris offered to assist with updating, but first requires access to PCO. Connie thanked Jules for getting this up and running.

Bursary Program

Connie is seeking volunteers to review and finalize the bursary program framework.

PISE May 6

Almost all our instructors will be involved at the PISE Family sport event. 2,000 children and their parents are expected to attend.

Beacon Hill Park Picnic – May 13, 2023 11am – 1pm

In celebration of the fact that the Beacon Hill Park Sequencing Plan now includes the word “Pickleball”, VRPA is inviting members to bring a picnic lunch to the temporary courts in the park. Some city counsellors will be there and will be partnered up with VRPA members to play. Pickleball is one of the park’s short-term priorities, and it is recognized that the courts are not yet in their permanent location. VRPA will provide goodies for the event. Connie will be requisitioning \$100 for this.

Croatian Cultural Assn Sponsorship

Connie advised that the Croatian Cultural Assn. is interested in being a sponsor of our Christmas Tournament in the form of a cash donation and Croatian food. This raised the issue of sponsorships, and it was agreed that we should have a sponsorship policy, where different levels are outlined.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 23rd at 3:00 pm. Proposed location Judy’s house.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm