

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

At Judy Langford's House

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Joanne Rykers, Treasurer
Damaris Brix, Secretary
Judy Langford, Director

Regrets

Jules van Rosebrook, Director
Lindsey Stene, Director
Beverly De Haitre, VP, Director

Approval of Minutes

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

Programs Report - Introduction of Kari Frazer, Contract Program Manager

Kari Frazer joined the meeting via zoom for introductions and to report on the successful rollout of the fall programs. The new Stripe payment system worked well. She recommended that she set up Google Docs so the board can access site lists of instructors, facilitators and equipment.

Judy will be visiting Willows Elementary School gym to see if it is suitable for programming. Connie will be purchasing 2 more nets.

Financial Report

Joanne reviewed the financial report. She noted that Stripe payments transfer automatically to our Island Savings account. The Victoria Classic made a healthy profit of close to \$5,000 thanks to our sponsorships from Prov of BC, Berwick, Shift and Madsen Langlois.

- Island Savings balance \$26,213.79
- PayPal balance \$572.92
- Petty Cash balance \$135.00 (no activity)
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$460.00
- Stripe/SignUp Genius \$8,936.00

Membership Fees

Connie put forward a recommendation to increase the membership fees by \$5.00 to help offset the cost of the Contract Manager. After some discussion Connie withdrew her motion as PBC will be increasing its membership fees in each of the next 4 years. It was agreed to keep VRPA fees at \$10.00.

Website

Damaris provided an update on changes to the website. The old website has been taken down. She wondered if there is a way to see how many 'hits' the website gets. Thank you to Jules for getting the new website built.

Membership Report

Memberships expire at the end of December. PCO will send out a notification, and Connie will send a reminder to members to renew.

Conduct and Ethics Policy

The board reviewed the draft Conduct & Ethics Policy which corresponded with the PBC policy. Under the Roles/Responsibility of Individual Members 4.1.2 it was agreed to remove the bullet prohibiting wagering as betting is now promoted at Pro MLP games. It was also agreed to remove the bullet regarding the consumption of alcohol as there could conceivably be a special occasion license or beer garden at a VRPA event in the future. The policy was approved as amended.

AGM

As our fiscal year ends on December 31st, it makes sense to have our AGM in January or February, rather than in November as it was held in the past. Connie has received instructions from the BC Societies Office on how to change the date of our AGM, given there will be no AGM in 2023. The next AGM will be held on January 30, 2024. A notice of meeting will be distributed at the end of December.

Tournaments

Berwick RC/UVIC Inaugural Women's Tournament for 2.0 – 3.25

This tournament, sponsored by Berwick, is confirmed for April 13, 2024.

Connie has been in discussions with Jason Wright, Recreation Programmer UVIC Vikes Club. The Sunday morning 8am and 10am programs are running at capacity. He is considering adding a 10am weekday timeslot starting in January.

Christmas Tournament

Jeff H, TD and Cathy W, Event Coordinator will be running the fun Christmas tournament for VRPA members only.

Officiating Program

Tessa Graham has taken the lead on creating a ref clinic program with the aim of having more certified refs in Victoria which we require to run sanctioned tournaments.

Tessa would coordinate the training workshops, study of the PCO officiating workbook, arrange on-court practice with players, organize the online evaluation and, finally, set a test with a Level 2 official.

Potential New Courts

Esquimalt Curling Rink could possibly be converted to 4 Pickleball Courts during March-August.

Glen Meadows-The Pauquachin First Nation is considering converting the tennis courts at Glen Meadows to Pickleball courts, and creating indoor courts in the old Curling Rink

Men's Trauma Centre – Connie has declined the request of the Men's Trauma Centre to support their cause at one of our tournaments. Instead, we will build on our relationship with the Mustard Seed.

Westshore Courts – no further report at this time.

Topaz Park – The plans are nearing finalization for 11 courts. Connie would like to see a hybrid approach for their use – Paddle in the Saddle, some reservable courts, and an instructor court.

Fowler Park – Saanich is planning 6 courts at Fowler Park. VRPA supports the design and would be prepared to give \$4,000 for sound abatement panels.

Next meeting: October 2023 – date to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm