

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Monday, October 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Connie's home, and via Zoom

In Attendance

Connie McCann, President
Beverly De Haitre, Vice-President (via zoom)
Trish Main, Past President
Judy Langford, Treasurer
Damaris Brix, Secretary (via zoom)
Gilles Pellerin, Director (via zoom)
Virginia Jacklin, Director
Gale Penner, Director (via zoom)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as moved by Gilles and seconded by Gale.

Presidents Report

Connie thanked the committee members for their feedback to her when she introduced herself to each by phone. She has been meeting with Trish regularly to get up to speed on the role of president.

Bursary Program

A discussion on the bursary program for coaching/training will be brought back to the November meeting. Virginia and Connie will be putting forward a recommendation at that time.

Oak Bay Carnarvon Courts

Despite the pickleball courts at Carnarvon being moved into the Lacrosse Box there are still noise complaints from the neighbours. Connie recommended that the \$4,000 VRPA had previously offered to Oak Bay for fencing between courts be redirected towards the installation of noise reduction panels as a goodwill gesture. Oak Bay Council will be discussing the Carnarvon courts at its December meeting. It was agreed that the committee will vote on this item at the November meeting after seeing the effectiveness of the sound barriers being installed at Tolmie. Connie noted that we must consider the short term and long term strategies of keeping existing courts and getting new courts.

Financial Report

- Island Savings balance \$14,738.76
- PayPal balance \$10,648.28
- Petty Cash balance \$45.25
- Trackie (PCO) balance \$1,290.00

Payables:

- Pearkes for November and December totaling \$4300
- Judy has authorized \$9,000 from PayPal to Island Savings
- Virginia has receipts that need to be reimbursed for payments made to Pickleball Brackets which charges \$12.50 per event + \$1.91/player. It was recommended that Virginia use Paypal for these fees in future so she is not paying out of pocket.
- Pearkes has had to cancel the November 10th session for a planned power outage. We will reach out to Pearkes and see if they can give us an alternate date. If not, Judy, Virginia and Connie will work out how to refund the participants for that session.

Development Program

Heather Hood ran 2 development programs for women which were very successful. Plans are in the works for Mark Renneson, national Pickleball coach, to run a course for the national training, coaching and certification program in 2022.

Website

Gilles and Trish will meet to review the website. Several suggestions were made for improvements. Gilles will research other website platforms, and whether it is economically feasible to use a website designer. Committee members are asked to email Gilles any websites they particularly like.

Christmas Tournament

Trish had previously circulated information about the Christmas Tournament including format, budget and volunteer schedule. Everyone was in support of running the event. The Pearkes Fieldhouse has been booked for Saturday, December 11, 2021. The cost to rent the fieldhouse for the day is \$1344. Additional expenses include balls, prizes, and other incidentals. It was agreed that food would not be provided because of Covid. After some discussion it was

settled that the entry fee would be \$25 even though this will mean a shortfall for VRPA. This is a fun event for 64 participants.

Membership

Gale reported that there are 269 active members. It was clarified that in order to be a director of VRPA one must be a member in good standing. Pickleball Canada made a unilateral decision to allow people to renew their 2022 membership early at the old rate of \$5. The current VRPA membership fee is \$10 which includes membership to Pickleball Canada, Pickleball BC, and VRPA. Trish will update the price on the membership platform and change the wording to reflect the new membership year. Trish and Gale will get together to learn the new system and Gilles offered to be involved as well. For the time being Trish will continue to be the Administrator of our National Membership System.

Oaklands Courts

The Oaklands Hot Pickles Club has requested that the City of Victoria line the other 2 tennis courts for Pickleball. Trish advised that the BC Pickleball/Tennis task force is close to widely releasing its recommendations. The association decided to wait until their release before endorsing any particular grassroots initiatives such as lining tennis courts. Connie will send a note to the Oaklands club.

Webinar

Beverly has been approached by Heather Hood and Pickleball Canada to do a Webinar on Adult Women in Pickleball. Congratulations Beverly! Beverly advised that she is attempting to get indoor space over the winter for the youth and adult programs she runs.

Pearkes

Connie will advise Wanda at Pearkes that VRPA would like to continue its Wednesday booking till the end of March. Beverly suggested we try and find a late afternoon or evening session as well for individual who work. There are currently no drop in evening sessions for the working demographic.

Next meeting

Monday, November 22, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm