

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLE BALL ASSOCIATION
PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE - GARDOM ROOM
7PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

1. **Attendance:**

Directors

Trish Main, President

Mary Orme, Treasurer

Jan Bergen, Director

Heather Ratcliffe-Hood, Director

Al Thomson, Director

Regrets:

Malcolm Macaulay, Secretary

Denis Harrigan, Vice-President

Members in Good Standing

2. **Adoption of Rules of Order:**

• **Board appoints president to chair meeting**

- Meeting called to order at 7pm
- 12 members in attendance determine not enough people for a quorum. 149 members in good standing.
- 7:35 pm President announced the presence of 15 members in attendance in person and the required number to meet quorum.
- The members, by majority vote, approved the Agenda for the meeting (Moved A. Thomson / Seconded R. Milliken).

- The members, by majority vote, approved the **Minutes of Sept. 19, 2017 AGM** (Moved A. Thomson / Seconded M. Hood).

3. **Approval of the Financial Statements as submitted in the Financial Report** (Moved J. Bergen/ Seconded A.Thomson)

- **Financial Report to VRPA (MO, Treasurer)**

- VRPA current account balance is \$11,670.35 June 30, 2018.
- Review of VRPA incoming and outgoing financial activities as per submitted Financial Report.
- Board thanked the Treasurer for report.

4. **Reports:**

The President: (Attached President's Report)

- Reviewed highlights from submitted Written Report.
- Thanked Board Members for their time and contributions this year and, as well thanked the outgoing Board Members: Denis Harrigan, Heather Hood, Al Thomson, and Mary Orme for contributions, time and work on behalf of the VRPA.
- Negotiated a contract based on 60/40 profit sharing with Saanich Recreation.
- Affiliation updates with Pickleball Canada and BC PB provincial organization as to members' benefits - insurance, tournament play - movement forward to acknowledge Pickleball as a National Sport.
- Successful year of ongoing pickleball advocacy for more dedicated outdoor courts in the Victoria Region and increasing pickleball development of its members through VRPA Tournaments, League, Clinics, Skill Development.

The Treasurer:

- Financial report submitted and highlighted in the Financial Statement as above.

The Vice-President: (M.Orme reported for D. Harrigan)

- Reported on the Spring League 3.75 and up, which included 4 teams, 10 weeks of WD's, MD's, and MXD's on Wednesday afternoons. Positive highlights included: good organization and fun as noted by participants, 3 hours of continuous play, and spares worked well. One area to note for next year that there were not enough women players 3.75 and above to make more than 4 teams at that level.

Heather Hood:

- o Reported on Membership with 149 Members in Good Standing for 2018-2019 by Sept. 11, 2018. Members set a new record for the number of Membership Renewals for the VRPA Year 2018-19 by September.

Al Thomson:

- o Referee Clinics held in May including one at Fuller Lake.
- o Al Thomson, Heather Hood, Denis Harrigan passed the Level 1 of the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) certification - Teach the Trainer.
- o Summer Clinic Strategies, Skills, & Drills - offered at McMinn (A. Thomson / H. Hood) hosted 16 players up to 3.5 for six sessions was well attended with wait list.
- o 3 sessions this Fall for Beginner's to 3.25 to be announced for this September.

5. **Elections:**

- The following 6 people were nominated and acclaimed as directors for 2018-2019.
 1. Jan Bergen
 2. Brian Eccles
 3. Rea Casey
 4. Judy Langford
 5. Trish Main
 6. Mike Priestley

Note: One continuing Board member:

7. Malcolm Macaulay, Secretary.

As per the bylaws, the Board is comprised of three to seven members. The bylaws also provide that the Board determines the specific role taken by each director. Congratulations to all new and returning Board Members.

6. **Business arising out of a report:**

- No new business raised

7. **Resolutions:**

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

1. Be it resolved by a majority vote that the VRPA affiliate with Pickleball BC, at no charge for 2018-19, and thereafter at the discretion of the Board.
(Moved J. Bergen/ Seconded S. Macaulay)

8. **General discussion:**

The Board sought membership input re priorities for the upcoming year, including the following as a start:

- Leagues, laddered or round robin play for under 3.5 players.
- Drills for one hour preceding play.
- The current number of dedicated courts in the region is seriously under serving the rapidly growing number of pickleball players e.g. parks with only two courts only allow for limited skill development clinics outdoors or limited league play
- At least 12 rather than 6 courts are required at Topaz
- Other:

Tournaments - Saturday, December 15th available

VRPA will send an email out for further feedback from members

9. **Adjournment:**

Upon conclusion of business at 8:35pm, the meeting was adjourned.

See below for President's Report:

VRPA President's Report to the 2018 Annual General Meeting - Sep 11, 2018

Thanks to:

Outgoing Board members Denis Harrigan, Heather Ratcliffe Hood, Al Thomson,

Mary Orme

Events, initiatives, and activities undertaken by the Association:

- negotiated a contract with Saanich through which we share the profits and risks on a 60/40 basis for activities at Pearkes
 - Saanich handles registrations and provides equipment – no admin for us
 - VRPA provides personnel (volunteers) and ran:
 - December tournament
 - Beyond Drop-In skills and ladder play (Wednesdays)
 - Spring Indoor Advanced League (Wednesdays)
- provided referee training clinics at McMinn Park – admin for us
- provided summer skills training at McMinn Park – admin for us
- provided June leveled tournament – great deal of admin for us
- affiliated with Pickleball Canada (PCO) to provide PCO membership and liability insurance for all VRPA members
- explored affiliation with Pickleball BC
- maintained the victoriapickleball.org website and fielded inquiries from newcomers and visitors re play opportunities and programs
- liased with Saanich Parks re community concerns re play at Tolmie/McMinn
- purchased the USAPA court construction manual to assist municipal planners in designing courts that meet established standards
- constantly advocated for dedicated courts throughout the region through
 - Topaz public consultation process
 - Cedar Hill public consultation process
 - Carnarvon redevelopment discussions with Oak Bay Recreation
 - responded to overtures by Bear Mountain – meeting scheduled
 - initiated discussions with tennis community (joint advocacy discussed)
 - initiated meeting with Victoria Parks re design of Topaz courts with meeting coming this month

Questions the Board has for the members: (email feedback if you like)

1. What kinds of activities or play opportunities would you like to see on Wednesday afternoons at Pearkes and in general this year?
2. What suggestions do you have for expenditure now or in the future, of association funds?