



PICKLEBALL BC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2021

Present: Walter Knecht, Karen Watson, Ray Dear, Sharon MacDonald, Brian Shum, Becca Stuve, Rod Williams, Al Thomson, Dave Eaton

Regrets: Heather Hood, Barry Montgomery

1. **Quorum** – Met
2. **Minutes** of November board meeting – motion to approve with no amendments Karen Watson, 2nd by Dave Eaton – no opposition – Carried
3. **Financial Report** – Brian Shum
Report attached

Discussion: 2-year term deposit – annual option for 3 years at a higher rate maturing in 2024.

Incoming monies from membership renewals; with between \$1800 - \$2385 for PCO

Approximately \$51,000 in account minus the grants that have been submitted, both youth and community.

4. **Membership Report** – Rod Williams
Report Attached

Discussion: Some emails that have been sent out from PCO and not getting through to all members, and some unsubscribed members are receiving them. Rod has notified Trackie of the problem.

New memberships daily with approximately 500 in November, and already over 900 in December.

5. Referee Report – Al Thomson

The new Rule Book will be out in January for 2022. The Newsletter in December will showcase the changes.

6. Youth Development – Heather Hood

No Report

Discussion: Brian Shum reported that there were 9 grant submissions to date with 8 being for youth grants. The committee is reviewing and hopes to have something concrete by next week.

7. Tennis BC/Pickleball BC – Ray Dear

Report Attached

Discussion: The task force committee has been disbanded as there is no further need. May meet as individuals for discussion but not as a joint committee.

Walter Knecht updated on the upset with publishing Paper 2 and sending to municipalities without prior consent from Tennis BC. Walter met with the President of Tennis BC and a written apology was sent to Tennis BC as well as to the municipalities. This seems to have gone a long way to rectify the misunderstanding.

Ray mentioned that he did not know what Tennis BC is doing with Paper 2- but it does not seem to have been made available to its membership.

Ken Williams asked what the next steps are. Ray says there is an agreement to “agree to disagree”.

Walter will continue dialogue with Tennis BC with the expectations of good things to come. He feels that more discussion at the national level is needed.

Ray Dear asked Walter if he would send a thank you to the other members of the joint task force.

NCCP DISCUSSION

Further Discussion with respect to the NCCP – Level 1 coaching program. Sharon MacDonald stated that there seemed to be many holes in the program. She and 2 other members of her Club took the course in Prince George on the 1st of October and were still not in receipt of results.

Written lesson plans were promised and never received.

The MED test was not available to be taken until 10 days prior to this meeting.

It was felt that the instructor was overburdened, as he was the only person delivering the program.

Walter has suggested 3 other persons to Mark, the instructor, who could help but no steps have been taken towards utilizing them.

Karen Watson inquired about how to get some feedback. Walter will write again with these concerns to see if he can get further answers.

8. **CoVid Update** – Karen Watson No Report

Discussion: Restrictions are still in place for indoor play. Northern Health is under further restrictions.

Discussion: With respect to accreditation – viaSport has sent information about how pickleball is now included on their website.

9. Municipalities – Dave Eaton

No Report

Discussion: Working with Mission – looking at tennis courts on school property – suggestions on how to work with the School District and municipalities with the focus being on youth using the courts.

The Newsletter will have 7-8 examples of different approaches by Clubs looking at commercial vacant buildings and how to get lower lease rates.

10. Policies – Becca Stuve

No Report

Discussion: Wording for working with youth waiting to see how PCO is handling this. Sports Canada 18 & under policies seem to have conflicting information. Walter will work with Becca to review

11. Provincial Tournament– Walter Knecht

No Report

Discussion: Information was sent out to 60 Clubs with no response except 1. Becca will help to look into this. At present British Columbia is the only Province, that does not host a Provincial Tournament.

Rod Williams offered that the structure in BC is very different than the other provinces with each Club hosting its own tournaments. It may come down to being a time/volunteer problem.

The 2024 Western Regionals will be hosted in BC, so Walter felt we needed to step it up.

Karen Watson added that it could be as simple as labelling existing tournaments differently. It was felt that a clearer understanding of what is involved might go far to dispel fear and concerns.

The need to have a bigger referee base is also a concern. Using referees that are not accredited might be an option.

Discussion on the upcoming AGM – planning needs to start, in order to prepare year end and elections.

A date of February 16 at 6 pm was proposed. Walter will include this in the Newsletter.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Becca Stuve, 2nd by Rod Williams. Carried.

Zoom link:

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

Task Force Report for Pickleball BC

December 8, 2021

This will be the final report from the Joint PBC and TBC committee, referred to as the Task Force. We met as a committee on December 1, 2021.

With the joint committee completing the joint paper “A Solution That Meets The Needs Of Both Sports” it was mutually agreed that there was no further need to meet. It was acknowledged that the paper was positively received by both the pickleball and tennis communities.

TBC did not have definite plans for the failed joint paper “How To Properly Create and Manage a Dual Purpose Court”. They did indicate that they would move forward with it at some time. It was communicated to TBC that PBC was proceeding with the distribution of its version of paper two. TBC believed that the release of PBC’s paper two was premature and not done in good faith in context of our MOU. TBC also expressed concern regarding PBC using the joint paper format in its version of paper 2. It is recommended that the PBC paper “Creating and Managing

Dual Line Courts” be reformatted to remove any confusion of a joint paper.

Both parties acknowledged that there are no joint recommendations we can agree to at this time. As a result, no future meetings are scheduled. We would seek guidance from PBC and TBC if the committee was to be struck again.

November Membership Report – Rod Williams

There are now 58 BC clubs launched and collecting dues through PCNS, an increase of 2 from last month. – Denman Island and Vanderhoof are the new clubs.

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

-Saturna Pickleball Association – likely disbanded until next season.

Now 4 clubs technically in progress, though I don't anticipate hearing from Shuswap Lake until 2022.

- Shuswap Lake Estates Pickleball – No contact after they signed and returned an MoU.
- Oceanside PB club working through the process and will not be ready until the New Year.
- Campbell River Pickleball also working through the process.
- Fernie has begun the process and then gone Radio Silence.

-As of November 30th.

6804 Memberships processed through the PCNS between March and October

498 Memberships processed in November (306 Brand New PCO Numbers)

11 Memberships refunded through the PCNS in 2021.

(Note: As of Dec 4th, 678 memberships have been processed already this month, with 49 New PCO Numbers.)

PBC Membership

As of November 30th, there were **8276** Active PBC members, an increase of 263 from the last meeting. (8397 as of Dec 4, so on top of the 49 new members, several expired members (72) have renewed)

Presently, 5545 PBC members have their PCO membership expire between now (Dec 4th) and Dec 31, 2021, and we currently show 3846 inactive (expired) members dating back to January 2020. I have the ability to directly contact these inactive members through the PCNS email system if we feel it is expedient to do so.

Renewal notices were sent out by the PCO through the PCNS system on December 1 to all expiring members in Canada. I have heard from 4 clubs who indicate that not all their members received the notice (my wife got one, but I didn't). I have advised these clubs to send out their own notifications and I will have some detail about that ready for the December Newsletter.

We have received no Analytic information from PCO since October 1st to indicate the percentage of BC memberships within the PCO.

National PCNS News -

The Event Management module has begun to be used by several clubs, and others are kicking the tires. Other than the Cap/Waitlist requirement not being implemented yet, it is proving to be useful.

Two Factor Authentication for Club Master Administrators and Provincial Admins has been mandated by PCO. It is a pain in the rear. I switched the process over from sending me emails to now sending me text

messages to gain access to the PCNS, but it never recognizes my request to stop bugging me for 30 days, so I have disabled it. PCO hasn't complained, yet.

FINANCIAL REPORT – B. SHUM

Cash Position									
Board Meetings									
								3:46pm	
								Dec 06/21	
Opening Bank Balance (VanCity)								29,664.46	TD #2 int = 42.00
PayPal account balance								0.00	TD #3 int = 72.00
Term Deposit #1 rolled (0.95/1.05/2.00%) Mat Jul 06/24 - Annual Opts								6,141.40	
Term Deposit #2 (1.0%/1.5%/2.0% Mat Nov 24/24 - Annual Opts)								7,000.00	Was 0.6% 0.7% 1.10% Maturing Nov 24/23
Term Deposit #3 (1.0%/1.5%/2.0% Mat Nov 28/24 - Annual Opts)								12,000.00	Was 0.6% 0.7% 1.10% Maturing Nov 28/23
Investments								25,141.40	
Total Cash Available								54,805.86	
Expenses (Est):									
Walter (MailChimp)						Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec		600.00	
Website Ad Expense (Ken)								48.25	
PCO (Membership Remittance)					967.00		\$5	4,835.00	
PCO (Membership Recovery)					3,100.00		840.00	(2,260.00)	
Misc								500.00	
Total Expenses Accrued								3,723.25	

Ending Bank Balance – Estimated									51,082.61	