

VRPA Board Meeting

Monday, January 16th, 2023, 3pm

Present: Connie McCann, Joanne Rykers, Lindsey Stene, Beverley de Haitre, Judy Langford.

Regrets: Jules van Rosebrook, Damaris Brix

Guest: Chris Zatylny

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

2. Business arising from the Minutes

- BC Societies Act recommends that an AGM should happen in reasonably close time to the fiscal year-end. Connie and Joanne will have a conversation about how VRPA can work towards this.
- Beverley de Haitre will continue in the Vice President position.

3. Financial Report

- Approved and received with thanks to Joanne, the new VRPA Treasurer.

Account Balances

Island Savings \$23,585.61

PayPal \$938.71

Joanne reviewed Island Savings activity (November 15, 2022 to January 16, 2023) including e-transfers in from program registration, e-transfers out for sundry program refunds, instructors' fees, rental payments to Pearkes, Christ Church Cathedral School, GlenLyon Norfolk House School. E-transfers out also included reimbursements for expenses for the December tournament to Damaris and Connie, as well as other documented expenses.

The Trackie (PCO) balance of \$2068.75 was transferred to Island Savings on December 29. In anticipation of ball purchases for the Winter session programs, \$800 was transferred into the PayPal account.

4. Membership Report

There are more than 540 VRPA members - this number includes inactive members (those who have not renewed their membership for 2023). There will be one more reminder in the next VRPA email notice, and if there is no subsequent response (renewed membership for 2023), the inactive member will be removed from the distribution list. They will no longer receive emails about VRPA events or programming. It will be clear that VRPA members will have priority for program participation.

5. VRPA Programs - Chris Zatylny

Chris is the VRPA member who, with Connie, has taken on program development:

discernment of need, description, location, available instructor, costing, date/time allocation and

registration procedures. He reported that there have been numerous difficulties in program registration and a review is needed to determine alternative steps to streamline the process. Chris, Lindsey and Cindy Hinton will form a sub-committee to investigate other registration and payment methods (SignUp Genius, CourtServe, etc) which might be considered for use by VRPA.

The Board was asked for input about the wording of the 'clarity document' - what needs to be forefront in the information package presented to the membership about any and all programs being offered and the registration procedure.

6. Proposal by Dr. Megan Lim to offer a program outlining "Lower Body Injury Prevention".

General conversation concerning promoting an individual's livelihood, offering beneficial information to our membership. Beverley will poll other clubs in BC to ask if they have developed policies surrounding this question. Connie will contact Dr. Megan to let her know that her offer is 'on hold' for now.

7. Website - Jules was not present to report. The Delta Pickleball Club has used the PCO format for developing their website. It appears to be user-friendly and appealing. Jules is looking into moving the VRPA web presence using the PCO platform.

8. VRPA Players' Rating. The DUPR system was discussed, looking at the possibility of using it for directing players to the correct programming as well as looking into the future and rating players for different play opportunities. Connie will reach out to VRPA members who are using the DUPR system and will report at the February meeting.

9. UVic Engineering Students Studies and Reports. There were a few cogent suggestions for VRPA to consider: improvements to the website, suggestion that all lower island municipalities use the same platforms for court reservations.

The app development suggested was not financially feasible. The app development document proposing a court booking app for all 13 Municipalities was not deemed to be appropriate to share with Municipal departments. UVic engineering personnel are open to receiving other projects from VRPA.

10. Global News Interview Connie was interviewed by Krista Collier of Global News who is preparing a documentary about pickleball in Canada. It may be broadcast in February.

11. GNS Sprung-Tent Connie will be in conversation with GNS about the sprung tent that they no longer have use for.

12. Fowler Park Development Saanich has spoken to a possibility of building pickleball courts as part of the development of Fowler Park. Connie, Beverley and Judy will attend a meeting of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee to discuss this exciting prospect. Meeting date to be determined.

13. "New-To-Tournaments-Tournament" - a fun tourney for players who have never been in a tournament. Possible date - a Saturday in March.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 27th, 3pm at Judy's home.