

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2025

Via Zoom

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Tessa Graham, Vice-President
Judy Langford, Director (regrets)
Damaris Brix, Secretary
Trish Fougner, Director
Joanne Rykers, Treasurer
Lindsey Stene, Director (regrets)
Kerry Pridmore

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the tournament budget as submitted by TD Leah Moreau for the Berwick RC/UVic Women's Tournament.

The tournament will be held Saturday, April 12th at the CARSA gym at UVIC utilizing 16 courts. Registration is slated to open on February 28th. The budget is based on 200 registrations although the tournament could accommodate up to 264 players (twice the number as last year). It was suggested VRPA members be eligible to register ahead of non-members, the number of days ahead to be determined by the TD.

Sponsorships

Berwick \$1500 has generously sponsored the tournament with \$1500 and CARSA is providing the facility free of charge.

Referee Payments

It was agreed that the budget for referee payments should be increased to **\$1,300** (from \$1,000). Tessa suggested that the trainee referees be capped at \$50 each. If they choose to ref additional games for practice that is great, but they won't get paid for those extra games. The pay scale for refs is as follows:

\$5.00 per game for Trainees
\$7.00 per game for Level 1 Refs
\$10 per game for or Level 2 Refs

Connie advised that it is acceptable for not all games to be refereed.

Entry Fee

The TD had recommended an entry fee of \$60. The Board felt that \$60 was excessive given that there will be such a large profit margin, and suggested an entry fee of **\$50** instead. Tessa noted that it would be a good opportunity to say that we have been able to keep the registration fee low thanks to the generosity of CARSA and Berwick RC.

Connie will put together a message for James' website.

Other Expenses

Cathy Wong, event coordinator, has suggested that the expenses be lumped into one category to give flexibility to the tournament organizers. Joanne recommended that the balls be kept separate but that the other expenses such as printing supplies, snack packs and medals could be lumped together. This amounts to \$1,400 to be used at the tournament organizers discretion.

Last year's budget for Balls was \$200. Agreed to increase the budget to \$300 as there are twice as many courts. Franklin balls are available through Pickleball Canada at a good cost.

Registration Service Fees to Pickleball Brackets and Stripe

A budget of \$505 has been set for the various fees associated with registration and payments, but there may be overruns as the Stripe fees are not known.

Honorariums

The TD will get an Honorarium of \$500. There was a discussion on the amount of the honorarium for the event coordinator. It was eventually decided that it would be \$250, subject to a review for a future event. The photographer will get an Honorarium of \$200.

Net Revenue of \$7045.

Moved by Tessa, seconded by Joanne

That the 2025 Berwick RC/UVic Women's Tournament budget be approved.

All in Favour

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.