

Victoria Regional Pickleball Association

Minutes

Wednesday May 11, 2022 at 8:50 a.m.

Via Zoom

In Attendance

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

Regrets

Gale Penner, Director
Gilles Pellerin, Director

A special Board meeting was held in accordance with VRPA bylaw 6.2 regarding the expenditure of up to \$15,000 for partnering with Westshore Parks and Recreation on a feasibility study.

Since January 2022, VRPA has met with VRPA Westshore members and non-members about the need for dedicated pickleball facilities in the Westshore. The Juan de Fuca sport site located below the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre has become the major focus for the development of a pickleball hub.

On April 29, 2022 Connie, Beverly and Westshore VRPA member, Jules VanRosebrook, met with Grant Brown, Administrator for Westshore Parks and Recreation. They discussed

- Space for Pickleball at Juan de Fuca Rec, preferably near the existing tennis courts with the potential for the beach volleyball courts to be used.
- The need to be sensitive of the Garry Oak grove
- The golf course tee off location and errant golf balls which may need to be addressed by higher fencing
- WSPR's budget cycle is sooner than the Municipal cycle. Best to present at the June Board meeting which targets the 2023 Budget Cycle.
- A request for conditional land allocation would be made at this Board meeting

Moved

That a sub-committee consisting of the VRPA President, VP and a Westshore member representative be given the authority to offer between \$10,000-\$15,000 for financial assistance for a feasibility study with WSPR.

Motion carried.

The VRPA board, while in approval of the motion, raised various points for future consideration.

- Other projects may be worthy of our support so we should not deplete all our resources
- Fundraising is always an option, but only if it is for something specific
- It's important to contribute financially to municipalities to show our commitment to promoting Pickleball.
- Funds raised by members should be spent during the tenure of the members who raised it.
- We should have a better profit margin on our programs – we barely break even.
- We need to think strategically having goals, directives and strategies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.