

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
MAY 25, 2020
ZOOM

1. Attendance:

Trish Main (TM)
Jan Bergen (JB)
Malcolm Macaulay (MM)
Judy Langford (JL)
John Paterson (JP)
Gale Penner (GP)
John MacLeod (JM)

Guest:
Corine Reid

Guest regrets:
Angus Stewart

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

3. Minutes from the Board meeting of March 2, 2019:

- Minutes of Board meeting of March 2, 2020 finalized and approved

4. President's Report

- TM reviewed recent developments:
 - Communications with municipalities
 - Return to play communications with municipalities ran the gamut from not acknowledging VRPA communications to frequent exchanges and accepting guidance. Oak Bay cancelled block booking for the season and added phone-in and online scheduling for outdoor play at Carnarvon. Apparently, no municipality limited court accessibility. Most, if not all, municipalities posted COVID-19 signage telling people not to play if they were ill, had travelled, or had contact with anyone who was ill or had travelled.

- The tennis/pickleball coordinator for Saanich seemed to consider some sort of outdoor court booking for Tolmie and McMinn in early email communications but none has been implemented. The identity of the decision-making person or department on such a policy or implementation change remains unclear. TM has written Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Rec, and Eva Riccius, Manager of Parks to find out where the decision-making responsibility resides. The VRPA has received a complaint from a player about poor group behavior in monopolizing the dedicated courts at McMinn.
- Invictus Developments reports that View Royal council voted unanimously to send the development at Eagles Nest to a public hearing scheduled for June 16. Council could have approved the rezoning application but chose to send this issue to a public hearing to allow the public to weigh in. Opposition seems to focus on traffic concerns.
- Saanich Recreation is preoccupied with internal planning for kids' summer day camps so there is no word on when, if, or how indoor play will happen at Pearkes or Commonwealth.
- Pearkes will issue a cheque to the VRPA refunding the deposit of \$380.63 on the cancelled June tournament
- Pearkes will not be in a position for some time to resume contract negotiations with the VRPA for Sep 2020 – June 2021.
- After discussion of the President's proposed report to the members, the Board discussed the importance of encouraging members to renew active memberships. MM agreed to write a short statement.
- TM reported on a recent email from PBBC re membership renewals and the roles of the local/provincial bodies.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- Current ISCU account balance - \$19,647
- PayPal account balance - \$105
- Petty cash - \$75
- We have received the payment of \$518.40 from Saanich re 2019 Fall Wednesday sessions and repayment of the deposit of \$380.63 for the June tournament rental fees.

7. Old Business:

- Pearkes Contract (TM and MM):
- Further adjourned pending further responses from Pearkes management.
- Status of Invictus View Royal project
- Further adjourned pending Council approval of project

8. New Business:

- 2020 Fall program
- The Board discussed the use of contractors to offer programs and whether there might be potential insurance coverage or WorkSafe issues. TM will discuss with our insurance broker.
- Potential amalgamation
- The Board and Corine Reid from the Peninsula Board discussed the parallel services that our respective societies offer to our members. Some of the Peninsula members are also members of the VRPA. This leaves those individuals in the awkward position of paying twice for their provincial and national memberships through their organization fees. This is because we do not yet have a single membership platform or data base so management of memberships is manual and labour intensive.
- Bylaw amendments
- The maximum number of directors under our current bylaws is 7. The Board is undertaking a review of the bylaws to determine how best to included representation on the Board of additional persons to represent communities in the greater Victoria region that might not otherwise have any representative on the Board. To explore this possibility, the Board has invited Corine Reid and Angus Stewart to sit in on Board meetings and participate as non-voting guests. To allow the Board to appoint such persons as additional voting members of the Board would require a Bylaw amendment approved at the AGM or a Special General Meeting.

- Electronic AGM
- Depending on whether the current state of emergency in British Columbia extends into the Fall, it may be necessary to conduct the AGM by electronic means such as Zoom.
- The current bylaws do not provide for electronic meetings although, in light of the Covid 19 pandemic, it may be advisable to provide expressly for that eventuality both for members' meetings as well as Board meetings.
- Bank signing authorities
- The Board has also discussed amending our cheque signing bylaw to allow greater flexibility. At one point earlier this year, there were not enough authorized Board members available to sign a cheque within the necessary time frame. As a result, another board member had to personally advance the funds required.

9. Next Meeting:

- Monday, June 22, 2020, 4 pm at Jan's home or Zoom as necessary

10. Adjournment:

- 5:30 pm