

**MINUTES**  
**VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.**  
**MARCH 8, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**  
**VIA ZOOM**

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**1. Attendance:**

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

**2. Call to Order:**

- TM called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm

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

- The Board confirmed the finalization and approval by email of the February 8, 2021 minutes

**4. President's Report**

- Provincial health orders remain in place and, as a result, Saanich has cancelled all rental permits through to Apr. 7, 2021. As a result, VRPA programs are further suspended.
- The Pickleball Canada National System comes onstream this month in spite of continuing transition issues respecting club managed membership systems like the VRPA. Eventually, individual members will be responsible for registering themselves.
- The VRPA has received the newest edition of the USAPA/American Sports Builders' Association Court Construction manual
- Several members have written to municipal councils in the region respecting the need for building additional outdoor and indoor courts

- The VRPA is maintaining contact with an ownership group interested in developing a pickleball facility and is hopeful about developing an ongoing relationship
- Two members have expressed interest in helping organize the 55 + games for pickleball

#### 5. Treasurer's Report:

- Current Island Savings Credit Union account balance - \$17,598
- PayPal account balance - \$1,733
- Petty cash - \$45

#### 6. Membership:

- GP reported that, as at the date of the meeting, there are 287 active members

#### 7. Old Business:

- 2021 Pearkes Wednesday Program:
- Unfortunately, Wednesday programming remains on hold until the end of Provincial Health Orders (PHO) limiting play. Accordingly, the board decided to re-adjust our permit to start April 13 until June 2 (two 4 week periods). JB, BH and VJ will coordinate programming. Certified instructors, Heather Hood, Alan Thomson and Denis Harrigan are available.
- National and Provincial Membership Changes and Implications:
- As of March, 2021, individual members will be responsible for signing up and paying the fees annually, as follows: Pickleball BC (PBC) \$2.50; Pickleball Canada (PCO) \$10.00; and any local Club/Association membership fees. The transition difficulty for VRPA members is that we are one of the few associations that operates year-round. That is reflected, in part, by our fee structure and the timing of our membership/fiscal year. Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30 and, in previous years, we have remitted a portion of our membership fees to cover the cost of PBC and PCO annual fees. The PBC and PCO fees will now be tied to the calendar year.
- Current VRPA/PBC/PCO memberships expire June 30 **and will be effective to that date** and then be renewed for the six-month period July 1 to December 31, 2021. PBC and PCO are setting those costs respectively at \$2.50 and \$10.00. Effective January 1, 2022 members will renew their memberships in PBC and PCO for a full calendar year at the same cost.

- After discussion, the board decided to take a different approach with respect to our fees for the six-month transition period. Rather than charging our full annual fee of \$10.00, VRPA members will pay \$5.00 for the period July 1 to December 31, 2021. Effective January 1, 2022, members will renew for a full calendar year at a cost of \$10.00.
- In the result, VRPA members will pay a total of \$17.50 in fees for the six-month period July 1 to December 31, 2021; and thereafter, a total of \$22.50 per calendar year.
- The change of our fiscal - membership year to a calendar year commencing January 1, 2022 requires an amendment to our existing bylaws. The members will vote on that change at the AGM in September 2021. The board further decided to stop charging new members with the one-time initiation fee as it is incompatible with the new national system's bookkeeping. That change will also require amendments to our existing bylaws.

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

- Other VRPA Offerings to Members:
- The Board discussed and agreed to review our offering of services to members including the possibility of players arranging play through our website

#### **9. Next Meeting:**

- Monday, April 12, 2021, at 4 pm, via Zoom

#### **10. Adjournment:**

- 5:47 pm