



PICKLEBALL BC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2022

Present: Walter Knecht, Sharon MacDonald, Brian Shum, Rod Williams, Dave Eaton, Debbie Lawrence, Catalin Costea, Barry Montgomery

Regrets: Al Thomson, **Guest:** Barry Montgomery

1. **Quorum** – Met
2. **Minutes** of February board meeting – motion to approve with no amendments Dave Eaton, 2nd by Rod Williams– no opposition – Carried
3. **Appointments:** Debbie Lawrence was appointed to the Board by Walter Knecht, 2nd by Dave Eaton - no opposed
4. **Nomination to positions and terms:**

President: Walter Knecht nominated by Sharon Macdonald, 2nd by Rod Williams – accepted - all in favour – 1 year term

Vice President: Rod Williams nominated by Sharon MacDonald, 2nd by Dave Eaton – accepted – all in favour – 2 year term

Secretary: Sharon MacDonald nominated by Walter Knecht, 2nd by Debbie Lawrence – accepted – all in favour – 1 year term

Treasurer: Brian Shum nominated by Walter Knecht, 2nd by Rod Williams – accepted – all in favour – 1 year term

Municipal Representative: Dave Eaton – 2 year term

Youth Coordinator: Debbie Lawrence – 2 year term

Director: Catalin Costea – 2 year term

Head Referee: Al Thomson – 1 year term

Cathy Pope has withdrawn herself from the role of Director.

1-year terms expire at the 2023 AGM.

2-year terms expire at the 2024 AGM.

5. Financial Report – Brian Shum

Report attached

Rod Williams asked when the amount owed to Pickleball Canada for the National System will be sent as he has a meeting with them next Wednesday. This is the surcharge for Provinces for use of the National System, that the executive voted to pay on behalf of its members for this year. Monies will be paid asap.

6. Grant Report – Brian Shum

Report attached

7. Membership Report – Rod Williams

Report Attached

Numbers are up by 275 since February 28 with approximately 30 registrations per day. Many expired members have not returned with approximately 6300 inactive on top of the 7100 registered. Expectations are to top 9000 by year end once the Snowbirds return and reactive their memberships.

8. Referee Report – Al Thomson

No Report

9. Community Report – Dave Eaton

Report Attached

Noise continues to be the main concern, but each individual Club has its own varied concerns. No one template to apply across the board.

Many suggestions on how to handle this – varying times of play, balls, and paddles with less noise but these are a few years away from being implemented for use.

Rod Williams commented that the Saturna Island Club having difficulty as the courts are next to a school and there is the noise issue arising – foam balls has been suggested but these are hard on asphalt and difficult with wind factored in.

Debbie Lawrence mentioned Crescent Park club being shut down and asked if there were thoughts on how to push back against this. Asked how many complaints it takes before action is taken and how to reverse once done. How do we go about checking out numbers and who supported on Council, etc.

Consideration needs to be given when talking space for public courts as to proximity to residential, and schools.

10. President's Report: Walter Knecht

Proposed PCO Bylaw changes at SGM on April 25

Walter is speaking with other provinces who have concerns over the proposal to take away membership voting rights. Right now, BC, AB, MB, and QU who together represent 70 % of the membership, are in discussion with the hopes of getting PCO to step back from this bylaw change until it can be further reviewed before being presented.

Brian Shum asked if there was a possibility of forcing a review by proxy vote. A proposal to wait until all provinces could review and add their input.

Barry Montgomery asked for clarification of the timeline involved in these proposed bylaw changes as the process began 4 years ago. Walter suggested that a lot of changes have occurred during those ensuring years with a new Board, the new National System, COVID and 8 months ago a new President. He also suggested that PCO is referring to and relying on Sport Law as the final authority. Barry Montgomery asked if perhaps a package deal could be arrived at where the reasonable and unquestioning bylaws be accepted and those that need more time and work be rejected in favour of a more detailed review.

Walter will update once he has again met with the other provinces.

B C Parks & Recreation: They have reached out and are proposing to work with PBCA to ensure a smooth transition as the sport of pickleball grows across the province. They are involved in every municipal jurisdiction in the province. Conversation to continue.

Walter will involve Dave Eaton on the next call. Expanded guidelines and more discussion on a wider level is needed to involve more Club input

Easter Seals – proposed province wide tournament – this conversation to be picked up again for a mid-summer 2023 date set.

Deaf Pickleball play – one deaf player has asked for support for his trip to the Nationals in Kingston and the Deaf Games in Quebec

this summer. A local club has been asked to consider a Deaf only tournament – no response yet.

Volleyball/Indoor Cycling/PB connection – VBC is spearheading a camp involving all three sports hopefully for June in the Harry Jerome Dome. They are submitting a grant application.

PCO insurance – not sure how this will change or affect our policies.

Plans for review of our own Bylaws and all PCO policies for compliance, implementation at or for the PCB level and to help Clubs where they must also comply.

11. Ranking/Ratings - Barry Montgomery

Barry will include Catalin on further discussion of ratings and write up a report as related to tournaments.

12. Youth Program:

Daniel from the Richmond Club will link with Debbie Lawrence. Debbie asked if there was a template for school programs for introducing the sport of pickleball. Walter will work with Debbie to investigate putting together a template program to build and reference material that can be referenced.

Motion to adjourn by Rod Williams, 2nd by Dave Eaton. Carried

Next meeting set for April 13, 2022, at 6 pm.

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

Cash Position
Board Meetings

Mar 08/22
2:43pm

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| Opening Bank Balance (VanCity) | | 37,738.27 |
| PayPal account balance | | |
| 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 | |
| Term Deposit #3 (1.0%/1.5%/2.0% Mat Nov 28/24 - Annual Opts) | <u>12,000.00</u> | |
| Investments | | 25,141.40 |
| Total Cash Available | | <u>62,879.67</u> |
| Expenses (Est): | | |
| Walter (MailChimp) | Jan/Feb/Mar | 150.00 |
| Website Ad Expense (Ken) | Lidster | 48.45 |
| PCO (PCNS 2022 Annual Dev Fees) | | 4,800.00 |
| Provision for Grants Awarded | 4,750.00 (2,737.00) | 2,013.00 |
| Misc | | 500.00 |
| Total Expenses Accrued | | <u>7,511.45</u> |
| Ending Bank Balance - Estimated | | <u>55,368.22</u> |

PBC Membership

As of February 28th there were **6725** Active PBC members, an increase of 919 from January. There are still over 6400 inactive memberships in PBC. Many of these will be rejoining as the summer season progresses.

National PCNS News – no analytic information received this month. System improvements are ongoing and welcome.

Report to the Board – Pickleball BC – March 9, 2022

The last few weeks have been very busy in the Facility Development world, which has now expanded to include noise issues along with conflicts with tennis.

I spent some time with the President of the Saturna Island club who may have to shut down their courts in April (they only play 2 hours a day, 2 days a week) because of a neighbour complaint of noise. I found some info in the CRD bylaws that may help but haven't heard anything back from them yet.

I've also worked with a few other clubs, including the Nanaimo club on usage of outdoor covered courts, proposed new facilities for multi-sport use, both with municipal support. Walter and I Zoomed with the President of the Skagit Valley Club in Mount Vernon to learn more about their new 10-court facility that should open by late June. It's financed by a local benefactor and will be on the campus of the local college.

I also contacted most of the paddle manufacturers to find out what they've done to measure relative noise levels of their paddles. No reply on that question yet, but one of them has tested a prototype paddle that apparently is much quieter than others yet plays as well as other brands. I hope to hear more from them soon. I've asked to purchase the second quiet paddle whenever that happens so we can test it. It seems that new outdoor courts in most jurisdictions going forward will either need to have sound abatement measures or be located away from residential areas. Hopefully we can hold on to the existing courts in most areas, other than the couple of examples that have already been marked for closure.

I watched the Parksville Council meeting last night and they approved many changes in their Community Park starting in the fall that will bring 4 permanent pickleball courts (replacing one tennis court) along with lines painted on the remaining tennis court for optional use as well as 6 courts (lines only) on the lacrosse box, which also supports basketball along with lacrosse – so temporary nets in those cases. A good result for pickleball as there will now be actual nets up 24/7 instead of just mornings so that anyone can play when they like rather than just with a club in their designated time slots.

Dave Eaton, Facilities Development