

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

At Judy's house

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Trish Main, Past President
Judy Langford, Treasurer
Virginia Jacklin, Director
Damaris Brix, Secretary

Regrets

Beverly D'Haitre, Director
Gilles Pellerin, Director
Gale Penner, Director

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

In response to the Victoria Symphony's request for a donation for their silent auction, we have provided a package containing a \$60 gift certificate towards one of our programs, a paddle and balls.

Financial Report

- Island Savings balance \$22,705
- PayPal balance \$75.72
- Petty Cash balance \$20.27
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$0

Judy itemized this month's debits and credits to our Island Savings Account. It was suggested that the President have a slush fund for purchasing office supplies and other incidentals. However, Connie was not in favour of this and will continue her practice of submitting her receipts for board approval.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership Report

353 active members and 69 expired members. Connie will direct Gale to remove the expired members from our system.

June Tournament

We are fortunate to have the following sponsors confirmed for our event:

\$2,000 - National Bank Financial Wealth Management

\$1,500 - David Langlois Realty

\$300 - Pickleball Depot which will be used to purchase Core balls.

- Trish will speak with head referee Al Thompson on whether first server wrist bands are required for every team as there will not be referees for each match. Traditional rubber wrist bands are \$2 each. Other cheaper options are under consideration such as paper or hospital style wrist bands.
- A new engraver has been found for the medals as the previous one is no longer in business. The cost of medals and engraving is \$934.
- Ken Holman manages the VIPA website which among things provides a comprehensive list of tournaments. He has requested that tournament directors consider a donation for this service which is a form of advertising and promotion. It was agreed that \$75 would be sent to VIPA.

Website

No report.

Programs

The committee reviewed our current programs. We tried doing manual enrollment for the last sessions and found it to be very labour intensive. Pickleball Brackets charges a fee for registration, but it is worth using. Pearkes will be booked for the Sept – Dec and Jan – April sessions. There will be no programs in June, July or August. Central Middle School may be a good alternative to Cedar Hill MS. The Christmas tournament will be held December 10th or 3rd depending on availability.

President's Report

- Connie reported that Cordova Bay Community Club is seeking a grant to redo the floors in the old building. This would indicate that the recently approved new facility will not be built immediately.
- A meeting will be held with Westshore Parks and Rec as part of a movement to educate and build inventory of pickleball courts on the Westshore, where inventory is very poor. Individual meetings with each of the Westshore municipalities are being planned, but to date Highlands has not responded to our request.
- Connie has been in touch with Dave Eaton of Pickleball BC re his paper on noise issues around Pickleball
- Connie has been interviewed extensively regarding the Beacon Hill Park courts by local and national media

- Franklin Green court is on the city's inventory, but is unsafe for play due to the degraded court surface
- The gravel field at Beacon Hill Park could be a potential location for courts, but the city would want to go into a formal engagement process before recommending this
- Goodacre Lake Pickleball courts are being installed on a temporary basis as a pilot project. Kudos to the city for making this happen so quickly in response to the closure of Todd Park.
- A scorekeeping clinic will be held May 9 & 16 from 1-3 p.m. at McMinn Park
- Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Club has approached us to co-host a round table discussion with all 13 municipalities on the direction of pickleball, inventory of courts, the future of Pickleball in Greater Victoria, etc. After some discussion the Board felt that while this would be a worthy endeavour that the timing wasn't right and that this should be postponed until after the new board is elected in the fall and we could coordinate our efforts for a spring campaign.
- A Go Fund Me campaign has been initiated by a group trying to get a Pickleball Hub in Victoria for indoor and outdoor courts. They are looking to VRPA for assistance in this project. The Board recognized that this would be a very big undertaking and felt that the full board needed to be present to discuss this further. In any case, Connie will start networking to find the skillsets needed to build new courts - people who do land acquisition and construction.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, May 30, 2022 @ 3 p.m.

Location to be confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.