

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Pickleball BC

Held at 4:00PM, October 8, 2020, via ZOOM.com

Call to Order: President, Walter Knecht, called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.
Attendees: Walter Knecht, Al Thomson, Tricia Timmermans, Brian Shum, Heather Hood, Karen Watson
Regrets: Ken Holman,

1. *Approval of Agenda*

A quorum was established. The Agenda as presented was adopted. M/Brian; S/Tricia. **Carried.**

2. *Minutes of the previous Meeting*

The Minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting were approved. M/Al; S/Karen. **Carried.**

3. *Reports*

(a) Membership

Walter reported that registrations are continuing to come in strong, but he expects a drop coming at the end of September or the beginning of October when data is fully assimilated. Kelowna, Chilliwack and Vernon memberships are due at this time. Between these three clubs there are over 1100 members 'due'. Kelowna is the only one that he expects to dramatically drop. Allan G continues to help manage the many facets of keeping this data straight. BC still represents 25% of the Canadian total volume, but our error rate is by far the lowest. Steph F continues, in an expanded role, to send monthly club reports, individual 'you are about to lose your membership' notes and now, welcome emails. Gretchen Dunne from the Island is helping with emails, etc.

(b) PCO news

Jim Parrot, an Ontario engineer, has taken over as president of PCO. He was President of Pickleball Ontario for a few years and has served on the PCO board as well.

PCO is contemplating/discussing relationships with IFP and/or WPF. IFP is an off-shoot of USAP and WPF is a Seymour Rifkind creation following success with IPTPA. Both are attempting, with some success, to operate internationally.

There are issues. In conversations with Jim Parrot and Tony Casey (PCO VP of Operations) – we may be heading into a triplet. If we think game officials or snow birding – things may get difficult. PCO is planning Zoom type discussions with both IFP & WPF later this month. Walter is on the invitee list.

The integrated Technology Platform is coming along. Beta site work should happen this fall. Vernon is trying to be one of the early adopters.

(c) Financial

Brian suggests putting excess cash into a term deposit. It is non-redeemable, but we can cancel it before the end of the year.

Cash Position as of October 7, 2020:

Opening Bank Balance (VanCity)			14,151.27
PayPal account balance			41.88
Term Deposit #1 (Matures Jul 11/21) .65%		6,102.28	
Term Deposit #2 (Matures Nov 22/20) 1.8%	7,000.00		
Interest at Maturity	126.00	7,126.00	
Investments			13,228.28
Total Cash Available			27,421.43

Expenses (Est):

Walter (Mailchimp)	Jul, Aug, Sep Oct	112 x 4	448.00
Website Ad Expense (Ken)			136.07
PCO (Membership Remittance)		501 x \$5	2,505.00
Miscellaneous			500.00
Total Expenses Accrued			3,589.07
Ending Bank Balance -	Oct 07/20 (Est)		23,832.36

(d) Refereeing

AI reported that there has been no referee training since July. A session will be held in the evening for those who cannot make it during the day. On Court Training sessions, have been difficult to hold due to the Covid situation. A number of people in Kelowna and other areas are waiting for rating opportunities. On Court training and ratings are required for people to advance to Level 1 or 2.

(e) PSO

Karen reported on PBC becoming a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO). The process is done through viaSport. PBC meets all the criteria to become a PSO. Documents need to be submitted to support the criteria. We are awaiting a letter from PCO that confirms PBC as a designated organization representing PCO in BC. We will need to adopt two PCO frameworks:

1. NCCP coaching pathway. An Ontario framework has been developed with PCO and adopted by PCO. Awaiting final approval from Coaching Association of

Canada. Do we need to/should we formally adopt this as well? Walter is getting permission from PCO.

2. Demonstrate integration of Canadian Sport 4 Life model. PCO has adopted the Ontario framework Long-Term Player Development Plan. Do we need to formally adopt as well? Walter is getting permission from PCO.

Discussion followed on the questions raised in Karen's report. To become a provincial organization, we need to adopt a coaching pathway. If we adopt one, this does not preclude that we use other coaching programs too, but if they were doing league coaching, coaches would be directed to the NCCP pathway, which was developed by Ontario and adopted by PCO. Once adopted here, we would use this framework (which is on the PCO website) to certify players. We need to have a *sports for life* framework that we integrate into our whole association.

MOTION: M/Karen S/Walter.

That PBC ADOPTS THE NCCP PATHWAY, AS WELL AS THE LONGTERM PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK, INTO PBC, AND THAT PBC APPLIES FOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATION STATUS.

A question arose re whether we have to formally ask for permission. Walter will ask Jim Parrot (PCO President) for an answer, and also if we can have our PCO logo on the document. The motion was CARRIED.

PCO is currently adopting a coaching education program. It was supposed to be adopted by June, but COVID has delayed this.

(f) Youth

Heather reported that a youth Pickleball working group met today to discuss next steps. From a provincial perspective, schools continue to be focused on the current challenges of the COVID situation, but this is a great opportunity to do the planning ahead. On an initial look, there appears to be a variety of sources of existing curriculum already developed for Pickleball in schools, including the Ontario Elementary Curriculum. There is no point in reinventing the wheel so will look into further sources for teaching Pickleball in schools. Discussion ensued on the role of PBC as it relates to developing youth. Points/questions included:

- We could be an advocate to support local clubs.
Leave implementation to the local level as we don't have resources.
How would the youth contact each other? Needs to be a regional approach.
What are existing school resources?
Ontario has extensive materials, including YouTube videos for Elementary to Grade 9.
If we have funds, should we organize a junior tournament? Send coaches? Provide paddles/balls?
Should we start a Facebook page for communication between groups?
What is our goal – competition or social?

The main consensus was that the emphasis should be on having courts available, but costs are a deterrent. We need to advocate for courts to be provided by municipalities. Heather and Karen will provide a written statement that shows our focus, which includes approaching school boards as well as municipalities. This statement could be placed on our website.

Walter has about eighty club contacts which he will give out (names/emails) should we have a need to contact them on anything - such as advising on referee sessions. The newsletter could share information on specific courses and opportunities too.

(g) Web, etc.

Ken reported that no tournaments are scheduled for 2020, and he doubts there will be anything in 2021 before the summer – possibly dependent on a vaccine becoming widely available. He encourages organizers to check PBC's Tournaments web page before scheduling their tournament, to try to prevent conflicts.

Walter and Ken are continuing to put together the monthly **Newsletter** and are always looking for fresh content. Ken would like someone else to step in and take over the responsibility of constructing the newsletter – he feels it would benefit from some fresh/innovative ideas.

Ken believes that with the popularity of **Facebook**, PBC should have a presence. We need to find the right person to take on the Newsletter and set up a Facebook page. Firstly though we need to define what we want it for. Please send Ken comments and he will take them back to someone (?) to show our objectives for having it.

4. PBC AGM

(a) To be held via ZOOM at 1PM on the 18th of November.

(b) Eligibility to attend - Members as of October 1, 2020

(c) Notices to be sent

a.i. Call for nominees to the board to be emailed by October 9th.

a.ii. Call for agenda additions to be emailed by October 9th.

a.iii. Final notice of AGM – to be emailed by November 1st

a.iv. If required – voting for board position – to be emailed by November 1st

(d) Outstanding – due by Oct 28:

a.i. Reports by each – similar to this meeting

a.ii. Voting procedures for board members, if required

a.iii. Additional agenda items

a.iv. Full agenda prepared

5. Next Board meeting

a. Directly after AGM

b. Purpose – determine positions/functions

c. Set 'next' meeting date / time

Discussion was held on who would be staying on the board, and how the bylaws are interpreted re terms overlapping, etc. By the time we get to the meeting date, all of the above items will have been completed. Once the board is assembled, there will be a 10 – 15 minute meeting after the AGM to determine board positions and meeting dates. It is hoped a quorum (ten) will be attained.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Tricia Timmermans

Secretary

Date of Approval