

## **Pickleball BC Executive Meeting**

December 2, 2020

Present: Raymond Dear, Ken Holman, Heather Hood, Walter Knecht, Sharon MacDonald, Barry Montgomery, Brian Shum, Alan Thomson, Karen Watson, Rod Williams

Regrets: Ken Witt

Walter welcomed new board members and each member introduced themselves and gave a brief bio of themselves

Assignment of positions:

President: Walter Knecht by acclamation

Vice President: Karen Watson by acclamation

Secretary: Sharon MacDonald by acclamation

Treasurer: Brian Shum by acclamation

Registrar: Rod Williams by acclamation

Directors at Large

Head Referee – Al Thomson

Youth Programming – Heather Hood

Website, Newsletter - Ken Holman

Ratings, Leagues – Barry Montgomery

Muni & City involvement - Ray Dear

Procedures & Policies - Ken Witt

Discussion on league play – this comes under the Ratings Director profile – working on performance base plus skills – acknowledged the challenge that rating presents across communities and club ratings being perhaps not the same as the next club or community – Barry has been working on this for 2 years and it is a work in progress – Sharon offered to help with this committee as it is something her Club is working on as well and would be a wonderful learning opportunity

Registration – Rod – Pickleball Canada is preparing a package that would include all aspects of pickleball, ranging from membership, websites, communications, etc Rod is our rep on this

Contacts for communities and municipalities – Ray, Karen and Heather have been working on this – work being done successfully with recognizing the importance of having dedicated courts and times so that programs can be held – Walter has a list of 70-80 contact names that is available

It was noted that at present we have no Regional 'organization' or representation.

Walter emphasized that the director in charge of their particular committee takes on the tasks with respect to those tasks and they are responsible for defining what that entails without interference – although input is always appreciated.

Karen is the director responsible for working with ViaSport and also serves on 55+ Games committee – she is also the go to person with respect to CoVid responses and any Return to Play changes and proposals.

Ken Witt was assigned to the tasks of documentation – Walter has spoken to him prior to the meeting about working with any policies, waivers and other pertinent documentation in conjunction with Pickleball Canada, but bearing in mind our particular provincial needs and requirements.

Al Thomson is not only our provincial head referee but works nationally and internationally with all aspects of refereeing – he said that things have slowed down and put on hold for a bit until CoVid restrictions can be lifted.

Ken H. advised that he has set up an automatic forward to Sharon for any emails that come into PBC that are addressed to the Secretary. He advised that any responses to emails will display their personal email address.

Walter asks that everyone send in their email addresses and best phone number contact as this is needed for the Annual Report.

Walter also advised that he as President sits on all the committees so if there are questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact him --- also if in doubt about anything that needs Board approval contact Walter first.

Warning to check email addresses to make sure it is the person that is actually identified as there are scam emails circulating.

Monthly meetings have been set for every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm until April when we will revisit date and time.

Walter provided information on some conversations PB Canada is having with respect to joining World Pickleball or staying with IFP. He felt that it would not be in our best interest membership wise to switch. He feels that both sides are making promises that they possibly cannot keep.

This change may affect membership voting rights, and referee protocols.

There is a new Board on PB Canada and there is a push to get pickleball recognized as a national sport and a possible contender for the Olympics.

Walter feels quite strongly about this issue and will be forwarding more information on it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday January 14 at 6:30 pm