

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
MAY 10, 2021
4:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

1. Attendance:

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

Regrets: Vice-President: Beverly de Haitre (BH), Jan Bergen (JB)

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm

3. Minutes from the Board meeting of April 12, 2021:

- The Board confirmed the finalization and approval by email on April 30 of the April 12, 2021, minutes

4. President's Report

- TM updates are set out below under agenda items

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 289 active members

7. Old Business:

- 2021Pearkes Wednesday Program:
- TM reported that our instructors are likely available for summer programming if Pearkes re-opens
- VRPA Website:
- VJ reported that she has contacted two web design companies respecting the feasibility and approximate cost associated with moving our site to another platform, such as WordPress. The designers confirmed that we would be able to retain our Domain name. Overall, if we proceed, the initial costs will approximate \$1,000 followed by ongoing administrative costs of less than \$200 per year.
- Play facilitation systems:
- TM reported that she checked on Sign Up Genius but concluded the software is not a functional choice at this stage because the VRPA does not have exclusive use of any courts. The board discussed the possibility of long-term court rentals from a municipality or community hall. JL agreed to inquire about the potential availability of Brentwood Community Hall even though, before COVID, the hall was consistently fully rented.
- Court Construction:
- GP agreed to contact the owners of Highland Pacific golf course to see if there is any possibility of partnering with them.
- Potential Tournament:
- The party who sought VRPA assistance in organizing a private tournament has decided not to proceed until COVID restrictions have been lifted.

8. New Business:

- Oak Bay staff recommendations regarding Carnarvon Park:
- TM reported that, due to ongoing neighbour complaints about the existing four pickleball courts, Oak Bay staff are recommending converting the courts back to tennis and temporarily converting the more distant lacrosse box to pickleball courts. TM has discussed the staff proposal with them, including whether a VRPA financial contribution

would assist in getting the most and best-built courts possible. The board discussed the advisability of making financial contributions for specific projects or general fundraising for facilities.

- Although the VRPA is a registered non-profit society, it does not, at this point, have charitable registration status with Revenue Canada. The VRPA would be subject to additional costs to facilitate registration.
- The board decided that we can make limited contributions on a case-by-case basis as doing so is consistent with our mandate to help grow the sport of pickleball. In addition, the offering of contributions may assist in persuading municipalities to advance planning for court construction. In the result, regarding Carnarvon, the board authorized TM to discuss a potential investment up to an expressed amount.
- PBC Youth Initiatives
- This item was adjourned due to BH' absence.

9. Next Meeting:

- Monday, June 14, 2021, at 4:30 pm, via Zoom

10. Adjournment:

- 6:14 pm