

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Pickleball BC

Held at 4:30PM, July 31st, 2019, via UberConference.com

Call to Order

Walter Knecht called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.

Attendees: Walter Knecht; Tricia Timmermans; Brian Shum, Karen Watson, Rick Wadsworth, Al Thomson,

1. *Approval of Agenda.*

The Agenda was distributed earlier, and was APPROVED.

2. *Approval of Minutes of June 24th, 2019.*

The minutes of June 24th, 2019 were APPROVED.

3. *Financial Update:*

Brian reported that there is approximately \$10,000 on account, but there is no direction yet as to where the money will be used. \$6,000 has been placed in a term deposit and we are up to date with PCO payments. Discussion on purchasing banners.

4. *Membership*

There are 5,401 members as of this week.

5. *Strategic Planning.*

Discussion on PBBC's priorities – possibly provincial and regional tournaments? Walter explained that BC is attached to the western region (Manitoba west). Saskatchewan will host the first regional, Alberta the second, and BC the third, and will be run along the lines of Provincial tournaments. Walter has taken on the role of Competitions Chair. Discussion was held on developing a refereeing program – a PCO priority.

6. *Ranking*

Rick provided information on how the Vernon club rankings work. The opportunity to buy into the ratings program was offered to all clubs but Vernon was the only one that adopted it. Rick answered several questions on how the program works. The uniformity or synchronization between clubs has not been sorted out, though. There is the option of joining pickleballtournaments.com for \$2 per person, which could fill the gap until there is a national program. Rick will send an up-to-date report on how the Vernon rating system is progressing.

7. *Newsletter*

Ken and Walter will work on this from now on. Some discussion on why players should join PBBC. Less than 20% of members are tournament players. Insurance is one reason they join. Questions that arose: What are we doing to grow the sport? How are we influencing the growth of pickleball? Can we have a provincial tournament without ratings? We have a long way to go before reaching USAPA's level of maturity. There, if a player is not rated, a tournament director is required to write a letter stating the person's rating. It was felt that a focus meeting on refereeing and ratings should be held.

8. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

Tricia Timmermans

Secretary

Date of Approval

