

VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Monday, April 8, 2019 at home of Rea Casey

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 9:32am. Members in attendance: Trish Main, Jan Bergen, Rea Casey, Judy Langford and Brian Eccles. Regrets: Malcolm Macaulay and Mike Priestley

Minutes from the meeting of March 8, 2019 were read and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 1. Website:** In fielding a request for information from a website user, Trish discovered that there is no drop in schedule posted for Pearkes on the Saanich Recreation website.
ACTION: She will ask for clarification on this from Saanich.
- 2. March Ladder:** According to the survey, the ladder was successful and participants enjoyed it. It was noted that there was some concern about players being caught in the lowest rung when there were not enough participants. Trish took this under advisement and when scheduling this next time will either bump people up in the ladder or ensure that there are more than two teams playing at each level.
- 3. Workshops with Heather, Al and Denis:** All classes are full.
- 4. Alternate Tournament Host Site:** Trish has been looking into new software called TournamentBrackets.com

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 1. Carnarvon Park Redevelopment:** The master plan is completed with 4 designated pickleball courts all obliquely aligned. This is disappointing. The exercise indicates how important it is for pickleball people to mobilize when items of concern to our sport come up.
- 2. Carnarvon Pickleball:** Is going well with all programs nearly full. Pat and Cindy will be coming back this summer but Brian is unsure where they will teach as courts are now block booked.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 1. Current Balances:** Credit Union \$10,939.25
Pay Pal: \$2,596.40
Petty Cash: \$205.60
- 2. Payables:** Trish Main (Server bracelets for June) \$103.60
- 3.** There is a query regarding the bill from Saanich for ladder play. **ACTION: Judy will see Sadeep about this.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

- 1. Memberships:** We currently have 200 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. June Tournament:**

Trish has had training on the tournament organization process and is confident that she can handle the software. She will build a manual that will assist people with it in future.

MOTION: (Casey/Langford) That the VRPA reimburse Trish Main for costs incurred for transportation and accommodation for this training in Vancouver. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: Trish will provide invoice to Judy.

The tournament is posted to Pickleballtournaments.com and will go live on April 26, 2019.

Volunteers are coming forward.

ACTION: Team leaders are to find their own volunteers and then let Judy know.

Deb Simpson has agreed to handle the **food**.

Al Thompson has been approached regarding **referees**. Trish encouraged all of us to beat the bushes to find referees.

Jan Bergen has spoken to the Franklin rep regarding donated **balls**. His logo is now up on the website. Jan will remind the rep about the coupon code link for discounted purchases, that is to go up on the VRPA website.

Trish will speak with Denis about ordering **medals** when she knows how many are needed in each category. Jan Bergen has a budget and will purchase **prizes**.

ACTION: Trish to form seeding committee: Trish, Jan, Bev and one other.

- 2. Dealing with fee payments and PBBC and PBC:** Dealing with Pickleball BC and Pickleball Canada membership expiry dates and payments to PBBC for PCO memberships is an accounting and administrative challenge. Trish has asked Judy Langford to work on it with her.
- 3. Mark Renneson Workshop:** Mark Renneson is available to do a workshop July 13-14 and there are courts available at McMinn. There is some question as to whether Saanich will permit an “exclusive” event that is a money maker for an outside business. Trish is not available to plan this workshop.

ACTION: Trish will contact Nathan at Saanich Rec to define “exclusivity” and to find out if courts are available if people are making money.

ACTION: Trish will approach Malcolm to run this event. She will complete this by April 18, 2019, so that we can move forward with planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. VRPA Fees for next year:** It was decided that fees would not be raised for the next year. Keep status quo for fee payment at \$20 for new members and \$10 for renewal.

ACTION: Allow anyone who has joined VRPA after April 1, 2019 a 15 month membership, so that their renewal date will come into line with our June 30 expiry date. This will allow our database to come into line with what might be asked of us as we align with PBBC and PBC.

- 2. VRPA CODE OF CONDUCT:** Discussed the need for a code of conduct for players on and off the court.

ACTION: We will look to PBC and USAPA for guidance and revisit this at another meeting.

- 3. SITA Meeting:** Trish will meet with Karen Clarke, Director and Keith Porter, President, South Island Tennis Association to explore ways to work together to promote building dedicated pickleball courts for the benefit of both sports.

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2019 at Rea’s house (2 – 707 Greenlea Drive) at 9:30am

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:46am.