

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

At Judy Langford's House

In Attendance

Beverly De Haitre, VP, Director

Damaris Brix, Secretary

Judy Langford, Director

Lindsey Stene, Director

Regrets

Joanne Rykers, Treasurer

Jules van Rosebrook, Director

Connie McCann, President

Approval of Minutes

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

Financial Report

Joanne had previously submitted the financial report.

- Island Savings balance \$36,615.61
- PayPal balance \$900.00
- Petty Cash balance \$101.19
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$690.00
- Stripe/SignUp Genius \$29,412.83

Website

The website is updated regularly with links to our programs that have available space. Damaris questioned whether it is appropriate to list participants' names on these links. She noted, however, that tournament websites publish participant names. Lindsey will ask program manager Kari to advise registrants that their names are posted, so they may wish to use an initial for their last name for privacy purposes. A quick review of other association websites did not show participant names in their programs.

Membership Report

721 Active members.

Bev reported that the recently formed Peninsula Community Pickleball Association already has 300+ members. This will ultimately lead to fewer members for VRPA which will mean the VRPA advocacy voice won't be so strong.

Wain Rd

Damaris reported that at a recent North Saanich council meeting there was a debate on whether to shut down the Wain Rd courts due to neighbours' complaints of noise. Staff suggested a possible option to relocate the courts to the North West corner of Heron Park. This proposal would not be satisfactory to the players due to the close proximity to the Pat Bay Hwy. Brad Watson, president of SPPA, will be meeting with the director of infrastructure services for North Saanich to discuss other options such as the installation of sound abatement panels.

Saanich Pickleball Update

Saanich staff made a presentation to the Natural Areas, Parks and Trails Committee providing them with an update on proposed plans for Fowler park and when the Greater Victoria Pickleball Strategy is expected to be complete. Unfortunately no member of the VRPA Board was notified of the meeting.

The conclusion from that meeting was that the committee will recommend to council that they do some public engagement relating to pickleball and to proceed with plans for additional courts at McMinn.

Pearkes

The board noted that the nets at Pearkes are in terrible shape. With the revenue Pearkes garners from pickleball they should be replacing them. Bev warned that there is a very slippery spot on court 3.

First Metropolitan Hall

Judy has been investigating the potential for an indoor pickleball hub at First Met Hall. It has 3 courts, with ample space behind and beside the courts. The downside is poor lighting and limited parking. Judy is in discussions with First Met to improve the lighting. If it can be better illuminated it will be a grand addition to our program facilities.

Terms for the Board

The Board is comprised of 7 members. Individual member terms are one or two years. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary are two-year positions. All terms are set to expire at the next AGM with the exception of Joanne Rykers who is in the first year of a two-year term.

We have recently changed our fiscal year, so the bylaws need to be updated to have board terms coincide with the date of the AGM.

Lindsey offered to write an upbeat announcement re: encouraging VRPA members to consider serving on the Board and bringing their skillset with them. The notice would be posted on the Victoria Pickleball Facebook page as well as the VRPA website.

Facilities

Judy advised she met with Kari to review the various program facilities. She will be meeting with Christ Church Cathedral School admin re contracts for the fall and winter programs.

Programming

Kari has drafted a comprehensive document regarding policies for refunds, registration priorities, instructors' responsibilities, etc. The document needs to be examined carefully, discussed by the Board, edited where necessary, then returned to Kari so she would have clear guidelines to follow. She would be very grateful if the policies were in place prior to the next registration period - in early December."

The Board had the following recommendations:

- Refunds should only be offered for medical reasons.
- Participants are welcome to find another person to take their place
- If a program does not get filled by a VRPA member it may be opened up to non-members. However non-members should be charged an additional fee of \$5 if they belong to another PCO association, or \$25 if not. A reminder that PCO members are covered by insurance.

Lindsey will review these recommendations with Kari.

Kari's original contract was for 30 hours for the period of August 22 -December 31, 2023. Kari has already exceeded those 30 hours. As such, Joanne Rykers, after consultation with Connie, submitted the following motion:

That a supplemental contract be awarded to Kari Frazer for up to an additional 20 hours, until December 31, 2023, in recognition of the additional time required to implement the Signup Genius Program, develop systems for efficient program registration, and related duties. This contract is a supplement to the existing contract between the two parties, which is in effect August 22, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023. This supplement is for additional hours only, and the other terms of the previous, exiting contract are still in effect.

All were in favour.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that future meetings would be planned for the 3rd Monday of the month where possible. Next meeting is **November 20th at 3:30 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm