

# Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

## Minutes

Monday, November 20, 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 October 2023 board meeting were approved as presented.

### **Financial Report**

Joanne had previously submitted the financial report.

- Island Savings balance     \$25,885.71
- PayPal balance                 \$3,062.01
- PCO                                 \$1,000.00
- Petty Cash balance             \$101.19
- Sign-up Genius                 \$31,945.73
- Signup Genius Fees             \$2,068.39

### **Membership**

Damaris reported that there are 766 members. Close to 200 have renewed for next year. It was suggested that rather than give a prize to the new member at a certain threshold, that a random draw be held for all members to be included in.

### **New Board Member Posting**

Lindsey has written a promo for recruiting new board members. This will be advertised on our website, facebook page and included with the AGM notification. If we have a larger response than Board positions, individuals would be welcome to volunteer their expertise on a VRPA committee.

### **Updated Policies**

The committee reviewed the policy on program registration as drafted by Kari. There were a couple of concerns around the substitution list, and the timeline for paying instructors. Judy will advise Kari of the recommended changes. The committee was very appreciative of Kari putting this policy together. As an aside,

the committee felt that Level II coaches should be paid at a higher rate than those at Level 1. This will be further discussed when the full board is in attendance.

### **Facilities Update**

Judy reported that she, Damaris, Kari and Joanne tried out the courts at First Met on Quadra to see if they would be suitable for our programs. The hall has 3 courts with plenty of space in between. The lighting is a bit dim, but not unmanageable. First Met is willing to give us court time Mon-Sat. If we aren't able fill all the timeslots we are not committed. It could be a challenge to find instructors/facilitators for all the available sessions. One of the drawbacks is the location and the parking. Kari had good feedback from the survey of members and is confident in moving forward with offering a variety of programs at First Met.

Royal Roads is another potential location for programs. However, their rates are steep. Would participants be willing to pay the higher costs necessary?

Kari will be invited to an upcoming meeting to provide a programming report. One of the changes she is implementing is longer term programs.

Bev wondered if the reservoir at Mt. Tolmie could be used for Pickleball Courts.

### **Upcoming Events**

Mary Orme has offered to run an event for 3.75 players. She would like someone from the Board to oversee the event. One possible date is Valentine's Day.

The King of the Court fun event filled up quickly as did the Christmas tournament. The Christmas tournament only accommodates 64 people which is less than 10% of our membership. It was suggested that next year's event have a different format that would allow more people to participate. Unfortunately, some people had difficulties registering as their Pickleball Brackets (PB) account was not linked to their Pickleball Canada/VRPA profile.

### **Wain Rd Update**

Damaris reported that North Saanich mayor and council are considering closing the Wain Rd courts once an alternate location can be found. The SPPC is seeking strategies to put pressure on North Saanich to keep the Wain Rd Courts open. Please email any suggestions to: [sanpenpickle@gmail.com](mailto:sanpenpickle@gmail.com)"

### **Next Meeting**

There will be no board meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm