

**MINUTES**  
**VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.**  
**JANUARY 10, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**  
**VIA ZOOM**

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**1. Attendance:**

President: Trish Main (TM)  
Secretary: Malcolm Macaulay (MM)  
Treasurer: Judy Langford (JL)  
Membership: Gale Penner (GP)  
Jan Bergen (JB)  
Virginia Jacklin (VJ)

Regrets:  
Vice-President: Beverly De Haitre (BH)

**2. Call to Order:**

- TM called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm

**3. Minutes from the Board meeting of December 16, 2020:**

- The Board confirmed the finalization and approval by email of the December 16, 2020 minutes

**4. President's Report**

- TM reported that the VRPA has received multiple emails regarding an interest in starting pickleball and one seeking to find a good coach
- There have also been emails from members asking about the latest restrictions re doubles play and the lack of clear Saanich park signage
- TM emailed Suzanne Samborski (SS), Director of Saanich Parks and Rec, regarding signage. SS has passed the email on to the Manager of Parks for response
- TM has also exchanged emails with Karen Clarke of Tennis BC regarding a renewal of collaborative discussions with local tennis folks to seek mutually beneficial efforts re courts – Zoom meeting scheduled for later in the week

- TM further advised that all refunds for the COVID cancelled Fall sessions at Pearkes have been completed.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

- Current Island Savings Credit Union account balance - \$17,598
- PayPal account balance - \$1,736
- Petty cash - \$45
- Pearkes is holding a credit for the VRPA of about \$1600 resulting from the cancellation of 3 sessions in the Fall 2020 due to COVID

#### **6. Membership:**

- GP reported that, as at the date of the meeting, there are 286 active members

#### **7. Old Business:**

- 2021 Pearkes Wednesday Program:
- Unfortunately, Wednesday programming is on hold until the end of Provincial Health Orders (PHO) limiting play. The current PHO expires February 5, 2021
- Court Construction Committee:
- The board discussed the need to communicate to members that they also need to individually advocate with the municipalities respecting the need for increased indoor and outdoor pickleball facilities
- The Board instructed MM to convene the Court Construction Committee to identify parks or other suitable places where we might focus our efforts. TM asked all Board members to actively search out sites

#### **8. New Business:**

- Other VRPA Offerings to Members:
- The Board discussed and agreed to consider other things we might do to benefit our members in the current shutdown, including providing active links on our website to various pickleball related services or points of information

- In this regard, the Board compiled a list of local pickleball coaches and TM agreed to contact them to determine if they agree to be listed with their contact information on the VRPA website
- Saanich Council Meetings:
- VJ agreed to determine the timing of Council meetings that permit public participation in the hope that we can make a presentation
- Inventory of Outdoor and Indoor Courts in Greater Victoria Region:
- The Board discussed and agreed to create an inventory of existing courts throughout the region. The Directors will forward the information presently available to MM who will collate it so that it can be used in presentations to municipalities

**9. Next Meeting:**

- Monday, February 8, 2021, at 4 pm, via Zoom

**10. Adjournment:**

- 5:17 pm