

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 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 May 2023 board meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Joanne reviewed the financial report. She will be completing the spreadsheet for income and expenses from the tournament once Jeff provides her with the information.

- Island Savings balance \$20,019.44
- PayPal balance \$2,340.56
- Petty Cash balance \$135.00
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$270.00

Tournament Update

The June Classic was very successful. Jeff, the tournament director, has some recommendations for next year such as having a social event on the Saturday night. He has agreed to run the Christmas tournament but will have to limit his involvement with next year's Classic because of the time conflicts with his work. He will be available on the tournament weekend but recommends that VRPA hire someone to do the registration and draws.

There was a shortage of referees at the tournament. Beverly suggested that individuals who have taken the basic ref course be asked to ref the game following their match. She will check with Al Thomson to find out who has taken ref training and what level they are at.

One of the tournament expenses was the installation of a temporary Shaw router at a cost of \$400 to get reliable internet in the fieldhouse.

Jeff will report back by August 1st on income and expenses once all refunds have been issued.

Membership Report

Current membership is 624.

Programs

Lindsey advised that Signup Genius has an option for collecting program registration fees using the Stripe payment system. The cost ranges from \$11 – 24/month depending on the number of ads that appear. She and Chris feel that it is time for VRPA to hire someone to take over programming as it has become too large a task for a volunteer(s) to continue to manage. They are willing to do another round of program registrations before passing over the reins to someone else. Lindsey, Chris and Connie will be meeting over the summer to discuss these ideas.

Potential events for next year include: a tournament at UVIC in April, the Provincials in May, and the VRPA Classic in June.

Connie confirmed that we have a Worksafe BC #, so our contractors/instructors are covered in the event of an injury.

Bev inquired if program participants are given the opportunity to provide feedback, and if so, who does it go to? Lindsey will investigate this and link Bev with the feedback.

Website

Damaris has been updating the new website and has included a Where to Play Guide, a link to Facebook, and a Tournament link. Our old Weebly site will be deactivated on July 22nd. It was suggested that the volunteer section be embellished to encourage more participation.

Public Service Day

On June 15th Beverly attended the BC Public Service Day event in the parking lot of the Ministry of Citizen Services on Seymour Street. Approximately 800 government employees participated in a number of activities there including Pickleball which was very well received.

Youth Programs

Registration for the City's Youth Pickleball programs has been disappointingly low. Other than a few posters, the City has not done any outreach to schools or community groups. It was agreed that next year we need to advertise the program ahead of time in the schools. Connie will promote the program to our membership again.

The funds have been approved for 10 or 11 courts at Topaz Park. Completion date could be as early as July 1, 2024.

Feasibility Study – Westshore

A Contractor has been chosen for the Feasibility Study for Westshore Parks and Recreation. Rhonda Stoner is gathering stats on their behalf.

Regional Pickleball Study

Oak Bay, Victoria, Esquimalt, and Saanich are embarking on a regional pickleball study. They are conducting a survey with a focus on court bookings. Anyone with a block booking will be contacted, but the survey is open to all players, non-players and stakeholders. There will also be an open house. They are looking into a single booking system for those municipalities. The board discussed the pros and cons of court bookings. The survey will be available until July 16th. However, the report won't go to staff until next spring.

Ball Recycling

Bins for recycling pickleballs are available at Cedar Hill Rec, Carnarvon and Brentwood. The collected balls are sent to a depot in Vancouver for processing.

Policy & Procedures

Following up on last month's discussion, Connie brought back to the table a Conflict of Interest policy as per the Pickleball BC requirement that we adopt such a policy. Joanne felt that the policy wasn't specific enough and didn't cover all situations. Connie felt that the policy, as developed by PBC, provides the guidance without the specifics. It is a roadmap to decide on appropriate measures to deal with conflicts of interest as they arise. After a lengthy discussion, the Board accepted the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented. It will be posted on our website and distributed to members at the AGM in January. Connie noted that the Board does not operate under Robert's Rules, so no formal motion was required.

Next meeting: September 2023

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm