

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
OCTOBER 21, 2020
VIA ZOOM

1. Attendance:

Trish Main (TM)
Jan Bergen (JB)
Malcolm Macaulay (MM)
Judy Langford (JL)
Gale Penner (GP)
Bev de Haitre (BH)
Virginia Jacklin (VJ)

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm

3. Minutes from the Board meeting of August 24, 2020:

- Earlier directors' emails finalizing and approving minutes of board meeting of August 24, 2020 confirmed

4. Directors' approval of minutes from annual general meeting of September 28, 2020:

- Minutes of AGM finalized and approved on behalf of the Board

5. Board composition and appointment of officers:

- By agreement, the following board members were appointed as officers:
- President – TM
- Vice-President – BH
- Treasurer – JL
- Secretary – MM
- Membership - GP
- The Board decided against appointing any additional regional representatives to the board at this time

6. Bank signing authority:

- The board decided to remove retired directors, John Paterson and John MacLeod, as signing authorities and to add BH as a new signing authority
- Current directors, TM, JL and JB will continue as signing authorities

7. President's Report

- TM advised that there was no separate written report and that she would provide updates, as necessary, during the discussion of agenda items
- TM reported that the VRPA annual report and bylaw changes approved at the AGM have been filed

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Current ISCU account balance - \$17,208
- PayPal account balance - \$8,700
- Petty cash - \$60.25

6. Membership:

- GP reported that, as at the date of the meeting, there were 266 active members

7. Old Business:

- Pearkes program:
- 64 members, many of them apparently new, signed up very quickly for the Wednesday Pearkes clinic and play programs that will run through December (except November 11 and December 23)
- The VRPA has rented all 8 pickleball courts for 4 hours each Wednesday (excluding one holiday) in order to offer the programs
- TM and JL noted that there have been difficulties with some players self-rating their skill level at unrealistic levels. The Board also discussed requests by some players to be re-assigned to a higher level of play but declined to do so. The Board further noted that all spaces at all levels of play are already fully booked so it is difficult to accommodate any movement between levels. This is also so given the COVID limitations on player movement and interaction within the facility.
- Christmas Tournament:
- TM reported on her discussions with Pearkes staff respecting the possibility of running the traditional Christmas tournament for members during the COVID

pandemic but, after discussion, the board decided that it is not feasible to do so and cancelled the tournament for this year

8. New Business:

- 2021 programming:
- After discussion, the board decided to reserve the opportunity to continue renting Pearkes in 2021 as presently scheduled
- Communications with Saanich re construction of outdoor courts:
- JL distributed copies of her email exchanges with Saanich staff members respecting the potential conversion of unused tennis courts at Lochside Park to pickleball; one of the courts is presently being used as a storage place
- There will be a public hearing at some point about the future of Lochside and Fowler Parks. The Board agreed that it is an opportunity worth pursuing and TM will write to Saanich, with JL to continue her advocacy directly
- TM is still trying to secure a high-level meeting at Saanich to explore the broader question of potentially available space for outdoor court construction. TM and MM will attend that meeting when it is scheduled
- TM and MM will also follow up with the developer in View Royal to determine what we can do to advance his public amenities proposal for pickleball court/facility construction

9. Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, November 18, 7 pm

10. Adjournment:

- 8:58 pm