

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Monday, October 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

At Judy's house

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Judy Langford, Treasurer
Trish Main, Past President
Damaris Brix, Secretary
Jules van Rosebrook, Director

Regrets

Beverly De Haitre, VP, Director

Approval of Minutes

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

Old Business

Connie advised that the sound testing results from Pickleball BC haven't been reported out yet. VRPA participated in the data gathering at Esquimalt Curling rink, and at Carnarvon Park.

Financial Report

- Island Savings balance \$24,117.42
- PayPal balance \$203.09
- Petty Cash balance \$100.00
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$0

Judy itemized this month's debits and credits to our Island Savings Account. Program registrations have had to be done by e-transfer in recent weeks due to the resignation of Virginia from the Board and new passwords not yet set up on Pickleball Brackets for program administration. This could be an opportunity to investigate new platforms for registration purposes. Pickleball Brackets charges set up fees for each program, and for each participant in US dollars.

We will be paying \$4,000 to Oak Bay once the installation of the Accoustifence at Carnarvon Park is complete.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership Report

441 members.

Programs

All our recently advertised programs filled up within 4 hours. A new 4.0+ program is being run by Beverly at Pacific Christian School on their 6 courts.

Christmas Tournament

- Damaris will be running the fun Christmas tournament on December 10th.
- Due to increased rental costs at Pearkes (additional \$500+ over last year), it was agreed to increase the entry fee to \$30. VRPA will still be operating the tournament at a loss
- There is no longer a need to provide water as there is now a drinking fountain at the courts
- Connie is attempting to get a major sponsor for the event
- Lunch will not be provided, but participants will be encouraged to bring a food item to share
- Pearkes will be charging us an extra hourly fee once food is put out
- Players will be encouraged to bring an item for the food bank
- Connie will coordinate the volunteers and door prizes
- The method of registration was discussed. Options are a google form, PCO platform, or Pickleball Brackets.
- Trish reminded Damaris to have the curtains pulled back for the event
- A "Save the Date" email will be sent out in early November, followed by the registration a week or two later

President's Report

Gale Penner and Virginia Jacklin have resigned from the Board. Judy will be stepping down from the Treasurer position but will continue to serve on the board in another capacity. Joanne Reiker has put her name forward for the Treasurer position. Chris Zatllyn has volunteered to help with our program administration, but not as a board member. Jules has offered to begin investigating website designers.

AGM

The AGM has been rescheduled to Monday, November 7th at 7:30 pm. Connie will keep the meeting short and allow time for questions at the end. Trish would like to say a few remarks as past president and pay a tribute to the 33 founding members from 2016.

Regional Updates

Juan de Fuca – the Feasibility study for new courts is included in the Westshore 2023 budget. Grant Brown, the CAO of Parks & Recreation, is putting out a request for bids on the study ahead of the budget process, so it will be ready to go once the budget is approved.

UVIC Engineering students are doing a study on Pickleball in the 13 municipalities. Their report should be written by December.

Victoria

The city is reaching out to Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay to do a study on Pickleball. VRPA has asked to be involved.

Topaz Park – VRPA is hoping to negotiate with the tennis community to take over the two proposed tennis courts at Topaz Park, but in return to remove lines from two other courts elsewhere.

Beacon Hill Park courts are very well used. The courts are staying in place over the winter.

Saanich – it remains to be seen if the new mayor and council have other priorities than Pickleball, such as developing cycling networks.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, November 7th at 7:30 pm (AGM)

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.