

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

At Judy's house and via Zoom

In Attendance

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

Damaris Brix, Secretary
Gilles Pellerin, Director
Gale Penner, Director

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report

- Island Savings balance \$25,500
- PayPal balance \$614.18
- Petty Cash balance \$20.27
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$0

Judy itemized this month's debits and credits to our Island Savings Account. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership Report

322 active members and 72 expired members. We are gaining about new members a day. The June tournament does not require membership in VRPA, but members will get email notifications and reminders about the tournament.

June Tournament

Trish was approached by a representative of National Bank Financial Wealth Management. They are interested in sponsoring the tournament for \$2-3,000. Trish is waiting for final confirmation from them before sending out the tournament information. This sponsorship would be in addition to \$1,500 from David Langlois Realty, and \$300 from Pickleball Depot which will be used to purchase Core balls. As the major sponsor, National Bank will be invited to present some of the medals if they are interested. This sponsorship will improve our bottom line. The Pearkes rental has increased significantly over previous years.

- Jan has offered to look after the food again which is a challenge as there is no refrigeration or storage on site. The committee agreed to some latitude on the food budget as food prices have increased so much.
- Trish thanked Damaris for being an extra set of eyes with the tournament software. Norma Castillo will be building the schedule which has to be done manually.
- Connie offered to look after door prizes.
- Trish has joined USAPA in order to get seeding information

Website

Gilles has updated the draft website incorporating committee comments. The next step is to get quotes on building, hosting and maintaining the website. Gilles will draft a letter to request quotes from 5-10 local companies.

Programs

The committee reviewed our current programs. Connie thanked Gilles and Virginia for their assistance while she was away. She would like us to offer Beyond Beginner skills at Cordova Bay Community Club. Beverly may be interested in coaching this depending on the day it is offered. Al Thompson will be offering a scorekeeping clinic in May.

Victoria Symphony Orchestra Silent Auction

Carol Bellringer of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra has approached us looking for a donation to their silent auction. It was agreed we would provide a \$60 gift certificate for one of our programs. Gale offered to make enquiries for finding a new paddle to add to the donation.

President's Report

Tolmie – The Saanich Parks Trails and Recreation Committee will be reviewing a proposal to limit the hours of Pickleball at Tolmie including closing the courts completely 3 days a week. Connie will be listening in to the meeting, but is not able to speak at it.

Oak Bay – There has been no further communication from Oak Bay about our proposals for noise panels, and a signage project for the Carnarvon courts.

James Bay – the courts at Todd Park will be closed on April 1st. Neither the James Bay Picklers nor VRPA were given an opportunity for consultation. This was a staff decision – the council were not aware of it. Connie has been active in print,

television and radio against this drastic measure. She has been in contact with councilor Stephen Andrew, the James Bay liaison who has offered to pull together a meeting of city staff, VRPA and James Bay picklers. The one positive thing coming out of this is the absolute need for courts to be built at Topaz. It would be ideal if the council would commit to this and put in the budget before the election. Permits at Todd Park will be moved to Central Park, displacing the tennis players. Gale pointed out that this could set a precedent for more closures to come. Virginia heard that the permits at Kings Rd will be honoured this year but may not be offered next year.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, April 25th at 3:00 pm