

VRPA Board Meeting
July 19, 2021
Jan's home

Present: Malcolm Macaulay, Trish Main, Bev deHaitre, Jan Bergen, Virginia Jacklin, Judy Langford. Regrets: Gale Penner

Meeting called to order at 4:10pm.

Minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2021 were approved.

President's Report - Trish

1. The training instruction and skills programs at Pearkes were fully subscribed. Many VRPA members, some non-members and new members are participating.
2. Carnarvon Park developments: Manager of Oak Bay Parks & Rec, Steve Meikle, advises that he is questioning the need for safety fencing between courts. VRPA would like to see safety dividing fences separating the courts and has therefore offered \$4000 towards the installation of them. Mr. Meikle reports that he would need Council approval to cover the shortfall for this expense.
3. Fall programming at Pearkes - awaiting confirmation from Pearkes that VRPA will rent four sport courts on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 4:30 beginning in September.
4. A Christmas fun tourney is looking doable, given the moderating of the COVID restrictions.
5. The website home page has been updated, including a call for instructors. There has been no response to date
6. An email has been received from the Bookings Coordinator at Pearkes - it appears that their programming will be limited to pre-registration "drop-in" sessions.
7. The National Membership system provides useful statistics on where members live and not surprisingly, the majority of VRPA's members live in Saanich, the largest municipality, but all areas of the Lower Island are represented in our membership.

Treasurer's Report - Judy

Island Savings balance	\$22, 224.86
PayPal balance	917.81
Petty Cash balance	45.25

Island Savings

- \$300 payment to Heather Hood for instruction at the Pearkes programs

PayPal

- \$5,000 transferred out to Island Savings account

Petty Cash

- no activity

Trackie (the financial application used by Pickleball Canada) figure will be included in future Treasurer's Reports.

Membership Report

Trish reported that 201 members have been registered with VRPA, PBC, PCO. New members included - 69.

Old Business

1. The special resolution regarding changes to VRPA year end will be prepared by MM for the Annual Meeting.
2. Carnarvon Park - TM will prepare a letter expressing thanks for the work on the new courts in the lacrosse box, and reiterate VRPA's offer of \$4000 towards safety dividing nets. The letter will be sent to Steve Meikle, copied to Oak Bay Mayor and Council.
3. Pickleball BC and Tennis BC committee is preparing a joint statement which will be sent to the executive members of the organizations for discussion.
4. Potential grants - VJ reported that there doesn't appear to be available grants for non-profit organizations other than relating to COVID consequences.
5. PBC Youth Initiatives - BD has approximately 20 young people interested in playing and improving their games.

New Business

1. Fall Programming at Pearkes - Trish will confirm with Pearkes that VRPA will rent four sport courts on Wednesdays, 12:30 to 4:30 beginning in September.
2. Virginia and Beverly will lead a team, in consultation with Trish, on designing the Fall program at Pearkes and explore the possibilities and logistics of an automated registration system for Fall program participants. Information for member registration should be ready to publish by August 23.
3. Trish will contact Ian Daniel to enquire about availability re instructing.
4. Trish will contact Dave Metcalfe, an active player, re Saanich and the tennis club agreement and use of courts.
5. Trish will contact Pearkes rentals coordinator Wanda regarding what, if any COVID or other restrictions will be in place at Pearkes for rental groups.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 23, 3:30pm, Jan's home.