

Minutes of Meeting of Pickleball BC held October 11, 2018 via UberConference.com

Call to Order

Walter Knecht called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. Temporary secretaries: Tricia Timmermans; Akiri Takeda

Attendees

Walter Knecht; Rick Wadsworth; Alan Thomson; Karen Watson; Akira Takeda; Tricia Timmermans; Sylvia Simpson; Ken Holman.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was distributed earlier, and was approved.

2. Introductory Remarks: Who are we and how did we get here

Background notes - Walter

BC Pickleball (BCPB)

Started by Charles Lefaive about 8 years ago. The organization was primarily Chuck! He did train / teach a number of people - maybe more than 300, helped many community centres set up pickleball programs. Unfortunately there is basically no hard copy or e-copy record of these activities.

A few people were named / listed as directors from time to time but were seldom (never) consulted, had no authority.

There seems to be no distinction between 'provincial' and 'local' jurisdiction causing in many cases confusion.

Chuck announced 'retirement' in June 2018 and his willingness to merge with PBBC. To this date he is hanging on to some aspects, including some \$2,000 in funds.

PickleballBC (PBBC)

Walter started this process as BC Ambassador about 20 months ago. Shortly after it was realized that 'ambassador' was not the role needed but the creation of a PCO provincial affiliate.

Progress was made to the point of having a Constitution and Bylaws drafted ready to submit as part of a Registered Society setup. The BC Pickleball society became a roadblock with the Provincial Government Registrar's office.

Progress stalled for a bit but picked up again as a 'merger' conversation started with BC Pickleball.

During or thru all that PBBC had 1000 players sign up to be PBBC members on a no cost basis for the year 2018. Another 875 have joined via Clubs - joining both PBBC and PCO.

This revenue stream for PBBC along with the Ref Clinic held in the spring of 2018 has resulted in about \$2100 in the bank.

3. Round Table Introductions

There are now eight members on the Board of PBBC. Alan Thomson (Kootenays) is a certified referee with USAPA and PCO. He will take the position of Referee in Chief. Ken Holman (Chemainus) is involved with VIPA, which tries to promote PB on Vancouver Island. He maintains the PBBC website. Sylvia Simpson is a member of

the Northshore Club. Rick Wadsworth and Akiri Takeda served on the BCPB board. Karen Watson has accepted the position of VP. Tricia Timmermans (Nelson) has accepted the role of Treasurer. Aki will provide transitional aid.

4. Our Mandate: become an organization representative of and for PB in the Province of BC, in cooperation with PCO.

5. Registered Society Requirements – name, constitution, bylaws.

Discussion on “skeletons in the closet”. General feeling was that it is easier to start from scratch. There are no advantages to keeping the old organization; it is simple to reapply. The old bylaws have never been changed. Akiri represents Chuck’s wishes: he would like his organization’s name to remain because of his contributions in the past. Chuck has a balance of \$3000 that he is willing to contribute to the merged association. Karen wanted to acknowledge that Chuck was very supportive of Burnaby, and that we should acknowledge Chuck’s past input. Discussion on whether the initials “PB” were normally before or after the Province’s initials. It appears to be 50/50. Pickleballbc.ca appears to be fairly well established, so probably not a good idea to change it.

MOTION: That the name of the organization be Pickleball BC (PBBC).

M/Walter; S/Karen. CARRIED. 7 Approved, 1 did not. Akiri wanted it noted that he is not in favour.

Walter will work with Aki in carrying on Chuck’s legacy.

In the naming application for Society status, a different approach will be taken. The opportunity to call it PBBC is quite high.

Discussion on Bylaws: They are lengthy. One problem is that the quorum for AGMs is stated as 10%. Discussion held on what constitutes a member, who gets to vote, etc. The 10% works well with local clubs, but not on a national/provincial level. The whole concept regarding quorum needs to be changed. A final conversation on this needs to be had within a month. Karen will investigate Volleyball BC to see what they have done. Walter suggests asking other organizations as well about how they deal with constitution and bylaws, and have some replies within ten days (October 21).

6. Organizational Structure

President: Walter

Vice President: Karen

Secretary: TBA

Treasurer: Tricia

Registrar: TBA

Others – at large – quantity. Ken (website), Aki (transition), Alan (Chief Referee), Sylvia, Rick.

7. MoU with PCO

There were no questions regarding the MoU with PCO. A document similar to what other provinces use will be adopted.

8. MoU with Affiliates (clubs)

An MOU with other affiliates will be similar to that with PCO. Six or seven clubs (Cowichan, Delta, Merrit, Cranbrook, North Shore) have already signed the document. There is a shortfall of contacts in the northern area of BC.

9. Next Meeting

7 P.M. on October 30 or November 1. Please choose and we will go with the majority's choice.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Tricia Timmermans

Secretary (temporary)

Date of Approval