

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 3:15 p.m.

At Judy Langford's House

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Joanne Rykers, Treasurer
Damaris Brix, Secretary
Judy Langford, Director
Lindsey Stene, Director
Beverly De Haitre, VP, Director

Regrets

Jules van Rosebrook, Director

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 2023 board meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Joanne reviewed the financial report. She advised she has received some clarification from Judy on PayPal administration.

- Island Savings balance \$23,867.36
- PayPal balance \$00
- Petty Cash balance 100.35
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$00

Tournament Update

There are 148 players registered for the June 2023 Victoria Classic, which is a non-sanctioned event. Thanks to our sponsors:

\$1,500 David Langlois of Madsen/Langlois Realty
\$1,500 Berwick Retirement Communities
\$2,000 Ministry of BC: Fairs, Festivals & Events Fun (thanks to Lana Popham)
\$ 250 Shift
Balls Pickleball Depot
Gift Vouchers Courtside Sports

In addition, Cathy has obtained several draw prizes and food/beverage donations. Connie, Jeff, and Cathy will be meeting with Sheena Brewer of Pickleball Brackets over zoom one final time to review the software set up. Sheena's fee for her invaluable help will be approximately \$250.

The tournament will be opened on Friday evening with a demonstration game between Saanich Mayor Dean Murdock and counsellor Alan Lowe. Lana Popham will be presenting medals. Hopefully the media will attend and provide exposure.

Membership Report

Current membership is 598.

Programs

Lindsey suggested that it might be time to hire someone to look after program registration. She said the Signup Genius program is working well, and she will investigate the costs associated for the fee payment option. Our current payment process is very labour intensive. Connie noted that everything must be in place by the 2nd week of August for the start of registration for September programs. Christ Church and Cedar Hill programs continue to be strong, and we are expanding our offerings at Pearkes. Connie, Lindsey and Chris will meet to discuss programming and the registration process.

Public Service Day

Beverly advised that the BC Government is celebrating Public Service Day and as part of their festivities will be playing pickleball at one of the government buildings. We are renting them two nets, balls and paddles, and have sent the administrator a video on how to play. It was agreed that we need to formalize our pricing for any equipment we rent.

Website

Our new website through Pickleball Canada is up and running at [Victoria Regional Pickleball Association \(pickleballcanada.org\)](http://VictoriaRegionalPickleballAssociation(pickleballcanada.org)). It is time to disable the old website and discontinue the Weebly hosting fees. Damaris agreed to help with updating the website. Thank you to Jules for getting us to this point.

School Pro-D Event

We cancelled our May pro-d event due to low enrollment. We will try again next year on a district-specific pro-d day.

Policy & Procedures

Connie advised that ViaSport is the umbrella organization overseeing all official sports in the province. There are 78 clubs & associations under Pickleball BC and we now have a voice at the ViaSport table. Our ViaSport report card indicated that Pickleball clubs are lacking policies and procedures. As such, PBC has developed several policies and procedures. Connie presented the PBC Conflict of Interest

policy which she had modified slightly for VRPA. Joanne did not feel it necessary to alter them and that the policy & procedures should remain exactly as drawn up by PBC. Connie will check with other clubs to see if they are modifying the wording for their own use or using the PBC wording. She will bring this item back to the next meeting.

Provincial Championships

Connie reported on the success of VRPA players at the BC provincials in Vernon. No city has stepped forward for the 2024 event. Connie is making preliminary inquiries about the possibility of hosting the provincials in Victoria next year. A suggested venue would be Save on Foods Arena and the Victoria Curling Club. Victoria Sport Tourism actively promotes hosting events in Victoria and could be used as a resource.

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. In return for their \$500 donation, they would like to run a video during the lunch break on Croatia. The board was in favour of their sponsorship provided that it doesn't impact the flow of the tournament.

Connie reviewed a draft sponsorship grid outlining what an organization can expect to receive in return for their donation.

Vikes Sports Club

Connie advised that following the success of the 90-minute tournament held at Oak Bay tennis bubble, that the UVIC Sports Club is interested in hosting a tournament at CARSA and MacKinnon gyms when UVIC is not in session.

President's Absence

Connie will be out of the country for extended periods in the upcoming months. She began the discussion of how her role would be filled in her absence.

Date of Next Meeting

June 19 or 20.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm