

MINUTES
VICTORIA REGIONAL PICKLEBALL ASSN.
JANUARY 9, 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
Marco Jancowiak (M), Guest for part of meeting

Regrets:

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

2. Call to Order:

- TM called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

3. Minutes from the meetings of:

- Approval of minutes of Board meeting of December 18, 2017

4. June 2018 Tournament

- M, a guest for this part of meeting only
- TM updated the meeting on our unsuccessful search for a potential tournament director (TD)
- M has experience running tournaments on mainland and is familiar with the use of tournament software such as PickleballTournaments.com which handles registration and aspects of organizing the draw
- M advocates for the TD developing familiarity with the software
- None of the board members have any experience with the software

- M also discussed process followed by other community centers with respect to the collection of registration fees; it is apparent that other centers share contact information for registrants more freely than Pearkes does
- M reviewed the potential levels and numbers of participants given the size of the Pearkes facility
- For round robin, 8 courts with games to 11 (with referees – winners ref next game, can either designate or even pay refs) will take about 25 minutes per game including warm-ups
- 16 games will take about 50 minutes (8 courts x 2)
- 16 doubles teams, each team playing 3 matches in a round robin, generates 24 games
- M recommends single elimination play-off round
- To reduce delays, M recommends about 150 matches in total over 3 day period
- According to M, 8 teams in a level, and assuming a bronze medal play off game, would result in a total of 20 matches
- M recommends designing based on the number of teams rather than the number of players
- He also observed that Canadian Nationals are only 2 weeks afterwards so some top level competitive players will likely be looking for a concrete surface like Pearkes for a warm-up tournament
- With a majority of players likely to be from the island, a local TD or committee is necessary to seed players and teams
- After the meeting, M forwarded emails with further analyses of teams numbers and scheduling issues
- After thanking M for his assistance, the board decided to circulate VRPA members to see if there is a potential TD

5. President's Report:

- TM reported on PCO membership – PCO wants more contact information, we have about 130 members, not all names have gone forward to PCO yet, PCO has not sent out cards to everyone so far
- TM to advise members of contact information for PCO so people can follow up with PCO directly

- TM reported on need to ensure waivers properly signed as events progress, including Beyond Drop In

6. Treasurer's Report:

- Bank account - \$5,810.52
- Petty cash - \$285.25
- Less approved payables – photocopying \$4.50, saucer cones for drills \$37

7. Secretary's Report:

- Nil

8. Heather Hood's Report:

- HH reported by email and raised a potential need for a standardized security question response on online registration fee transfers because new members sometimes set security questions without obvious answers; after two unsuccessful attempts, the software cancels the transfer

9. Al Thomson's Report:

- AT reports that the score-keeping clinic scheduled in April 2018 is fully subscribed

10. Old Business:

- Nil

11. New Business:

- Spring 2018 Outdoor League
- DH recommends against due to extension of Robin's extension of Level 3.5 indoor league

- Indoor Wednesday Afternoon Play – April to June
- Discussion about possibly offering tiered level play: 2 courts Level 4; 4 courts Level 3.5; 2 courts Level 3 with possible partners play
- Court time Wednesday April 18 to June 20 (8 weeks) available
- Potential cost per player \$55
- Cordova Bay Open House
- TM and MM to attend on behalf of VRPA

12. Next Meeting:

- Monday, January 15, 2018, 3:30 pm at Jan's home

13. Adjournment:

- 9:35 pm