

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Judy Langford, Director
Damaris Brix, Secretary
Trish Fougner, Director
Joanne Rykers, Treasurer
Kerry Pridmore

Regrets

Lindsey Stene, Director
Tessa Graham, Vice-President

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 2024 board meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the website.

It was agreed that “Communications” would be added as a regular item to future agendas.

Financial Support for Wain Rd

**Moved by Connie McCann, president, seconded by Judy Langford.
That VRPA support the reopening of the Wain Rd courts by offering
\$4000.00 to North Saanich Council. This amount is for the sound
attenuation panels called Accousticfence/Accousticblock.**

All in Favour

Connie advised that on July 8th members of SPPA will be presenting to N Saanich Council. Others are welcome to attend to show their support. SPPA will be offering \$2,000-\$4,000 towards sound mitigation and offered to assist where appropriate for the installation. Connie advised that her motion is only applicable if the courts are reopened.

Upon Joanne’s suggestion, Connie recommended that funding sound attenuation panels, as we have done in the past, should be considered as a line item by the budget committee during the budgeting process. Kerry said that we need to make it clear why we are supporting sound panels to manage expectations.

Financial Reports

Joanne reviewed the financial statements for May 2024. She reported that at the June Strategic planning meeting, a finance committee was mandated to develop standard financial procedures and a yearly budget. The committee will be made up of Joanne, Lindsey and hopefully a volunteer from the membership with an

accounting designation. Deb Davis, our bookkeeper has agreed to provide consultation on the SAGE accounting system.

Esquimalt Programming Update

Connie reported that our instructional programs are full, and that the two tournaments as well as Deakin's clinic have waitlists. The women's league didn't have enough interest, but the men's league is running. Connie will investigate why the results of the league haven't been entered in DUPR as advertised. Joanne recommended that there be a detailed letter of agreement between VRPA and Esquimalt outlining expectations of the partnership and clearly specifying the split ratio.

Contract Programmer

Connie advised that she has had 3 applications for the Contract Programmer position. One of the applicants has enquired if she could sub-contract an assistant to help her when she needed vacation relief or during busy periods. The Board was in agreement with the concept and discussed the logistics. It was agreed that a committee would be struck to review the applications and choose a contract programmer.

Facilities Report

Judy reviewed the Facilities Report. There was some discussion on whether we should continue to book Christ Church now that we have First Met. Connie felt that we could fill the space at both gyms so should continue with CCC.

Victoria Curling Club is laying out temporary courts for drop-in play over the summer to be run by Victoria Parks and Recreation. They are still interested in having VRPA run programs there next summer.

Bursary

We have received another application for a bursary. It was agreed to hold this application for a second intake, which will likely happen in September.

PBC Model Youth Program

Motion by Connie McCann, seconded by Judy Langford:

To support and to sign onto the PBC application to ViaSport for a \$30,000 grant for a Model Youth Program based on the EVES Project in place at the Vancouver School Board. And that \$2,000 in 2025 be allocated to this project in the Greater Victoria Region.

After discussion, the motion was amended to add: **If the Pickleball BC application is not approved, the \$2,000 can be allocated to any youth program under the auspices of VRPA.**

Connie provided background information on this topic. Heather Hood sits on the PBC Youth Committee and would be our point person. This is a timely request as The Township of Esquimalt has asked us to assist with pickleball and youth and this project can be melded into this in the Spring of 2025. Esquimalt is a municipality with an Indigenous and a lower economic social base.

At Joanne's request, Connie recommended that the Budget Committee add a line item for Youth Programs.

Tournaments

It was recommended that VRPA members be able to register for our June tournament ahead of non-members. The Pickleball Brackets software can hopefully accommodate this feature.

Membership Update

We currently have 941 members. The average age is 57.

Next meeting

Connie will send out potential dates for upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.