



PICKLEBALL B C
BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2021

Present: Walter Knecht, Ray Dear, Rod Williams, Brian Shum, Sharon MacDonald, Dave Eaton, Becky Stuve

Regrets: Heather Hood, Alan Thomson, Barry Montgomery, Karen Watson

1. **Quorum** – met
2. **Minutes** of Juneboard meeting motion to approve with no amendments Ray Dear, 2nd Rod Williams
3. **WELCOME** – to Dave Eaton and Becky Stuve – Motion to accept them as board members by Ray Dear, 2nd by Rod Williams, no opposed.

Introduction to our newest Board members:

Becky Stuve

Approximately 10 years ago, I started volunteering at the Prince George YMCA. A beginner's program was started for Pickleball and I decided to attend and then eventually started showing people how to play. Through the years I have thoroughly enjoyed the social aspect of the sport and have encouraged all ages to play.

Background; Volunteered for the Burns Lake Legion, the Hospital Employees Union in a Secretary and Trustee capacity, the 1 Up program for Single Parents as a Mentee. I currently work for Provincial Health Services my clients are BC Emergency Health Services Aviation Division (BC Ambulance). I facilitate processes and create contracts for the Fixed and Rotary Wing Aircraft.

Thank you to the warm welcome from the group, I look forward to helping in whatever capacity is best suited.

Dave Eaton

I found pickleball in Arizona 8 years ago, like many others, and have been hooked ever since. I joined the Nanaimo Pickleball Club in 2014, served as Vice President for 2 years, President for 3 years, then Past President for one. Some of my time while on the Executive of our club was dedicated to working with our City Parks & Rec staff to develop the first dedicated pickleball courts on Vancouver Island in 2015, then our second location at Beaufort Park in

2017. I love seeing the sport grow in so many ways and look forward to working with Pickleball BC to further enhance our sport and serve our members.

4. Financial Report – Brian Shum

Cash Position – July 7, 2021

Opening Bank Balance (VanCity)	20,803.80
PayPal account balance	0.00
Term Deposit #1 rolled (0.95/1.05/2.00% Mat Jul 06/24 - Annual Opts	6,141.40
Term Deposit #2 (0.6/0.7/1.10% Mat Nov 24/23 - Annual Opts)	7,000.00
Term Deposit #2 (0.6/0.7/1.10% Mat Nov 28/23 - Annual Opts)	<u>12,000.00</u>
Investments	<u>25,141.40</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>45,945.20</u>
Expenses (Est):	
Walter (MailChimp) M J & Jul (2x115) +130	360.00
Website Ad Expense (Ken) Inv #51	96.80
PCO (Membership Remittance) 967.00 \$5	4,835.00
PCO (Membership Recovery) 3,100.00 840.00	(2,260.00)
Misc	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses Accrued	<u>3,531.80</u>
Ending Bank Balance - Estimated	<u>42,413.40</u>

Discussion:

The term deposit for \$6141.40 has been reinvested at a better rate for 3 year term with no pull out penalty

5. Membership – Rod Williams

There are 46 BC clubs launched and collecting dues through PCNS, an increase of 2 from last month. – the new clubs, Desert Pickleball in Osoyoos and Pickleball Lites in Parksville are now using the PCNS.

The following 6 clubs still are not accessing the system either because they have not begun administrative duties or have not yet signed a MoU.

Get Stoked Pickleball Revelstoke

Peace Country Pickleball Association

Peach City Pickleball - winter season club

Port Hardy Pickleball – initial contact (I think I scared them off)

Saturna Pickleball Association – likely disbanding until next season

Vanderhoof Pickleball

2 clubs are in progress-

Vernon Pickleball Association - MOU in Hand, contacted yet AGAIN with next steps.

- I will likely have to do an upload of Spring and Summer registrations as they have accepted new members, collected PCO and PBC dues and not followed the process prescribed by the PCO.

Shuswap Lake Estates Pickleball – No contact since last month's status update.

(The following numbers are slightly different from last month's report, as I have not gotten an analytic report from PCO and am now relying on the Financial Data available to us in the PCNS)

1928 Memberships processed through the PCNS in March

861 Memberships processed in April.

603 Memberships processed in May (248 Brand New PCO numbers)

1059 Memberships processed in June (612 Brand New PCO numbers)

140 so far in July. (77 Brand New PCO Numbers)

5 Memberships refunded through the PCNS due to duplicate registrations.

With the departure of Kirk Jensen from the PCO and the PCNS national committee there has been no distribution of National Data. There is no word yet on when the committee will

meet again, and it will at least have to wait until the National Board meets to assign someone to the task.

System improvements in the PCNS ongoing, and the reporting process has been updated, although Club membership totals seem to give 3 different results depending upon how you ask for the Data to be compiled. A Work in Progress.

PBC Membership:

As of July 6th, there are 6696 Active PBC members, an increase of 484 from the last meeting. There were over 400 members expiring in June and many of them renewed through the PCNS, although a large number of the registrations last month were folks new to the PCO, or at least they now have registered with a new PCO number.

Discussion: 100's of new member – National system does not always reflect the correct numbers as some returning members are registering under 'new members' instead of 'renewing members'. This will take a while to sort out, as these inactive members will not be dropped from the Lists for 2 years.

Dave Eaton noted that Nanaimo membership is down by 2/3 since CoVid – felt that new registration process was complicated was a factor. Also noted that for their Club they had to download an app on their iphone for court registration.

Rod Suggested that this was not unusual, and several Clubs had adopted a 'wait and see' attitude, although some of those clubs have since come onboard. Rod stated that his home Club was also down 20% but were slowly returning.

We have gained 10 Clubs in the last 4 months and compared to the rest of Canada we continue to be one of the highest memberships.

Rod also suggested that due to court space, some Clubs have opted for 'no growth' in order to accommodate the members they already had.

6. CoVid Report – Karen Watson

Return to Sport update

On July 1st, 2021 BC moved to Step 3 in the Return to Sport Plan

For sports , this means

- All outdoor and indoor sports for adults and youth are allowed. This includes games, competitions and practices.
- Gym and recreation facilities are at normal capacity
- Outdoor spectators 5,000 people allowed or 50% capacity whichever is greater
- Indoor spectators 50 people or 50% capacity whichever is greater

Below is the link for more detailed information on BC's Restart Program

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart#step-three>

Provincial Sport Organization Application

viaSport has submitted the recommendation to approve Pickleball BC as a PSO to the Ministry for their sign off. Still waiting to hear back from the Ministry.

7. Refereeing Report – Al Thomson

A clinic was held in Surrey last weekend.

All referees province wide will be contacted to see if they will hold clinics in their own area, in order to reach out to more people wanted to learn this skill.

It was suggested that interest at the moment is lacking due to the fact that there are few opportunities to referee at tournaments.

8. Rankings and Ratings – Barry Montgomery

No Report

9. Youth committee – Heather Hood

No Report

10. PBC and TBC Report

Last meeting was June 17th and our next meeting is July 15th.

- o It was agreed that the committee will be referred to as the TBC PBC Task force
- o As a group we have completed the discussions around Option 3 shared courts.

- There was preliminary discussion regarding the format of the joint Task Force Report. The main talking point was the de-emphasis of Option 3 recommendations as it was the least preferred option. Discussion to be continued.
- TBC shared with us that they were getting push back from their members and concerns that the Pickleball community was approaching municipalities without meaning discussion. It was suggested that a joint statement be crafted to quell some of the angst and conflict happening in some communities. We are jointly working on the wording for our next meeting.
- The focus of our next meeting will be in Option 2, the repurposing of tennis courts for dedicated Pickleball courts.

11. By-laws and Name change – Walter Knecht

A notice will be sent to all membership with respect to the Bylaw and Name Change by July 15.

Gender Equality

Walter received some concerns about gender equality with respect to ratings. Some feel that there should be separate classes for ratings based on male or female status. Others thoughts that a rating was a rating and should not matter as the criteria is the same no matter what sex you are.

There is a need to contact other sports to see how they accommodate this. This is a complex issue and normally for tournament play male and female divisions are separate – as are age categories.

For Club play, many do not have enough members to make a distinction.

Was felt that PCO should look into this matter, but with their 22 odd committees already it may not make the cut.

Walter suggests if anyone is passionate about this issue, he would gladly assign it to them.

12. New Playing opportunity – Dave Eaton

Dave would like to build a tool box for all clubs to use when approaching their Cities or municipalities for funding for dedicated pickleball courts.

Dave felt that a lot of communities have met with resistance when it comes to this issue and if they had better tools on how to approach the subject and the steps involved, they might garner more success.

Ray Dear will work with Dave on this as it is an issue that they are discussing with Tennis BC, as for sharing, or dedicated courts and they might be able to come up with a package that would suit all racquet balls sports.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ray Dear, 2nd by Rod Williams.

Next meeting is Thursday August 5, 2021 at 4 pm via Zoom link.

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7963445852>