



PICKLEBALL B C  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2021

**Present:** Walter Knecht, Ray Dear, Rod Williams, Heather Hood, Alan Thomson, Isaac St Cyr, Barry Montgomery, Brian Shum

**Regrets:** Ken Holman, Karen Watson

1. Quorum – met
2. No modifications to Agenda
3. March Minutes – **Motion** to approve by Ray Dear, **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Al Thomson
4. **Membership – Rod Williams**

**PCNS:**

There are 38 BC clubs launched and collecting dues through PCNS (not all are collecting Club dues through the system).

The following 15 clubs still are not accessing the system either because they have not begun administrative duties or have not yet signed a MoU.

Bulkley Valley Pickleball Club  
Get Stoked Pickleball Revelstoke  
Mayne Island Pickleball  
Nelson Pickleball Club  
Peace Country Pickleball Association  
Peach City Pickleball  
Port Hardy Pickleball  
Saturna Pickleball Association  
Shuswap Lake Estates Pickleball  
Vanderhoof Pickleball  
Vernon Pickleball Association  
Whistler Pickleball Association  
Desert Pickleball (Osoyoos) -Started on the process this week

Osoyoos Pickleball Club - Started on the process this week. MoU in hand  
Sunshine Coast Pickleball Association – Started process this week MoU in hand.

The following 8 clubs are hidden from view in the PCNS pending further information:

Fraser Valley Pickleball Club -  
Ridge Meadows Pickleball -  
Lac La Hache Pickleball Club -  
Mariners Pickleball Club -  
Metro Vancouver Pickleball Club -  
Paddlemasters Pickleball Club -  
Sooke Pickleball Group - Edit -

515 Memberships have been processed through upload as clubs tried to get in at the last minute at the \$5 rate and not use PCNS until April 1.

1397 Memberships processed through PCNS in March (a total of 3 duplicate payments identified and refunded to members through the PCNS). There have been 381 processed so far in April. 2293 Members now have complete records in the PCNS (Some of the uploads are a bit sketchy - Birth Dates etc.)

Clubs are discovering for themselves how to use the reporting and Financial records side of the PCNS.

As of last National Report on March 26th BC had accounted for \$18K of \$26K processed through the PCNS. Several more clubs opened up for processing since then.

### **Membership:**

There are 6803 Current PBC members (6405 last month). 86 previous memberships were not renewed when they expired by end of March, and 66 memberships were not renewed when they expired in April so far. There are 1400+/- more to come before the end of April.

Rod also noted that there was more payment to be made to PCO and these will be discussed further Brian.

## 5. Financial Report – Brian Shum

Cash Position			
Board Meetings			1:42pm Apr 7/21
Opening Bank Balance (VanCity)			15,982.56
PayPal account balance			0.00
Term Deposit #1 (0.65% Matures Jul 11/21)			6,102.28
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			25,102.28
Total Cash Available			<u>41,084.84</u>
Expenses (Est):			
Walter (MailChimp)	Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr		460.00
Website Ad Expense (Ken)	MAK Manta Mark Koroll PB Depot		193.90
PCO (Membership Remittance)	1002	\$5	5,010.00
PCO (Membership Recovery)	3,100.00	840.00	(2,260.00)
Misc			500.00
Total Expenses Accrued			<u>3,903.90</u>
Ending Bank Balance - Estimated			<u>37,180.94</u>

## **6. PSO/COVID – Karen Watson**

### **COVID**

Questions continue to come in. Many are about restrictions and questions on whether there are any ways around them.

Other questions are about doubles being played when they shouldn't be.

Further questions are being asked about exemptions for play.

All emails are responded to.

Nothing new has been reported from ViaSport other than to recognize the COVID work that PBC is doing.

### **PROVINCIAL SPORTS ORGANIZATION**

The 5 policies that are required to move our application on to be recognized as a PSO have been completed and are being formatted at this time.

One question re conflict of interest will be added to the agenda for discussion.

The 5 policies should be approved by the board and then sent to ViaSport.

Hopefully this will be done by the end of April. Also, to be looked at is a Conduct Policy.

## **7. Rankings – Barry Montgomery**

One of the most important items to report is the completion and signing of an agreement between Pickleball Brackets & PCO. The agreement was finalized this past week with the signing after the presentation at ITAC and the PCO Board approval. This agreement sets out the process and conditions for clubs to start a process to use the performance-based ratings engine, preferred tournament software, and the league/ladder modules. As well the process for the commencement of the (CTPR) Canadian Tournament Player Rating. The agreement is long-term and sets in place special pricing for all affiliated clubs.

Work also continues on the PBB agreement process along with Ryan Hanes and Jim Parrot. We will continue on at the PCO level to Chair the group tasked with assisting clubs with the process of utilizing the ratings engine with PBB. Ryan Hanes (Kingston) will Chair the group tasked with assisting clubs and tournament directors with the process for developing the CTPR. Both are also tasked with preparing new information for the PCO Ratings and Tournament website pages.

It was suggested that clubs who are working to develop or upgrade ratings information for current and new members should utilize a series of “filters” or “criteria” to apply fairly and

equitable across their membership that could involve UTPR's, tournament history, previous performance-based, league-ladder POP (*percentage of points*) systems, and a specific IPTPA (CRS) option.

An upcoming goal will be to develop new information for the PBC Ratings website page on ratings development to complement the PCO website information.

Some clubs in BC that have expressed immediate interest in the PBB ratings engine are Surrey, Vernon, Chilliwack, and Quesnel. Others are expected however many clubs have not advanced plans probably due to current covid restrictions. We should encourage clubs to use this period of time to develop plans.

It was noted that there are 4 Clubs who have expressed their interest in competitive play but one does not have its MoU yet. This will be looked into down the road once play has opened up.

Barry is willing to provide information, as well as zoom calls to any interested Clubs. He will also be writing up something for the PBC website for publication once he has finished with the work on PCO website.

## **8. Youth – Heather Hood**

A meeting was held on April 6, 2021 with participation from Heather, Sharon, Ray, Walter, Barry. The following items were discussed:

1. Grant discussion - It was felt it would be premature to discuss grants and as a result determined these next steps would be more relevant:

- Collecting more information from BC's clubs regarding moving forward on Youth Development
- Identify and bring together in a Youth focussed Town Hall Zoom meeting some of the key people in BC who are engaged or interested in Youth Development PB
- Information requesting feedback will go out to various key stakeholders (52 Club Presidents/ contacts; Non-Profits; Boys & Girls Clubs and other Youth Clubs; School District Contacts; etc) to gauge the interest and welcome new people and ideas to promote the youth in pb.

Also discussed were the possibility of the following:

- Promote Youth PB Program - Naming Contest
- Feedback on specific Youth PB Development topics/ models
- How do you see PBC supporting Youth Development?
- Summer Youth Camps and Wrap up Tournament
- Regional Youth Tournament
- Provincial Youth Tournament ...

## 2. PCO - Youth Development Task Force

Heather Hood attended a task force meeting with PCO. The aim of this meeting was to share and develop best practices with respect to youth initiatives. The result so far is a shared folder that was created in Google Drive where all members of the Task Force can share material.

## 9. TBC – PBC – Ray Dear

### **Municipal**

A Memorandum of Understanding between Pickleball BC and Tennis BC was recommended for approval.

A committee group of Walter, Barry, and Ray have met with three members of TBC for 5 meetings to establish a working relationship to deal with mutual interests of both organizations. They have worked through a number of sticking points with TBC in creating the MoU and are at a point where both parties are ready to sign it off. The committee recommends the adoption and signing of the MoU with TBC.

PBC was first approached by TBC to respond to a paper that was written dealing with the issue of shared courts in communities. It was subsequently published on the Tennis BC website without meaningful input from PBC. Tennis BC Recommendations for the Construction or Installation of Public Pickleball Courts in BC Communities.

With the signing off of the MoU the joint committee will start to deal with items stated in the MoU in section 5.1 Adequate public facilities for both sports, 5.2 Reduce the conflict that arises from shared resources, 5.3 Sharing best practices. The TBC paper will shape that conversation.

I would like to highlight a point in our MoU with TBC. Conversations within the committee will stay in the committee until such time there is agreement on issues. All recommendations that arise from the joint committee will be communicated in a form of joint statements with the approval of both parties.

Recommendations will be brought to each other's governing bodies (PBC and TBC) to either approve or not approve. Approved recommendations will then be communicated through a joint statement and be communicated by each respective organization.

I would ask that board members not communicate issues brought up by the committee as it breaks down the integrity of the joint committee.

I have also included a draft of the final version of the MoU for your approval. Walter has steered us in developing the MoU and has relinquished his involvement in this committee. We are fortunate to have Trish Main join the committee as she has intimate knowledge of the issues at hand. Trish is the President of the Victoria Regional Pickleball Association.

Memorandum of Understanding with Tennis BC and Pickleball BC – **Motion** to approve signing by Barry Montgomery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather Hood –

A copy of this MoU will be published once both parties have signed.

## 10. **Tournament Package – Barry Montgomery**

Barry presented the list of components in the PB Saskatchewan tournament package run by Karen Rusk.

This is a collection of material required to run a tournament which was centrally purchased and is then rented to clubs wishing to put on a tournament. The cost for this would be \$1 per player.

The estimated cost to assemble the package was approximately \$4500 with another \$1500 being added this year.

Barry was not certain how physically large this package is nor the cost to ship or deliver to the next tournament.

Discussion centered on difference(s) in the BC scene. Most locations are either well equipped or have been able to borrow from the next community quite readily. Given the full schedule in our typical summer - a single package may not be enough; also noted is that it appears a package may not be required at all.

It was noted that Pickleball Brackets offers friendly software to run tournaments but, It was felt that of prime concern when putting on a tournament was not in the materials needed, but with the need for people for organizing and running the event. This is true for both volume and expertise.

A note will be sent to all Club Presidents asking for experience, shortcomings and their needs.

## 11. **Refereeing – Alan Thomson**

No Report

## 12. PBC Bylaws – Walter Knecht

The following were general discussion points that were considered:

- it is important that our Bylaws be reviewed
- we will do it in the correct manner

Cosmetic changes / update - all points brought forward were agreed on.

Significant Changes - all points agreed to.

For Consideration items:

- Board terms of service – it was suggested that these should be staggered to prevent a full turnover of executive members -- also suggested that terms should be for a 2-year period – agreed
- name change - not discussed
- vote to position vs general - stay the way we are - vote general - Tabled
- geographical and nominating committee - needs more thought and discussion - Tabled

Walter Knecht will work on agreed to items re wording, procedures etc. This will be an ongoing discussion with various changes throughout.

Heather Hood asked for consideration for a youth classification with respect to fees and to insurance.

All Board members were asked to send in their contact information.

**Motion** to adjourn by Barry Montgomery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Dear.

**Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2021 at 4 pm. Zoom link below.**

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

NO password required.



