

# VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

Friday, March 8, 2019 at home of Jan Bergen

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting commenced at 1:15pm. Members in attendance: Trish Main, Jan Bergen, Rea Casey and Malcolm Macaulay (via FaceTime)

Minutes from the meeting of January 7, 2019 were read and approved.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. **PCO and PBBC Membership Update:** A massive transition is taking place. PBBC is moving to a universal end date for memberships. This creates problems for us because we will have to figure out how to deal with existing long term Pickleball Canada memberships so that we don't continue to pay twice for these members each year until their PCO memberships run out. Trish sees a need to revamp our current membership database to create one that will be easier to transfer to PBBC.

**ACTION:** Trish and Rea will work to create the new database and input data. We will also contact members to get the PCO Membership numbers we are missing. Trish will also maintain liaison with PCO and PBBC.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. **Carnarvon Park Redevelopment:** Oak Bay has posted their final report on the Carnarvon Park redevelopment with pickleball courts incorrectly aligned. Further feedback was sent but there has been no update.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. **Current Balances:** Credit Union \$13,785.15  
Pay Pal: \$2,453.31  
Petty Cash: \$208.70
2. **Payables:** Pickleball Tournaments clone: \$20.00 US
3. There will be income from current Wednesday program.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

1. **Memberships:** We currently have 190 members.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Renneson Workshop:** Willing to do a 3 hour workshop for 12 people for \$78 per person and/or a 90 minute group lesson for \$180. He would prefer to come mid July. Pearkes may not be available at that time but Trish has been in contact with Nathan Bailey and it is possible that we could book outdoor courts. We need a permit and it will be free.

**ACTION:** Trish will contact Mark Renneson regarding putting on a clinic in July and will contact Saanich to determine timing of the workshop.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Profile of Pickleball on Saanich drop-in schedule and publications** is dreadful. Pickleball is buried under the sports section while tennis and badminton are profiled.
2. **Cedar Hill Drop-in on Friday morning** would like more participation. Nathan Bailey has asked that we include it on our website and help to publicize.  
**ACTION:** Trish will write a letter to Suzanne Samborski and copy the mayor asking that Saanich give pickleball increased profile on their website.
3. **Wednesday afternoon offerings winter and spring 2019.** Heather and Al have offered to do two 4 week skill sessions at Pearkes. One session will be for 2.5 – 3.0 level and the second will be for 3.5 – 3.75 level. Cost \$40 per person.

After much discussion, it was decided that we would increase our participant fee to \$10 to cover the 40/60 split with Pearkes and allow us to pay Al and Heather \$25.00 each per session.

**ACTION: Trish will let Heather and Al know the agreed upon terms for the spring sessions and she will contact Sadeep to set up the sign up.**

4. **Pearkes Rentals:** Pearkes appears to be moving toward block booked rentals for groups.
5. **June 2019 Tournament:** There was much discussion regarding the viability of hosting a June tournament this year. Trish is having difficulty getting a commitment from Bob and Marco to assist her with managing the tournament. Also, we have had very few people step up to volunteer. Rea raised the possibility of postponing the tournament for a year and perhaps running a smaller tournament like the Christmas one if we are not able to get the help required to stage the event. Malcolm noted that it is better to have no tournament than run a poor one. Concern was raised over when the rental contract would need to be signed.

**ACTION: Trish will email Bob and Marco to get a definitive answer on their participation by March 15, 2019. Should they be unavailable, she could approach Dennis Harrigan. Should no one be available, we will reconsider running the tournament under the current format.**

**Balls for the Tournament:** Trish has done some research on the balls available for tournament use. Apparently many people at our tournament did not like the DuraFast ball. However, others like it. The Dura ball remains very popular and is still used at many tournaments. It is a fast ball and this may be a concern for people who are used to the slower indoor ball.

We have been approached by Franklin Sports, which has offered 100 free Franklin X-40 balls for \$66.00US if we will put up sponsorship info at our tournament. They have agreed to pay the duty on the balls. We have decided to take them up on this offer if they will waive the necessity of putting their logo on all correspondence.

**ACTION: Jan will contact the Franklin representative to clinch the deal, when appropriate.**

**Food for the Tournament:** There was discussion regarding menu and budget for food. The board members have directed that the food be kept simple – bunwiches, water, chips, bananas and sweets from participants. Beginning budget set at \$1500.

**ACTION: Trish will approach Debbie Simpson to head this section.**

**Medals:** Denis has volunteered to order these

**Prizes:** Jan has volunteered to procure these. There is a budget of \$100 for draw prizes for volunteers and she already has some Tigh Na Mara gift certificates.

**Wrist Bands:** Trish will order these and ship them to Jan in Centralia.

**Volunteers:** Judy L. has volunteered to round up volunteers.

**Set up and Take Down:** Rea has volunteered to head this.

**ACTION: Trish will provide Rea with a tables map and Rea will purchase tablecloths.**

**Referees:**

**ACTION: Trish will ask Al to run a referee clinic prior to the tournament.**

**NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2019 at Rea's house (2 – 707 Greenlea Drive) at 9:30am**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.