

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
JANUARY 15, 2018
AT JAN'S HOME

1. Attendance:

Trish Main (TM), President
Denis Harrigan (DH), Vice-President,
Mary Orme (MO), Treasurer
Malcolm Macaulay (MM), Secretary
Jan Bergen (JB), Director

Regrets:

Heather Ratcliffe-Hood (HH), Director
Al Thomson (AT), Director

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

3. Minutes from the meetings of:

- Minutes of Board meeting of January 9, 2018 not ready for approval

4. June 2018 Tournament

- TM reported that the search for a TD continues to be unsuccessful
- She has been exchanging information with an up island TD regarding the use of Cognito forms to handle registrations but noted that, like Pickleball.com, payment is handled through PayPal
- TM recommends that VRPA open a PayPal account in spite of the associated cost which is disproportionately high given our \$10 annual membership fees given that it is unlikely that we can

handle registrations for events independently of Pearkes without an account

- TM and other board members confirmed that no one is able to commit to being a TD for a sanctioned tournament at this stage although it may be possible to put on an unsanctioned tournament
- After further discussion, the board agreed to delay any final decision respecting the tournament until the end of February
- It was observed that the greater pickle ball community has to become actively involved to put on events such as tournaments
- The board decided to create a PayPal business account including taking out a VRPA credit card if required as part of the process

5. Topaz Park:

- DH reported on additional steps required to advocate for more outdoor courts at Topaz, including attending planning committee and City Council meetings
- After discussion, it was agreed that TM and DH would take the lead on these issues
- The board agreed to actively encourage our members not just to fill out the online survey but to send specific messages to support the VRPA presentation

6. Spring League:

- DH asked that this matter be reconsidered and discussed a possible advanced play league for outdoors based on drafted teams (4 – 6 mixed teams of 8)
- After discussion, the board decided to consider this in conjunction with the proposed continuation of Wednesday afternoon indoor play at Pearkes

7. New Business:

- Nil

8. Next Meeting:

- Monday, February 26, 2018, 1:30 PM at Jan's house

9. Adjournment:

- 5:20 pm