



## Minutes Monday, February 26, 2025

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### In Attendance

Connie McCann, Past President  
Roger Graves, President  
Tessa Graham, Vice-President  
Damaris Brix, Secretary (by zoom)  
Cathy Wong (Praud) Treasurer  
Trish Fougner, Director  
Rhea Athey, Director

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm.

Being the initial meeting of the newly elected Board, the first order of business was to determine the table officers as per VRPA Bylaws. Tessa had previously sent out a spreadsheet of the various duties associated with the key roles based on our strategic planning session last year. She teased out some of the things that Connie had previously done into other positions such as programming.

After reviewing the priorities of Advocacy, Governance, Communication, Programming, Sponsorships, Professional Development and Other, and the buckets associated with them, the Board members volunteered for the following roles:

President: Roger Graves (Advocacy and fostering partnerships)

Vice-President: Tessa Graham (Backup for president, Tournaments (and balls reqd),

Refereeing Treasurer: Cathy Wong. (Budget, Pay bills, provide financial update at Board meeting, Facilities, Event Coordinator liaison). \*\*

Secretary: Damaris Brix (Admin, Memberships, Website, Emails)

Director: Trish Fougner (Communications, Sponsorships, Bursaries)

Director: Rhea Athey (Programming, (and balls reqd), liaison for AYB)

Past President: Connie McCann (Activating Youth Pickleball)

\*\* Addendum - At the March 2025 Board meeting it was clarified that Rhea Athey will be responsible for Facilities, rather than Cathy Wong.

There is one Director position still to be filled. It was hoped that SPPA would have a person fill this role but no one has stepped forward. Roger will act as the liaison with SPPA. A needs assessment survey is being done on the Peninsula. VRPA has agreed to use monies, on a best effort basis, received from SPPA to benefit players on the peninsula. A conversation needs to happen with previous SPPA members about what form this could take (e.g. coaching or other programs.)

VRPA bylaws allow for the temporary appointment for a year long Board position. Hopefully somebody can be identified to fill this role.

It was agreed that there will be a check-in in 3 and 6 month check in time to ensure that all Board members are comfortable in their roles and that they have the support needed.

Connie advised that the role of the president is to maintain the relationships that have already been established with municipalities. The president must also be a strong advocate which can be by way of watching the master planning in the municipalities. We need to get "on the list" for the peninsula. The president is the face of the organization, and communicates out to members and stakeholders.

#### Tasks identified

Bursaries will be on the agenda next month.

document all gmail accounts

Trish will do a news release on the new board

Cathy and Rhea will chat with Judy about Facilities

Zoom account holder needs to be changed

Adams Storage new names added

Identify an event coordinator

Island Savings signatories need to be changed.

Moved by Tessa and seconded by Cathy

To remove Connie McCann, Joanne Rykers and Judy Langford as signatories with Island Savings, and to add Roger Graves, Tessa Graham, and Cathy Wong as new signatories. Motion carried.

Damaris will continue as a signatory.

Tessa will file with BC Societies the change of directors.

Tentative meeting dates for the next year are:

March 17, April 14, May 12, June 23, July 21 (if needed), August 25 (if needed) September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

