

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
APRIL 12, 2021
4:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

1. Attendance:

President: Trish Main (TM)
Secretary: Malcolm Macaulay (MM)
Treasurer: Judy Langford (JL)
Virginia Jacklin (VJ)

Regrets: Vice-President: Beverly de Haitre (BH), Membership: Gale Penner (GP),
Jan Bergen (JB)

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 4:42 pm

3. Minutes from the Board meeting of March 8, 2021:

- The Board confirmed the finalization and approval by email on March 26 of the March 8, 2021 minutes

4. President's Report

- TM provided an update on PCNS, the national membership system. She has been working with the system developer and provincial registrar to correct system errors listing some of our members with different clubs. The actual "fix" may have to await our activation of the new system on July 1.
- The Board also discussed the impact on our recent new members who have been required to sign up and pay membership fees on the national system even after paying VRPA fees which include the provincial and national fees. The Board decided to reimburse those members for any duplication in fees as necessary. Some potential members have decided to delay joining the VRPA until July 1 to avoid the problem.
- Pearkes programming remains suspended at least through April 22, 2021 pending changed Provincial Health Orders.

- TM has replaced Walter Knecht of PBBC on the joint Tennis BC/PBBC committee. The committee has established a Memorandum of Understanding to guide future discussion. The committee is expecting to meet regularly.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Current Island Savings Credit Union account balance - \$17,525
- PayPal account balance - \$1,799
- Petty cash - \$45

6. Membership:

- There are 288 active members (Gale – please confirm)

7. Old Business:

- 2021 Pearkes Wednesday Program:
- After a short discussion, the Board agreed that it is very unlikely that we will be able to run an indoor program at Pearkes between now and the end of June.
- Reconsideration of VRPA fees:
- One director sought a reconsideration of the half-year fee of \$5.00 for the period July 1 to December 31, 2021 as decided at our previous meeting. The Board declined to reverse its decision but agreed that, whenever possible, our programs will be offered first to our members rather than outsiders
- Court Construction Committee update:
- MM and TM reported on a conversation with a City of Victoria Recreational Supervisor and his Manager respecting potential partnering in future. Although there are no immediate opportunities, the City was very encouraging and agreed to provide links to suitable provincial and federal building grant applications as they become aware of them. They advised that the proposed pickleball courts at Topaz Park will probably be built in about 3 years.
- The committee has considered contacting the Pauquachin Band respecting their recent acquisition of the Glen Meadows property to express an interest in partnering in any recreation redevelopment. After some research, it appears, unfortunately, that most of the old golf course is within the Agricultural Land Reserve and it is unlikely that the land can be used for pickleball. The committee will continue its inquiries.
- Potential VRPA offerings:

- After discussion, the Board decided to seek advice regarding expanded use of our web site. For example, providing a platform for arranging Level play between participating members may be a benefit. TM and VJ will collaborate to determine feasible use.

8. New Business:

- Potential tournament:
- A past member has expressed interest in running a tournament in September 2021 and inquired whether the member would have access to the national management system through the VRPA. TM will invite a presentation to the Board for its consideration.

9. Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 10, 2021, at 4:30 pm, via Zoom

10. Adjournment:

- 6:42 pm