

DRAFT MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

1. **Attendance:**

Directors

Trish Main, President
Denis Harrigan, Vice-President
Jan Bergen, Treasurer
Malcolm Macaulay, Director
Heather Ratcliffe-Hood, Director
Al Thomson, Director
Suzanne Creighton, Secretary

Members in Good Standing

2. **Call to Order:**

- The president called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and announced the presence of 31 in person or by proxy voting members, including members who paid their annual dues immediately before the meeting.
- The members, by majority vote, approved the agenda for the meeting.
Moved R. D'Amico/seconded H. Hood.

3. **President's Report:**

The president:

- Thanked the directors for their work over the first year of the Board's operation and acknowledged the work of the secretary who has decided to resign. This resulted in four rather than three director's position being open for election.
- Reviewed the steps taken by the Board over the previous year, including incorporating as a non-profit society in December 2016; building membership and establishing relationships with facilities providers and municipal decision makers; providing 3 playing initiatives Jan-Jun.
- Reviewed the proposed affiliation with Pickleball Canada. The underlying rationale includes establishing national recognition and possible funding for the sport of pickleball and improving community facilities.

- Discussed the efforts associated with establishing and maintaining the official website for the VRPA, found at victoriapickleball.org, as well as the nature and frequency of user interaction.

4. **Directors' Reports:**

The vice-president:

- Reported on the outdoor league held in the spring 2017.

Malcolm Macaulay:

- Reported on the two clinics held in late April 2017, one for up to level 3 players and the other for level 3.5 and up.
- Also reported on the VRPA taking over and continuing the annual Pearkes tournament in June 2017.
- Discussed the proposed VRPA Wednesday afternoon slot for indoor play and development at Pearkes in October – December 2017.
- This included a discussion with the members about the number and types of tournaments that the VRPA might operate in future.

Heather Hood:

- Reported on the efforts to lobby regional governments and organizations for a single venue outdoor facility with 8 to 12 dedicated pickleball courts built to international specifications.

Al Thompson:

- Advised that he remains willing to offer referee training clinics for any members that are interested. He pointed out that referees are required for sanctioned tournaments.

Suzanne Creighton: report omitted in error. See attached Secretary's report.

5. Elections

By secret ballot, the following four people were re-elected or elected as directors for one year terms:

1. Al Thompson
2. Malcolm Macaulay
3. Heather Hood
4. Mary Orme

The total number of directors under the bylaws is seven. The bylaws also provide that the Board decides which directors become the table officers. As well, in the event that any of the above become table officers, pursuant to the bylaws, their term of office will be automatically extended to two years.

6. Business

Due notice having been given, the members debated, voted on, and passed by a simple majority, with no opposition votes recorded, approved the following resolutions:

1. That the VRPA affiliate with Pickleball Canada. Moved T. Main/Seconded R. D'Amico
2. That the VRPA purchase Directors' and Officers' insurance. Moved T. Main/Seconded D. Metcalfe.

Due notice having been given, the members also debated, voted on, and passed by a 2/3 majority, again with no opposition votes recorded, the following special resolution :

1. that Bylaw 2.5 be amended by deleting the words "repay the initiation fee as well as" and replacing them with the word "pay" so that the amended bylaw will read:
2.5 All prospective members will be required to pay an initiation fee the first time they join the VRPA, plus that year's annual dues. If, in any subsequent year, a person ceases to be a member in good standing, and later chooses to again become a member in good standing, the person will be required to pay that year's annual dues.

The debate respecting the special resolution included an expression of concern by a member that the bylaws, viewed before or after the amendment, did not permit those persons who renewed their membership after the expiry of 60 days from the year end of June 31 to vote at the AGM as members in good standing. At least 16 of the members present did renew within 60 days. The Board decided to proceed with the vote on the special resolution, including permitting all paid up members to vote.

Moved T. Main/Seconded P. Barker.

7. Conclusion of Business

Upon conclusion of business at 9:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
– TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2017

- As Secretary for your VRPA Board of Directors this past year, I've certainly been kept busy and out of mischief!
- We've held 16 Board meetings. *(This, by the way, does not include the myriad of sub-committee meetings that were convened, nor the meetings that your Board members attended, representing the VRPA throughout the Greater Victoria community.)*
- In our inaugural year, we garnered **148** memberships
- As at 12:00 noon today, *(not counting those who signed up tonight)*, in this fiscal year, we have **37** returning members, and **20** new members.
- Our membership drive will continue throughout the year.
- Our Membership List is continually maintained & updated, and receipts for all memberships & payments are promptly issued.
- Our Constitution was written and re-written many times until we got it just right, and many forms have been created – all of which has been accomplished to serve our members in the best possible way.
- Registrations were taken, and receipts were issued for everyone attending the morning and afternoon sessions for our April 29th Clinics with Ken Holman.
- All in all, our inaugural year has kept our Board incredibly busy and, speaking as a VRPA Member, I am remarkably impressed by what your Board has achieved.
- Thank you.