

# Pickleball BC

## Interim Executive Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – 8:00pm  
Via Telephone UberConference Call

### Present:

Walter Knecht	Chairperson
Nancy Agassiz	
Rick Wadsworth	
Robert Boyd	
Stuart Leslie	

### 1. Update on Status / Discussions with PCO (Pickleball Canada)

Walter Knecht provided an update on the following items:

- a. PCO Board changes: Resignation of PCO Board President and resignation of PCO Rating Committee member (Les Frank). The new President PCO is Doug Thompson. Walter Knecht mentioned that there was good communication with Doug Thompson during a telephone discussion. Walter Knecht noted that there is a quick response from PCO and a positive working relationship with PCO.
- b. PBBC or BC Pickleball: Walter Knecht mentioned that PCO is still unclear to which governing body represents BC. Walter Knecht provided a brief history of PBBC and BC Pickleball. The President of BC Pickleball is Chuck LeVaive. Walter Knecht mentioned that it was agreed that BC Pickleball is not relevant to PBBC at this time. PBBC will move ahead with building our society and work to share a vision with PCO.
- c. Long Term Vision PCO: Walter Knecht mentioned that there is an extensive vision for pickleball (amateur sport) nation-wide in the long term.
- d. Short Term Issues: Walter Knecht reported that PCO is working on an insurance policy; nation-wide player rating system; and tournament structuring. Still no clarity on these items but are in progress. Short term issue for PCO is updating the PCO website. Walter Knecht believes there is 2 months worth of work to clean up, update and monitor the PCO website.

### 2. Proposed Society: General Discussion

#### a. Public or Member Funded Society Structure

Stuart Leslie discussed his history with establishing societies under both the BC Societies Act (new) and the BC Society Act (old). Stuart Leslie provided an explanation of the reasons (pros and cons) of Public Funded or Member Funded Societies. Stuart Leslie's recommendation is to establish as a Public Funded Society.

Walter Knecht asked if everyone agreed to establish as a Public Funded Society. All agreed.

b. Size of PBBC Board

Within the draft Bylaws of PBBC Walter Knecht mentioned that PCO organizational structure for their Board of Directors in 2 tier: 1st tier is Executive (ie. President; Treasurer; Registrar, etc.); 2nd tier is Board members and representatives of Provinces and members at large. It was suggested by Walter Knecht that PBBC use a similar 2 tier structure: Tier 1: 5 Executive Members (President; Vice-President; Treasurer; Secretary; and Registrar). Tier 2: Executive Board members and members at large (regional representation).

c. Constitution PBBC

Stuart Leslie recommended that the draft Bylaws be forwarded to Nancy Agassiz and Rick Wadsworth for review and comment. All members must read and understand the Bylaws before the Constitution can be drafted.

d. PBBC Bylaws

It was suggested by Stuart Leslie and agreed to by Walter Knecht for Stuart Leslie to distribute copies of the draft Bylaws to Nancy Agassiz and Rick Wadsworth.

e. Name of Society

Walter Knecht mentioned that Stuart Leslie investigated with the BC Provincial Registrars Office and that BC Pickleball Association is an incorporated Society under the BC Societies Act. It was asked if we could get Pickleball BC as a name, as it is so similar to BC Pickleball? Stuart Leslie will check with the BC Provincial Registrars Office and conduct a name search.

3. Interim Board

Walter Knecht introduced persons who have volunteered for the following duties:

Walter Knecht, Chairperson and Acting President

Nancy Agassiz, Acting Treasurer

Rick Wadsworth, Acting Registrar

Robert Boyd, Acting Member at Large

Stuart Leslie, Acting Secretary

4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

a. PCO

Walter Knecht has drafted a MOU to be sent to the Interim Board members to have a national agreement with PCO by the end of February 2018. See Walter's attachment.

b. Clubs

Brief discussion of a draft MOU for individual clubs to be finalized by March 2018.

#### 5. PBBC Annual Fees

Walter Knecht discussed establishing a fee of \$2.50 per person to join PBBC. These fees would be collected as well a PCO fee of \$5.00 per person (total \$7.50 per person) to be collected by individual pickleball clubs upon member registration. Stuart Leslie and Robert Boyd mentioned that there are a large percentage of pickleball players in BC that are unaffiliated with a club or organization. There was agreement to have further discussions on the procedure for collecting fees from individual members not affiliated with a club or organization, without paying an excessive fee from a collection company, such as PayPal.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm