

# Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

## Minutes

Monday, June 23, 2025

At Damaris Brix' house

### In Attendance

Roger Graves, President

Tessa Graham, Vice-President

Cathy Wong, Treasurer

Damaris Brix, Secretary

Rhea Athey, Director

Brian Harrigan, Director

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the May meeting were approved and will be posted on our website.

### **President's Report**

#### **Registration Policy**

Moved by Roger

**That Clause 3 of the Registration Policy established in 2023 (which did not require membership in VRPA for beginner classes) be deleted.**

Approved

This change in policy was put forward because we will now require a membership number to be entered in order to register for programs. Having an exception for beginner classes would be administratively cumbersome to manage.

### **Courtside Sports Member Discount Offer**

Roger received a proposal from Courtside Sports for VRPA members to get store discounts ranging from 5-10%. The proposal came with several conditions including a request for the VRPA membership list for the purpose of CS and VPC newsletters. The committee was against providing a membership list for confidentiality reasons and felt that a sponsorship of a full 10% discount would be more meaningful. Tessa will respond to Courtside Sports. If an agreement is made a banner with the CS logo could be posted on our website.

### **Dedicated Courts at Centennial Park Central Saanich**

Moved by Roger

That the Board approve of the transfer of the SPPA funds (approximately \$8,000) to Central Saanich to help pay for the creation of 4 dedicated pickleball courts. Further, that the Board designate a sum of \$2,000 to further help pay for court improvements (fencing, gates, etc).

Motion defeated

The board discussed the motion at length, and while in favour of supporting this project was reluctant to make a contribution without being involved in the planning with Central Saanich and having an understanding of how the court time would be allocated.

Brian will write a letter to Cindy Barton of Peninsula Community Pickleball Club, and Roger will write to the Central Saanich council expressing our support and desire to be involved in the planning. She and her executive will be invited to our next meeting.

Brian sought clarification on the role of the Peninsula sub-committee of which he is the chair: i.e. to focus on getting more courts for the peninsula for rec play, to find courts for VRPA programming, and/or to find an alternative to Wain Rd.

### **Private Lessons**

It was agreed that a list of VRPA instructors available for private lessons will be posted on our website.

### **Vice-President's Report Multiple DUPR Accounts**

**Moved by Tessa**

**That in order to play in any VRPA sponsored tournament a player may only have one player account in DUPR or will be removed from the Tournament**

**Motion approved**

Tessa is working with the tournament director to determine who has multiple DUPR accounts.

### **UVIC Leagues**

Tessa advised that there will be several 50+ leagues and MLP offered at CARSA in the fall. In addition, they will be accommodating our 3.5 social previously held at Cedar Hill. UVIC will do the registration and collect the money. We will advertise these programs to our members via our programmer.

### **Financial Report**

The Financial Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

### **Communications Report**

Trish Fougner has resigned from the Board but has agreed to continue to update Facebook and Instagram, write news releases and offer advice on VRPA communications.

### **Job Descriptions**

Job descriptions are needed for the Event Coordinator, the Volunteer Coordinator, and the Sponsorship position. These will be brought forward to the next meeting.

### **Membership Report**

937 active members.

### **Facilities Report**

Rhea provided an update on Facilities. She is working with VPC to get pricing in order to offer VRPA programs there.

### **Insurance for Coaches**

It was agreed that it would be prudent for coaches to have their own liability insurance

which is available through Tennis Canada for \$89. Rhea will reach out to the coaches and advise them on this new policy.

### **Programmer Contract**

Liam's contract will be renewed for another year. Brian will rewrite the contract which will include a letter of expectations. Liam worked 610 hours this past year which was within the terms of the contract.

### **Sponsorship**

Tessa agreed to manage sponsorships until the end of the year. She will be reviewing the various offers of sponsorship that have come in and report back to the board with a recommendation.

### **Bursary Report**

Virginia Jacklin has offered to review the 4 bursary applications.

### **Next meeting**

July 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm