

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

At Judy's house

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Judy Langford, Treasurer
Beverly De Haitre, Vice-President, Director
Damaris Brix, Secretary
Jules van Rosebrook, Director
Virginia Jacklin, Director

Regrets

Trish Main, Past President
Gale Penner, Memberships, Director

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June board meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report

- Island Savings balance \$24,658.35
- PayPal balance \$226.26
- Petty Cash balance \$100.00
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$210.00
- Island Classic Profit \$3,966.11

Judy itemized this month's debits and credits to our Island Savings Account. Connie advised that the Oak Bay Council was very grateful for our contribution of \$4,000 towards sound panels at Carnarvon Park. Once the Accoustifence panels have been purchased and installed we will be invoiced. The neighbours expressed their appreciation of VRPA putting money towards noise abatement.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership Report

398 members.

Programs

Virginia reported on the various venues for VRPA programs. We will continue to use Christ Church Cathedral, Cedar Hill Middle School and Pearkes. Other sites under discussion/consideration are Pacific Christian, Wishart School Gym and the

Westshore Y which would like Paul to run a course for their staff. A resource binder of specs on gyms will be created.

Cedar Hill and Pearkes fall program registration will open on Friday, Sep 2nd. It was agreed that the fee would be increased to the equivalent of \$10 for a two-hour session at Pearkes. Bev pointed out that we only issue refunds for medical reasons. Last minute changes to SD61 rental contracts are beyond our control.

There was a discussion on mileage allowance which Virginia felt that facilitators should be entitled to. It was pointed out, however, that facilitators don't have to pay for the program they facilitate which is a \$60 value.

The question was raised whether we should maintain a minimum balance to pay for rentals. Connie said we do have sufficient funds for rentals, but she is not prepared to make a policy on this.

Charitable Status

Jules has been researching various options for issuing tax receipts. Two possibilities are through the Canadian Council of Provincial and Territorial Sport Federations, or through Pickleball Canada. Connie and Jules will bring this up at the Pickleball BC Regional meeting to be held in Nanaimo in September to see if other associations have any experience in this or recommendations.

President's Report

GNS Sprung Tent

GNS approached VRPA about a sprung tent they have for rent in the evenings at their Bank St Campus. The structure is roomy enough for a pickleball court, although temporary lines need to be laid down on the concrete floor. The opportunity to rent the court was put out to members and the spots were quickly filled. The block bookings work out to \$65 for a two-hour session.

Sound Testing

Pickleball BC along with BAP Acoustics has collected sound data on 6 different balls and several paddles on both indoor and outdoor courts. There was a definite decibel difference between graphite and composite paddles, and the various types of ball. PBC will release the full report. Connie feels that paddle manufacturers will begin to produce quieter paddles.

Youth Programs

Funding for Youth Programs is available through Pickleball BC which we hope to apply for. Pat Moss donated a net/stand, balls, 15 paddles, and a suitcase of

teaching materials for youth. We have purchased Mark Rennesson's pamphlet for Pickleball for Kids. Our target group is Middle School students. Nancy Mollenhauer has been approached to develop a pro-d session for the Sooke School District on teaching pickleball to students. At this time Nancy's leadership has not been confirmed.

AGM

The AGM is scheduled for Monday, September 19th from 6:30 –9:00pm at Christ Church Cathedral School. We need a 10% turnout of our 398 members for a quorum. Board members will be calling all members to encourage them to come to the meeting. Members are asked to bring one proxy vote for someone who can't attend. Food and door prizes will be provided.

Kerry Leung has put his name forward for the Financial officer position.

BC 55+ Games

Connie is the volunteer coordinator for Pickleball at the BC 55+ Games. Jim Merz is the sport chair. There are 290 Pickleball players, of which 100+ are from Zone 1. Pickleball has the 4th largest number of registrations at the games. Pearkes will be used for 3.75 – 4.5+ events, with CARSA gym at UVIC for 3.0 – 3.5 events.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. (AGM)

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.