

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of Pickleball BC

Held at 3:00PM, April 8th, 2020, via UberConference.com

Call to Order

President, Walter Knecht, called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

Attendees: Walter Knecht, Ken Holman, Karen Watson, Brian Shum, Heather Hood, Greg Smart, Al Thomson.
Secretary, Tricia Timmermans, was unable to join from Australia due to an Internet problem.

1. Welcoming New Board Members

Walter welcomed and thanked new board members, Heather Hood and Greg Smart. They were given a few minutes to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda as presented was adopted. M/Karen; S/Heather. Carried.

3. Business arising from previous Meeting

There was no business from the previous meeting minutes.

4. Financial Status

Brian reported that there is \$13,000 approximately in GICs, which are due to mature mid-summer, plus \$4,000 approximately in the cash account. Accounts payable are up to date, with a zero balance. There are no plans as yet for these funds. Walter suggested that it was time to seriously consider PBC's mission. He suggested that with the more defined and expanded role of our head referee, he should be considering the need to travel within BC. This would require a plan and a cost estimate. Walter plans to visit communities for promotional purposes, and will submit a plan and a budget.

5. Membership Update

BC now has more than 6,200 members, representing about 27% of the national total. This number includes new members and renewals, a number that is probably a lower rate because of COVID-19 restrictions. Pickleball Canada (PCO) wants us to maintain as much as possible a 'business as usual' stance, even though play is not at that level.

6. President's Report

(a) PCO Referee Program

The program is in place on the [PCO website](#), and is documented with procedures, etc. Training can move ahead any time. The question arose: Who is responsible for delivering the program? PCO has set the policy, guidelines, and basic training material; the provinces have the responsibility to administrate and deliver. Most provinces have named a head referee, who has the sole responsibility to deliver – board member Al Thomson is the BC Head Referee. IFP is taking the lead for 2020 and beyond with respect to a “rule reviews”, etc. committee, and has asked PCO for a nominee. Al Thomson has been nominated as PCO's representative on the IFP “Rules” committee.

(b) Provincial Tournament 2020

Plans initiated by Walter did not come to fruition. Two districts said: No thanks! Discussion was held regarding entrance requirements for a tournament – provincial residency, or “open”? Suggestion was for board members to return next meeting with planning ideas for a provincial tournament in 2021.

(c) ***Western Regional Tournament***

This is set to take place in Regina later in July. If it should be cancelled, it is uncertain which province should be proposed as the site for 2021 - Saskatchewan or Alberta, as per the original plan? The consensus was to let Regina have 2021, and BC will gladly delay one more year.

7. COVID-19

Walter will back off dissemination of any more information via newsletter or email as there is enough out there now. As a point of interest, Fuller Lake, Chemainus, is open to singles players from the same household, but no side-by-side courts.

8. ITAC meeting notes

There are a number of projects that PCO is working on – including many that PBC is not participating in, but should be, owing to the fact that BC has more than 25% of the total Canadian membership count. The ITAC minutes were included with the Meeting package of documents for edification and a request to study/learn so as to be prepared for a more in-depth discussion at our next meeting, including volunteering to lead in one or more areas. Walter will expand on PCO programs, where we could/should be involved, prioritize, etc.

9. PBC AGM

Although we are due for an AGM, a delay is probably in order given the circumstances. However, someone needs to start the planning process.

The next meeting is slated for May 13th, 2020 at 3PM. Please mark your calendars.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10PM.

Tricia Timmermans (from notes taken by
president, Walter Knecht)

Secretary

Date of Approval