

**Victoria Regional Pickleball Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 19, 2025  
Cordova Bay 55+ Centre

*VRPA acknowledges and respects that we live, work and play on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, WSANEC/Saanich, the Wyomilth/Esquimalt and the Lekwungen/Songhees people.*

Connie McCann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Order of Business

1. Elect an individual to chair the meeting.

The VRPA Board previously appointed Connie McCann to chair the meeting.

2. A quorum to be determined

At February 19, 2025, VRPA Membership: 657. Quorum: 66. Present in person and via proxies: 122. A quorum is met.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Cathy Wong, seconded by Jeff Hodgson that the Agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, January 29, 2024.

Connie McCann reported that Minutes were not taken at the 2024 AGM, but many of tonight's attendees were present, resulting in the acknowledgement that the 2024 AGM was a successful meeting and the Board Directors were duly elected.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Report was presented and questions were directed to Deb Davis, the VRPA bookkeeper. A budget has been developed for 2025, the VRPA Finance Committee is active and 2025 looks to be a solid financial picture.

Moved by Trish Main, seconded by Malcolm Macaulay that the Treasurer's Report be received. Carried.

6. Special Resolution

"Be it resolved that the Victoria Regional Pickleball Association (VRPA) does hereby agree to amalgamate with the Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association (SPPA). It is agreed that the amalgamated society will retain the name, constitution and bylaws of the VRPA. Upon amalgamation, the VRPA agrees to add at least one member of the SPPA Executive to its Board of Directors. Upon amalgamation, the VRPA agrees that on a best efforts basis, monies transferred from SPPA to VRPA through the amalgamation will be used in part to benefit the former SPPA membership."

Moved by: John Arduini, seconded by Anthea Marcos that the amalgamation of the two organizations be accepted.

{A Special Resolution requires two/thirds approval by the Members present.}

Discussion: Tessa Graham noted that several conversations with SPPA had occurred over the previous year. Andy Magee, Vice President of SPPA reported that SPPA had met and discussed the question of amalgamating with VRPA and recognized: the positive aspect of a unified body of players on the lower Island, a larger voice for our sport, a clearly-defined political weight, access to clinics, leagues, lessons that would be beneficial to SPPA members.

Questions from the floor about amalgamation:

There was some concern about SPPA losing their social events and fun tournaments. The funds to be transferred from SPPA to VRPA would be tracked on a best-effort basis. The VRPA Board is entitled to appoint up to 3 members to serve on the Board for a one-year term. If a SPPA member is not presented to the VRPA Board for the one year term, a standing sub-committee representing SPPA would be created.

Question called: no one in opposition. Carried.

7. President's Report - Connie McCann

Connie is excited about and committed to the initiative "Activating Youth Pickleball". She will continue this work and report to the Board on her progress.

Connie thanked

- the current Board members and Past President Trish Main for their support and strengths.
- Liam Mactavish for his dedicated hard work as the VRPA programmer
- VRPA program instructors for their expertise and energy
- Her husband Tony Gibb for his understanding with her over-enthusiasm

Moved: Rea Casey Seconded: Tony Gibb that the President's report be received.

Carried.

8. Election of Directors

The following put their names forward as Directors: Cathy Wong, Roger Graves, Rhea Athey. Connie asked the attendees for other nominations. None were forthcoming.

All were accepted with thanks by acclamation.

9. Membership Question Time

Connie was warmly thanked for her leadership and energy.

General discussion ensued regarding the future of pickleball in the Greater Victoria region.

10. Adjournment

Moved: Lucy Moore. That the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Victoria Regional Pickleball Association be adjourned. 8:30pm.