

VRPA Board Meeting

October 28, 2019

The Board convened at Jan's home. Present: Jan Bergen, Gale Penner, John Paterson, Judy Langford, Trish Main. Regrets: Malcolm Macaulay, John MacLeod.

Meeting was called to order at 1:10pm. Items were added to the Agenda. The minutes of the September 30, 2019 meeting were discussed and approved. Trish asked the members present to confirm contact information. She will circulate to the Board members.

President's Report - Trish

1. Meeting with the recreation programmer at UVic: toured the CARSA facilities and McKinnon Gym. The CARSA building found to be not suitable (11 possible courts), but McKinnon has 12 courts already lined for badminton which could be used, but with very tight space for administering a tournament. Early cost estimates are approximately 10 times that of Pearkes.
2. Meeting with Peninsula Pickleball Association President Corinne Reid: conversation included the possibility of the Peninsula group hosting a tournament, PPA and VRPA hosting clinics at Wain Road, both associations approaching North Saanich to consider reserving the Wain Road courts for events, looking into the First Nations facility near the Waddling Dog.
3. Interest in the Songhees Wellness Centre - Trish is attempting to connect with Chris McElroy to talk about pickleball opportunities in this new, impressive gym facility.

Vice President's Report Jan had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Judy

Current balances:	
Island Savings:	17,748.09
PayPal	848.03
Petty Cash	154.65

Island Savings Credit Union activity: cheques to Trish - \$51.45 as reimbursement for AGM room rental at Pearkes; \$90.00 reimbursement for annual filing fees to BC Societies.

PayPal activity: membership fees income

Petty Cash activity: \$6.00 paid to Island Savings for counter cheques

Receivable: awaiting information from Pearkes re: portion of income for Wednesday sessions.

Membership Report - Gale

There are now 192 members in the organization, which is a very healthy indicator of the growth of the sport. Trish and Gale confirmed methods of recording paid and unpaid members.

Wednesday Programming at Pearkes

Conversation about the format as well as thanks to Malcolm Macaulay and Mike and Judy Priestly for their leadership. Clearly there is a wide range of opinion about time allotted to 'drills' and 'play'. Discussion on the format for Winter 2020 sessions including balance of skills and play along with the possible inclusion of introduction to tournament play.

Old Business

Pearkes Christmas Tournament

Due to protracted contract negotiations with Pearkes, another group was allowed to book part of the Field House during the original date for the Christmas tournament. As a result the tournament has necessarily been rescheduled for December 21. Discussion re format, volunteers, tasks. Decision to make it a brown bag event and reduce the price to \$20. Details will follow and all members will receive registration information via email.

Gale will order the chocolate medals. Jan has Franklyn tournament balls. We will ask players to bring their brown bag lunch and something to share (crackers, chips, fruit, sweets). Karin Macaulay will help with scorekeeping and registration. Jan will help with registration. Rea has offered to organize set-up. Gale will transport Mustard Seed donations.

Signing Officers

Those with signing authority are required to do so in person at the Island Savings bank. Jan, John P. and John M. will arrange such. Judy and Trish are already signing authorities while Rea and Brian no longer have that charge.

June Tourney Format

It was agreed to retain the 'round-robin-single-knock-out' format that has been used in the past. Trish will confirm the rental dates with Pearkes.

Meeting with Pearkes about re-configuring courts in the fieldhouse.

Measurements were taken and the floor plan confirmed that reorienting the courts by 90 degrees would result in an increase of only one court such that there would be 3 rows of three side by side courts. This information was shared via email with Pearkes. No decision or action is contemplated at this time so far as we are aware.

New Business

Steve Deakin clinics

Steve is a high level player who lives in Pit Meadows and is interested in offering clinics to BC players. Trish is looking into possible facilities and spreading the word should his camps come to fruition in the new year.

Beginner Tournaments

Discussion about possible introductory tournaments in 2020 for 3.0 players including possible venues and formats.

Next meeting - Monday, November 25, 1pm at the home of Judy Langford
Adjournment 2:57pm.