



PICKLEBALL B C  
BOARD MEETING  
September 2, 2021

**Present:** Walter Knecht, Rod Williams, Brian Shum, Sharon MacDonald, Dave Eaton, Karen Watson

1. **Quorum** – met
2. **Minutes** of August board meeting motion to approve with no amendments Rod Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon MacDonald carried
3. **Financial Report – Brian Shum**  
Report Attached

Discussion with respect to the Recovery monies in the account and when these funds are expected to be disbursed. Brian advised that these funds will be dealt with by the end of the year.

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

Discussion on how the membership is increasing rapidly with approximately 23-24 new members since the Report was generated. Of the 300 members registering in August, almost all were new members. Also noted is the younger age of new members.

West Kelowna has been approached by a member of the international committee who is interested in pursuing league play for younger members. Of note was the high school which is conveniently located to the courts and share ½ the footprint of the courts. Any progress in this area will be reported on.

Discussion concerning the new Pickleball Canada National System (PCNS) fee that becomes active in January, 2022 when renewals are due.

Felt by some board members that this fee for the first year might be covered by PBCA as a courtesy for the transition year. Many suggestions on how to handle this – i.e. send bills to individual Clubs marked paid so they know that this will become their responsibility in 2023.

No decision on how or if this will be implemented until more Board members can weigh in on the matter.

**5. Head Referee Report – Alan Thomson**

No Report – No activity in the province currently for training

**6. Youth Development Report -- Heather Hood**

Report Attached

Discussion with respect to the Grant Application – Karen Watson felt development of this would go a long way to help in our accreditation.

A copy of the draft Newsletter was discussed – as to its length – felt by most members that for an introductory edition, it needed to be longer to cover all aspects. Felt it was very comprehensive and inclusive. T

The proposed audience is our membership, but Walter Knecht felt that we could add to that the 100+ municipalities contacts and well as the 150+ superintendents of school districts.

The proposed grant application needs to be better defined in order for particulars in the application process to be worked on.

More clarity available next month.

**7. Pickleball BC and Tennis BC Task Force Update – Ray Dear**

Report Attached

**8. CoVid Update/ViaSport – Karen Watson**

Report Attached

Discussion over recent concerns with Bridge Lake indoor pickleball courts being closed as it was deemed to be high intensity exercise. Karen will clarify that pickleball is deemed a sport not an exercise and by that premise this ruling does not apply.

Concerns with Provincial Sport Organization and the coaching programs. Do we need to apply to PCA to develop these programs?

Sport Canada is the driving force, and it was felt that our partnering with Tennis BC will help to get our programming in place, while we work under their umbrella. Once we are recognized as an official sport, we can go on our own to develop our own coaching programs.

It was felt that the programming offering right now through NCCP are too lengthy and cumbersome, as well as difficult to get through. Looking more for coaching programs similar to the ITTPA. This system is short and to the point.

## **9. Court Development – Dave Eaton**

Report Attached

Discussion on how this system looks to get away from involving the politicians as the first 'go to' person but encourages approaching and working with staff members and having them make recommendations to council. This approach has seen some success and Dave is compiling success stories and approaches.

Christina Lake is advertising themselves as the Pickleball Capital of Canada. They have the Recreation Centre lobbying for 6 more additional courts for exclusive pickleball use.

Karen felt that recommendation for different courts for different levels of use – sometimes the use would be for pickleball, other times for tennis – and sometimes for both. Felt we needed to look at all options, rather than going with the one that is most convenient.

## **10. Ratings Report – Barry Montgomery**

Report Attached

## **11. President's Report – Walter Knecht**

Report Attached

Bylaw changes have been sent out and considered final.

Will now start to look at the election process for director terms of 2 years. This will be done at the AGM. It was felt that voting could be done using Zoom with a poll sent to members when voting. The results would be instant and the determination of how long to vote could be decided i.e. 20 seconds or 2 minutes before the vote is finish.

Karen wondered whether the ballot would be secret and how it would be tallied in real time. Numeric answers are tallied with percentages and the ballots are kept secret.

Brian Shum had a question about PCO and the insurance raise from \$5 to \$10 – he felt that every time he asked for the financial reason for this, he was directed to the website. He considered this a deflection.

Walter suggested that possibly with the new President Karen Rust, answers would perhaps be more forthcoming.

Further information on the insurance will be available on the website once it has been translated into French.

Walter suggested that Brian contact either Karen or Peter the new Treasurer for financial information on the insurance hike and where that money is going.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday October 7 at 4 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Williams

**THE** link = <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7963445852>

Cash Position  
Board Meetings

3:40pm  
Sep 02/21

Opening Bank Balance (VanCity)		23,795.96
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		25,141.40
Total Cash Available		<u>48,937.36</u>
Expenses (Est):		
Walter (MailChimp)	(MJx115)+(JASx130)	620.00
Website Ad Expense (Ken)		0.00
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		<u>3,695.00</u>
Ending Bank Balance - Estimated		<u>45,242.36</u>

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## **Youth Development – Heather Hood**

Been working on the concept of a PBCA Network Newsletter - this is still in draft format with some info incomplete.

Proposal:

- E-Delivered to all PBCA clubs and members
- 3 to 4 times a year - Seasonal?
- connects, communicates, shares and highlights - PBCA Youth Initiatives including: Survey, Town Hall, Small Grant Opportunity, Youth Program Tips, Youth Success, Youth Resources, etc
- Youth Focused Town Halls to precede and inform
- more to come

Work has been ongoing with respect to the Grant application – proposals and prototypes have been sent out and commented on – all suggestions and comments are being taken into consideration.

## **Covid report -- Karen Watson**

The current guidelines for Step 3 that are in place for the province are those put in place July 1<sup>st</sup>. The exception to this is Interior Health. Interior Health where further restrictions are in place

September 7<sup>th</sup> is the earliest date where the province could consider going to step 4

BUT

While the province had reached the vaccine goal, the case counts, and hospitalization rates are on the rise.

We don't know what this will mean for the province. Will it be local Health Authority restrictions or provincial restrictions that come into play? Will we stay at Step 3 or is there a chance we go back to step 2?

It is a wait and see scenario.

For the Interior: Team sports for adults and youth can take place under the gatherings and events public health order, including competition, such as games and tournaments but spectator capacity is limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.

### **PSO update**

PBC is a recognized sport but has yet to be accredited. Recognized organizations will qualify to participate in a full organizational assessment to be evaluated against a matrix of questions related to Sport 4 Life, Coaching & Officiating, Excellence and Organizational Readiness during the next funding review cycle. Timing for the review will be determined by the government.



Interestingly, PCO Board provided approval to move forward with the PCO/Tennis Canada Collaborative Agreement so that Tennis Canada would become our service provider with regard to the NCCP program. Evidently, working with Tennis Canada will help us fast track the coaching program

## **Court Development Report – Dave Eaton**

Since our last meeting I have only been contacted by one group, the North Shore Pickleball Club. They are struggling to progress with court development and as you know, have had recent setbacks in their efforts to at least get seldom used tennis courts double lined. I communicated with their club President and one other member, sharing some of my experiences working with civic government, but I doubt it will be much of a solution as their problems are political as well as financial in nature. I will stay in touch with them as needed.

Now that I have a couple of months under my belt on this board, I think my next step may be to contact all provincial clubs with a request for examples of what has worked in various locations. I've done this before on a few occasions and although none of the situations are identical, there may be nuggets of help in some of them who have achieved success to assist others. I hope to accumulate a portfolio of success stories to share as needed. I will work with Walter on this initiative.

## **Ratings Report – Barry Montgomery**

### **Report on Ratings**

Currently the PCO Ratings Group has captured 1518 players across Canada as having registered in sanctioned tournaments so far in 2021. Of those players 395 players are from BC which represents 5.4% of total PBCA membership. Many tournaments have not materialized this year across the Country as in other years.

We have not yet accounted for two Eastern tournaments one in Quebec in September and the Atlantic Regionals. This may add another 300 or so players to the database.

The use of Pickleball Brackets tournament software has been wide ranged and is proving to be very versatile, easy to use, and has allowed all of the registered players to develop a Pickleball Brackets tournament performance-based rating. When a tournament is running, such as the Surrey Grip & Rip, running this weekend anyone can go to the Pickleball Brackets website and see in real time the progress and results of all the event brackets.

<https://pickleballbrackets.com/ptd.aspx?cpg=r&eid=bb226f5c-eb0e-4e42-bf0c-627e4b73ce97>

Individual player game results are available for anyone to see demonstrating the complete transparency of the ratings system. This should be prove to be very useful going forward for all tournament directors and individual club ratings committees. We are moving quickly towards better control of player ratings to ensure players register in brackets correctly.

Club use of performance-based software is slowly (very) rolling out as many clubs are not assigning attention or finding the “champions” inside their clubs who will take on the initial learning curve that is needed to create and register club events such as League/Ladder or Club member only tournaments that will see the development of “Club Ratings”. Further opportunities to educate and encourage clubs will be needed. Effective club ratings are needed when you consider the statistic that tournament players will in the end will only represent 12-15% of all club memberships while 85% of the current player rosters are wanting to improve their games and these performance-based programs could do so much to make player development more effective.

The CTPR (Canadian Tournament Player Rating) will take effect in early 2022 whereby all Canadian Sanctioned tournaments will be captured. Players who have been captured in 2021 with a rolling Pickleball Brackets Tournament rating will have good starting point that will be reviewed for the CTPR and all players will have to complete a one time online questionnaire which up to this point has been voluntary. Very likely until a player has completed the questionnaire they will not be able to register for a sanctioned tournament and therefore not be able to participate in the CTPR launch. To date we have 40% who have taken the time to complete the questionnaire.

