

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Pickleball BC  
Held at 6:00PM, July 8th, 2020, via ZOOM.com

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*Call to Order:* President, Walter Knecht, called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.  
*Attendees:* Walter Knecht, Karen Watson, Al Thomson, Tricia Timmermans, Brian Shum  
*Regrets:* Heather Hood, Ken Holman,

1. ***Approval of Agenda***

The Agenda as presented was adopted. M/Karen; S/Tricia. **Carried.**

2. ***Minutes of the previous Meeting***

Minutes of the June 8, 2020 meeting were approved. M/Karen; S/Al. **Carried.**

3. ***Financial Status***

Summary provided by Brian Shum:

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Bank Bal - Opening. | 10,800        |
| Liab:               |               |
| PCO.                | 2,110         |
| Ken (Ad).           | 95            |
| WK (MChimp).        | 115.          |
|                     | (2,320)       |
|                     | -----         |
| GIC Mat Jul 11/20.  | 6,000         |
| Interest at Mat     | 102           |
| GIC Mat Nov 22/20.  | 7,000         |
| Interest at Mat.    | 126           |
|                     | -----         |
| Net Bank Bal (EST)  | <b>21,708</b> |

4. ***Registration***

Walter reported that registration is going well. Three to four hundred new people have joined PBC and it does not look like there will be a significant drop this year.

5. ***COVID-19 - Return to Play***

There are still 5 or 6 communities that are having difficulty convincing local officials that it is safe to play. Some are relaxing their rules a bit (singles only, family members only), but have now backed off. ViaSport has linked to our website where Covid-19 play protocol can be found.

6. ***Officiating***

Al reported that he has been contacted by the IFP, and is now officially a member of the Rules Committee. The proposed way forward is to have the IFP Rules committee review, and make suggestions for change. They will then forward their recommendations to the USAPA Rules Committee, who will vote on, and accept changes for inclusion in the amended rulebook. Al contacted the BC referees - they are ready to start training. Bruce Eburne is ready to do the training – he has been directed to talk to Surrey; Surrey has nobody at a Level 2. It's important to make sure that the people who are being assessed at Level 2 are actually at a Level 2 standing, and have the skills and knowledge to pass on appropriately.

7. ***Other***

We are compliant with everything needed to join viaSport, so we can get accredited if we want to. There is, however, an expectation that we show our plan for including a *Sport for Life* aspect. Pickleball Canada does not have a specific *Sport for Life* aspect. Walter and Karen will talk offline to get this going.

8. ***Update from Heather on Under-18 Pickleball***

Youth Development Working group has been in the process of canvassing and talking to clubs throughout BC to learn 'what's working or not' in developing Youth U18 Pickleball throughout BC. All clubs contacted support the principle of inclusion of youth in their Pickleball activities; several clubs have made some inroads in terms of offering play time

opportunities or integrating youth into regular play; a few clubs have developed youth programs in partnership with local school districts; and one club has developed a youth program which is underway.

Preliminary themes emerging as barriers to youth development throughout BC include:

- limited dedicated Pickleball courts
- Covid-19 related issues
- schools focussed on bigger issues for fall

Clearly, clubs continue to make plans to further develop the inclusion of U18 Youth Pickleball. Covid-19 may slow down progress for now, but eventually opportunities will emerge as solutions to the issues or problems. We will continue to complete the canvassing and report out again shortly.

**Next meeting to be held Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6PM. Please mark your calendars.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Tricia Timmermans

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Secretary

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Date of Approval