

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
NOVEMBER 18, 2020
7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

1. Attendance:

President: Trish Main (TM)
Vice-President: Bev de Haitre (BH)
Secretary: Malcolm Macaulay (MM)
Treasurer: Judy Langford (JL)
Membership: Gale Penner (GP)
Virginia Jacklin (VJ)
Regrets: Jan Bergen (JB)

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

3. Minutes from the Board meeting of October 21, 2020:

- The Board approved the finalized minutes of the board meeting of October 21, 2020

4. President's Report

- TM reported that the skill instruction and play opportunities on Wednesday afternoons at Pearkes will continue until December 30. There are a total of 128 participants.
- The VRPA is in the process of finalizing the continuation of permits for January to April 2021 and the current skills instructors have committed to that time frame.
- The proposed conference call with the Saanich Parks Planning Manager has been delayed due to the individual's illness and will be rescheduled.
- The developer of the View Royal project (with the hoped-for pickleball public amenities) has sold his interest to another developer so unfortunately the pickleball aspect of the proposal is unlikely to proceed.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Current ISCU account balance - \$17,118
- PayPal account balance - \$9,732
- Petty cash - \$60.25

6. Membership:

- GP reported that, as at the date of the meeting, there are 273 active members

7. Old Business:

- Pearkes program, permit and preferred start date:
- The board discussed and agreed that the next sessions should not start until Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in part so members can isolate for 2 weeks after holiday activities, including receiving any out-of-town guests, before participating
- The board also decided to continue offering program spaces on a first come – first served basis although there will be two separate 8-week sessions for play while the clinics will each be 4 weeks in duration
- We are changing the format for play in our continuing effort to keep the quality as competitive as possible for all participants
- Play will be restricted to the first 40 (20 women and 20 men) to sign up individually for mixed doubles round robin play (10 pickleball courts – weekly sessions 1 hour 50 minutes)
- The costs for participants will be calculated in the same way as the current programs
- VRPA's priority continues to be to provide play and skill development opportunities for as many as our members as possible
- The participants will no longer self-rate their playing levels as we have found significant discrepancies between subjective ratings and objectively observable skill and competitive levels. For that reason, the VRPA will ask our certified skills instructors, Heather, Al and Denis, along with Bev de Haitre and Malcolm Macaulay, to observe and group assess the participants on the first day of the program
- Individual participants will then be assigned to a two-court block with 7 other players who have demonstrated a compatible competitive level of skill and experience
- COVID:
- The board discussed ongoing concerns about health safety as we return to VRPA sponsored indoor activities. The board agreed that TM should email members to remind them that they must comply with all Pearkes COVID 19 Guidelines.

8. New Business:

- Insurance coverage:
- JL reported receiving information from a member suggesting that Pickleball BC coverage is more extensive than the VRPA has been reporting to our members. TM and JL will consult with Pickleball BC to determine if the report received is accurate. If necessary, the board will pass on corrected information to members
- Evaluation of Skills Clinic:
- TM will draft and circulate evaluation forms to all clinic participants
- Mustard Seed contributions:
- Typically, after the Christmas tournament, the VRPA contributes food articles contributed by members, to the Mustard Seed (local registered non-profit charity). Due to COVID, we cannot do that this year. Instead, TM will send our members the Mustard Seed link and encourage everyone to make directly whatever donation they can
- Extending Pearkes Rental beyond April 2021:
- TM will inquire into a further extension, subject to cancellation if necessary due to COVID

9. Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 7 pm via Zoom

10. Adjournment:

- 9:22 pm