

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
OCTOBER 1, 2018
AT JAN'S HOME

1. Attendance:

Trish Main (TM)
Malcolm Macaulay (MM)
Jan Bergen (JB)
Brian Eccles (BE)
Judy Langford (JL)
Rea Casey (RC)

Regrets

Mike Priestley (MP)

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm

3. Minutes from the Board meeting of July 30, 2018 and 2018 AGM:

- Minutes of Board meeting of July 30, 2018 approved.
- Minutes of 2018 AGM approved by Directors

4. President's Report (TM):

- AGM – \$90 room rental fee was paid to Saanich; quorum for meeting satisfied; PBBC resolution passed; limited number of members present so discussion and feedback also limited
- VRPA required to file board directors' names and addresses right away – directors to provide information to TM
- VRPA must set up bank signing authority to permit bill payments – this requires our minutes to verify who is on the board and those with signing authority to attend at the bank (Island Savings at Mayfair) to join Island Savings (\$5 each which the association will pay) and to sign the appropriate documents. After discussion, the board decided that the directors with signing authority at Island Savings will be TM, JB, JL and RC.

- TM noted that the Saanich/Pearkes contract requires us to have safety trained personnel onsite; typically Saanich handles all registrations and ONLY provides us with participant names; at the end, we invoice Saanich and they pay us our share (60% of revenue as defined in the contract)
- VRPA liability insurance (required under the contract) is achieved through affiliation with and payment to PCO (\$5/member). The insurance covers us for liability and tenant's insurance for any damage we may cause to a facility as well as a small accident insurance payable in some circumstances to injured members
- The VRPA has Directors' and Officers' insurance in place at an annual cost of about \$500 to insure Board members against lawsuits
- Skills and Drills sessions are currently running on Wednesday afternoons and instructed by Denis Harrigan, Heather Ratcliffe Hood, and Al Thomson. This program ends October 3
- BE and TM represented the VRPA in a September 10 meeting with Oak Bay's hired consultants regarding the redevelopment of Carnarvon Park and the needs of pickleballers. The consultants decided to buy their own copy of the court construction manual. Pickleball and tennis drove the whole initiative.
- Al Thomson and TM met with Russ Hartley at Bear Mountain on September 17 to explore the potential for using their old tennis courts but found, on inspection, that the courts are too close to residences and the surface is rubber "gravel". Al will organize a test play but insufficient ball bounce is probably an issue.
- On September 24, Al Thomson and TMI met with Victoria Rec; although they had specifically asked to meet with their planners to talk with them about using the specifications for courts for Topaz. There was an interesting discussion about getting park planners to back off of green focus re trees, etc. Apparently, they are hard to convince not to plant trees near courts. This was similar to what TM heard from the head planner for Saanich regarding McMinn's trees when she asked for them to be removed. Apparently, planners are landscape architects and likely require education on sporting activities and the need to ensure that their plans for plantings do not interfere with structures or play.

5. **Vice-President's Report:**

- Nil

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Current account balances - \$11, 897.83
- PayPal account balance - \$1,158.47

- Petty cash - \$280.10
- Total - \$13,336.40
- Payables – about \$500 for Directors’ insurance, \$605 to PCO (121 new members x \$5)
- Approximate current balance after payables - \$12,231.40
- Note – VRPA share of revenue from ongoing Wednesday program to be determined

7. Appointment of Officers by the Board:

- President – TM
- Vice-president – BE
- Treasurer – JG
- Secretary – MM
- Responsibility for maintaining membership records – RC
- TM to do necessary *Societies Act* filings, needs full names, street addresses and postal code from each director and will also set up bank signing arrangements for 4 directors with signing authority

8. Old Business:

- Municipal Survey:
- TM reported that she has not yet sent out survey and asked the directors to review draft and consider how to determine which individuals to send it to in particular municipalities
- The board agreed that there would be no further action until January 2019
- Wednesday Play:
- The Board discussed possible options for after the conclusion of the present program, including men and women only play

9. New Business:

- December 15, 2018 Christmas Fun Tournament:
- The Board discussed possibilities for organizing the tournament, including whether to limit registration to VRPA members and whether to rent the space at Pearkes or profit share with Saanich
- Member Survey:

- A mail out survey of members is being prepared; the Board discussed a draft of the survey and will finalize the content shortly

10. **Next Meeting:**

- Monday, October 22, 1:30 pm, at BE's home

11. **Adjournment:**

- 3:55 pm