

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
JUNE 22, 2020
JAN'S HOME (OUTDOORS)

1. Attendance:

Trish Main (TM)
Jan Bergen (JB)
Malcolm Macaulay (MM)
Judy Langford (JL)
John Paterson (JP)
Gale Penner (GP)
John MacLeod (JM)

Guest:
Corine Reid (CR)

Guest regrets:
Angus Stewart

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

3. Minutes from the Board meeting of May 25, 2020:

- Minutes of Board meeting of May 25, 2020 finalized and approved

4. President's Report

- TM reviewed recent developments:
- [View Royal Public hearing June 16](#)
- Attended by phone. The mayor made it abundantly clear that it was an opportunity for the public directly affected to speak. TM did not. It lasted 2.5 hours. The agenda including correspondence was 484 pages. There was much opposition to the project from neighbors and one very articulate, VR advocate. There is strong support from businesses in the nearby commercial area. VR staff is supportive, saying Invictus has gone above and beyond and that the plans are consistent with the Official Community Plan. Decision will be rendered July 7.

- Electronic AGM
- The State of Emergency allows virtual general meetings even in the absence of enabling society bylaws.
- Insurance and COVID liability
- TM spoke with our broker who said they are working with PCO and that falling ill has never been covered or even considered in the past. He suggested that it was way too soon to know how things would evolve and that interpretations of liability would likely be up to lawyers to argue, sort out, etc.
- Membership renewal
- One member paid an extra in view of “all we (VRPA) do”
- Communications
- TM emailed Oak Bay Coordinator suggesting additional info re online court reservation system on Carnarvon signage.

5. Treasurer’s Report:

- Current ISCU account balance - \$19,657.91
- PayPal account balance - \$608.67
- Petty cash - \$75
- Membership renewals:
- As at the date of the meeting, there were 42 renewals and 8 new members

6. Old Business:

- Bylaw changes (TM and MM):
- 1. Cheque signing authority under our bylaws is more restrictive than contract signing; proposed change is to allow more flexibility
- After discussion, the Board agreed to cheque signing by at least one of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer, plus one other board member – MM to draft proposed change
- 2. Other issue relates to regional representatives like CR and AS – under the bylaws, we are currently limited to 7 directors

- After discussion, the Board agreed to add Bylaw clause 5.5 to allow the Board to appoint, in addition, up to 3 regional representatives with voting rights. Any such additional appointments will hold office until the next AGM. In the result, the Board may have a maximum of 10 directors at any point in time.
- It is important to note that changes to the bylaws will not take effect unless approved by 75% of the voting members registered to vote at the AGM

7. New Business:

- Carnarvon signage:
- The Board noted that players must either reserve online in advance or, if wanting to play within an hour, telephone Oak Bay Recreation
- In either case, the names and contact information for all players must be provided to allow for contact tracing
- Board elections and AGM:
- In the event of a continuing state of emergency, the AGM and election will be conducted electronically
- TM encouraged Board members to decide if they are prepared to continue serving as far in advance as possible and to help search for replacements if not continuing
- Letter writing campaign:
- The Board discussed encouraging our members to write to Mayors and Councils continuing to advocate for more purpose-built courts
- Pearkes letter to user groups:
- JL reported that various user groups recently received correspondence from Pearkes re the eventual return to use of the Fieldhouse and some of the conditions that will apply. There was no specific timeline for re-opening the Fieldhouse. Pearkes did not consult with the VRPA or include it as an addressee. It is possible that the letter was only sent to renters and not to the VRPA as our relationship with Pearkes is primarily governed by a separate contract. TM will follow up with Pearkes.

8. Next Meeting:

- Monday, July 20, 2020, 4 pm at Jan's home

9. Adjournment:

- 5:30 pm