

VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES (taken by Lindsey Stene)

OCTOBER 21, 2024

In Attendance:

Connie McCann, President
Tessa Graham, VP
Judy Langford, Director
Joanne Rykers, Treasurer
Kerry Pridmore, Director (attended via Zoom)
Lindsey Stene, Director (attended via Zoom)

Regrets:

Damaris Brix
Trish Fougner

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the September 23rd meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the website.

Facilities update (Judy):

- had to cancel Happy Valley. Previously had programming on Tuesdays and Thursdays but due to low attendance, both sessions have now been cancelled. Only 7 people signed up for Sept/Oct for Tuesday nights and VRPA had to subsidize. Only 3 people signed up for Nov/Dec. so decision was made to cancel. VRPA to pay for rent until end of October.
- First Met drapes- custodian needed to be reminded that drapes need to be closed for pb sessions.
- CCC school gym - last minute cancellation for oct 24th made by CCC - To make up this time, Todd offered space Friday the 25th. Judy let him know we had to pay Liam extra time. Todd agreed to give us 3 free hrs for our trouble.
- Pearkes - Wanda sent Judy a programming cost from a different business number, tourneys and special events will under a different number but now Judy getting invoiced from Saanich, not Wanda.
- Peninsula: There are 3 lined pb courts at Stelly's - Judy contacted school district (custodial and rental person) and learned they don't rent outdoor space in winter.

Referee Program (Tessa):

requesting \$200 more to account for extra court time needed. The focus will be to continue to train new refs and support existing refs. PB Canada has 6 new requirements, thus requiring more court time. Tessa proposing to send out call via email including description of amount of work required to complete program. Tessa made motion requesting approval for 2025 budget for 'Referee training and maintenance program' of \$1000. Connie seconded. All agreed and motion was approved.

Bursaries (Kerry): 3 applications received - Kerry felt 2 of 3 would be appropriate for bursary. Kerry will send spreadsheet around with applicant info as well as her recommendations for

board's review. Kerry mentioned she's just started a very time-intensive job and may require extra time to complete her deliverables. Kerry is away for a couple weeks leaving Nov 18th

Financial Report (Joanne): Deb Davis is out of town so financial statement for October not available. We can anticipate receiving two in November.

Programmer Update - Liam and Connie meet via Zoom almost every Tuesday. He now sends Joanne instructor hours. Currently main focus is Jan to Apr programs. Connie suggested he work on offerings specific to prep women for upcoming Women's s tourney at CARSA. Also - Connie suggested more Saturday tourneys at First Met. Liam created two new portal buttons for SignUpGenius. Liam talked to Bev about social media postings and will talk to Trish when she's back. Board pleased with the work he's doing.

Tourney Update: Uptown Christmas tourney is now on PB Brackets. Krista will be the TD.

That the Board approves the budget for the Christmas Uptown Tournament, with the following projected figures:

Total Revenue: 7,120

Total Expenses: 8,668.00

Projected Loss (1,548.00)

A detailed budget is attached. See page 3

Motion: Joanne

Seconded: Tessa

Approved: all board members present

1000th member quiz prizes: Board discussed options and decided on:

5 prizes:

1) early reg into one instructional program

2) early reg into non-instruction program

3) pickleball dollars x 3 (from PB Depot)

Lindsey to liaise with Liam regarding formatting quiz and emailing to members.

AGM will be in February, 2025

President's Report:

- Activating Youth PB K-7

3rd meeting for Connie is tonight with Pickleball BC. Connie has not had success getting into underserved schools but has been contacted by other schools

Connie discussed her recent attendance at a youth summit sponsored by the Greater Victoria Sport Tourism Committee. She highlighted the positive feedback she received on their sponsorship and partnership strategies, and suggested inviting sponsors to participate in the tournament. Connie also shared an idea from a Pickleball representative about potential

partnerships between Pickleball and Volleyball in Victoria, as they have experienced in the lower mainland.

Addendum: (added October 27th via email from Connie):
As per Connie: 'Youth pickleball. \$2000.00 for Year 2025.
This was an amount that was requested to partner with Pickleball BC on the Activating Youth Pickleball K-7 Via sport grant. This grant was successful. Vancouver Pickleball contributed \$2000 and PBC contributed \$10000.00 - the Viasport grant is \$30,000.
Our contribution which was approved by the Board, of \$2000 is to be transferred to Pickleball BC who administer the budget. There is no deadline to transfer the amount.'

Joanne - asked about Cedar Hill bubble as had heard its not fully utilized, Connie said bubble was funded by tennis and we wouldn't be able to access.

Next steps:

- Lindsey to send out email draft for quiz to board members to review
- Connie to f/u with Damaris re monitoring VRPA gmail account while she's away
- Tessa to take Connie's phone while she's away
- Connie to offer Berwick and McDonald Realty the opportunity to enter team in Christmas tourney
- Connie to follow up w city re improving current court conditions at Beacon Hill
- Board members to start encouraging people to run for board positions, specifically treasurer and facilities director
- Connie to defer discussion on provincials to next board meeting in Nov

Next meeting: Nov 18th, 2024

**VRPA Christmas Tournament 2024
Budget**

Income		
Registration	128 players @\$40/event	\$ 5,120.00
Sponsorships	Uptown	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 7,120.00
Expenses		
Court rental	Pearks Contract	\$ 5,998.00
Balls		\$ 175.00
Coffee / Snacks		\$ 500.00
Chocolate medals		\$ 170.00
PB Brackets		\$ 25.00
Stripe Fees		\$ 150.00
Door Prizes		\$ 200.00
Tournament Director		\$ 500.00
Photographer		\$ 150.00
Copies / Office Expnse		\$ 125.00
Costume Prizes		\$ 200.00
Event Coordinator		\$ 250.00
Wifi		\$ 225.00
		\$ 8,668.00
Net Income (los)		\$ (1,548.00)