

MINUTES
VRPA Board Meeting
March 2, 2020

Trish called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Board Members present: Trish, Gale, Jan, Judy, John MacL. Regrets: Malcolm, John P.

Guests: Helen Brandon (Peninsula Pickleball Association), Angus Stewart (West Shore)

Trish introduced Helen and Angus, and asked that they share a brief update on their pickleball organizations.

Helen spoke about the variety of indoor venues used and tried, programs offered, and ongoing discussions with municipal decision makers regarding additional outdoor courts. There is some hope for additional courts at Wain Road and Mary Winspear Centre is again a venue, but pickleball is cancelled when other events take priority.

Angus

As the result of meeting with the Facilities Manager at Westshore Rec, it is likely that five courts will be lined for play when the artificial turf is taken up over the summer season. They also discussed the possibility of lining some of the outdoor tennis courts. There is a dry floor arena in the Westshore Village complex which could possibly accommodate three courts. Pacific FC is apparently interested in creating courts. Royal Roads is showing interest in including pickleball in their gymnasium development plans. In the Westshore community, there is strong interest in learning the game and supporting the development of playing venues.

Trish thanked Helen and Angus for their news and invited them to remain for the regular meeting of the VRPA.

March 2 Agenda approved.

February 3 Minutes approved.

President's Report

1.View Royal development at the corner of West Burnside and Helmcken.

Invictus Developments has a development proposal before View Royal Council that would include significant amenities funds. The developer is willing to build a large number of pickleball courts with those funds should View Royal Council earmark them to such a project. Trish will attend the Council meeting on March 10 to present the results of a supportive petition.

2.Pearkes Contract

Still awaiting promised report re next steps and have requested same.

3.Charityworks

A conversation with their director to determine if and how they can help us. Angus offered to be in touch with the organization and report to the Board.

4.June Tournament Ball

A local source for the Wilson tru32 ball has not, as yet, been found, so Trish contacted Pickleball Central BC and ordered the Penn outdoor ball as a possible choice. The Penn ball will be used in VRPA organized sessions in March.

5.Logos are needed from sponsors in order to create the basic information on ptkom re the tournament - Malcolm is approaching possible sponsors.

6.June Tournament

The dates for the tournament are June 12, 13, 14. Registration scheduled to open May 2.

Treasurer's Report

Island Savings balance	\$19,295.92
PayPal balance	\$ 34.11
Petty Cash balance	\$ 75.70

Island Savings Activity: \$380.63 reimbursement cheque to Malcolm re: June tourney rental deposit.

PayPal activity: membership fees income; payment of \$67.50 to PBC for nine new members; purchase of balls for VRPA activities and possible tournament use \$195.45.

Petty Cash activity: reimbursement of \$43.68 to John MacLeod for photocopying info sheets for Retired Federal Employees Fair at the Sidney Army/Navy/Air Force Centre.

Receivable:

Payment from Pearkes re: portion of income for VRPA Friday sessions 2019/2020.
\$362.80

Old Business

1.Retired Federal Employees Event

John MacLeod and John Paterson attended - the turnout was disappointing, but they handed out information sheets, displayed paddles and balls and showed YouTube videos to the people who came by. There was some interest in providing beginners lessons.

2.View Royal Council Meeting - March 10

Trish encouraged members to attend the meeting in support of the development.

3.Burnside Gorge 55plus Group

Trish will attend their luncheon meeting on March 5 to introduce their members to pickleball.

4.June Tournament

Trish thanked those who have volunteered to help. It appears that Al Thomson will be head referee. A volunteer is still needed to organize the lunch.

5.Potential ratings and player clinics

The consensus was that a ratings clinic is unnecessary and facilitators were discussed. Angus noted that there is a demand for instructional clinics in West Shore area.

6.Website development

General discussion that the quality of the VRPA website is good.

7.Referees Clinic

Concurrence that a clinic is a good idea prior to the June tourney. Al Thomson will be approached to facilitate.

8.New members

After discussion, it was agreed that new members joining VRPA after April 1st would be 'grandfathered' into the following year because the VRPA Year End is June 30. Trish will update the "What are the benefits of joining the VRPA" document and forward to Angus.

9. Brief discussion regarding the corona virus and potential implications for the June tournament.

10. John and Jan offered to assist with the VRPA sessions at Pearkes on tournament play preparation.

11. Round Robin app available: - PB Play

Meeting adjourned 2:50pm

Next Meeting

April 6, 1pm at Judy's home