

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
AT GALE'S HOME

1. Attendance:

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

Regrets:

Jan Bergen (JB)

Westshore Guests for part of meeting:

Jules Van Rosebrook
Angus Stewart

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

3. Discussion with Guests

- TM reviewed recent developments in the VRPA attempts to obtain a pickleball facility suitable for tournament play at Centennial Park in View Royal. A discussion followed about how the two groups might operate collaboratively or as members of the VRPA.

4. Minutes from the Board meeting of January 5, 2019:

- Minutes of Board meeting of January 5, 2020 finalized and approved

5. President's Report (TM):

- TM reported on a number of matters as follows:

- (a) Charityworks has contacted the VRPA to advise that we may be eligible as a regional community sporting organization for gaming grants
- MM to consider and report to the board on the potential ramifications for our current non-profit status if we were to make an application as well as any potential need to apply for charitable status with the Canada Revenue Agency or to obtain audited financial statements
- (b) TM reported that one spot is left in the March mini-tournaments program (for Level 3 or lower players who are interested in learning about tournament play). Volunteer referees are required for March 13 as part of the program. Please contact TM directly if you can help out in this regard.
- (c) TM reported that the April – June Skills programs are already full with waiting lists
- (d) Community players and members who are working continue to contact the VRPA looking for programs in the evenings or weekends
- (e) An ITPA certified rating instructor has offered to conduct a club ratings and skill clinic in Victoria. Club ratings are skill based and do not necessarily equate to tournament ratings (see <https://mantasport.com/club-rating-sessions>). See new business below.
- (f) The VRPA has been invited to participate or present at various community groups including Burnside Gorge 55 + and a Seniors Fair in Sidney, hosted by the National Association of Federal Retirees on February 22. JP and JM agreed to prepare handouts and attend the latter
- (g) TM reported that she and MM attended a meeting with the manager of Pearkes on January 23, 2020 to discuss our concerns related to our contract and relationship with staff at Pearkes. The manager committed to reporting back to us and his to his supervisor, the Director of Parks and Recreation and we are waiting to hear from him
- (h) TM reported that a new Wilson ball that is reportedly durable and stable in flight has been certified and approved. The board discussed obtaining samples to try out and possibly approaching Wilson as a potential ball sponsor for the June tournament

- (i) TM updated the board on the process concerning the potential build of courts at Centennial Park in View Royal
- The board discussed and approved sending out a petition to members and players in the community in support of the proposed Eagles Nest residential development and upgrades of Centennial Park, View Royal, for pickleball purposes

6. Treasurer's Report:

- Current ISCU account balance - \$19,676.55
- PayPal account balance - \$183.34
- Petty cash - \$119.40
- We have received the payment of \$518.40 from Saanich re 2019 Fall Wednesday sessions and paid the deposit for the June tournament rental fees

7. Old Business:

- Pearkes Contract (TM and MM):
- TM and MM updated the board on their discussions with the manager of Pearkes
- June Tournament (TM):
- Board members agreed to take on the various volunteer tasks set out by TM as follows:
- Food: GP (Deb Simpson?); Coffee and water: JB, JM; Sponsorships: MM; Prizes: JB; Wristbands: GP; Tech Support: GP; Head Referee: JM (Al Thomson?); Medals: JL (Legion sponsor?); Set up and Take down: GP; Score Posting: TM and JL; Events Desk: TM and JL; Registration: JL; Volunteers: JL

8. New Business:

- Club Ratings Clinic

- The Board discussed whether there would be sufficient demand for a clubs rating clinic as opposed to tournament ratings for those who play in tournaments but did not reach any final decision

9. Next Meeting:

- Monday, March 2, 2020, 1 pm at Gale's house

11. Adjournment:

- 3:15 pm