



PICKLEBALL B C  
BOARD MEETING  
May 5, 2021

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

**Regrets:** Ken Holman

1. Quorum – met
2. Motion to approve Agenda by Barry Montgomery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather Hood
3. Approval of modified Minutes of April meeting with the addition of one more attendee name – motion by Rod Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Dear

**4. Financial – Brian Shum**

Opening Bank Balance (Van City)	17,069.10
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
	12,000.00
Term Deposit #2 (0.6/0.7/1.10% Mat Nov 28/23 - Annual Opts)	<u>0</u>
Investments	<u>25,102.28</u>
Total Cash Available	<b><u>\$42,171.38</u></b>

**Expenses (Est):**

Walter (MailChimp)	May		115.00
Website Ad Expense	(Ken)	PB Paddles Cda/PB Academy	193.90
PCO (Membership Remittance)	1009	\$5	5,045.00
	3,100		(2,260.00)
PCO (Membership Recovery)	0	840.00	
Misc			<u>500.00</u>

Total Expenses Accrued

**3,593.90**

Ending **Bank Balance** - Estimated

**\$38,577.48**

Discussion on building up nest egg with term deposits with expenses being low due to CoVid.

Received CRA 2020 Tax T2 assessed as filed \$0 in taxes.

## 5. **Membership – Rod Williams**

### Membership Report

There are 40 BC clubs launched and collecting dues through PCNS (not all are collecting

Club dues through the system). Nelson and Sunshine Coast added to this list since last meeting.

The following 10 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

Peace Country Pickleball Association

Peach City Pickleball

Port Hardy Pickleball

Saturna Pickleball Association

Shuswap Lake Estates Pickleball

Vanderhoof Pickleball

Vernon Pickleball Association - Mou in Hand, no progress or contact regarding Club setup.

In progress clubs-

Whistler Pickleball Association - Mou in Hand, waiting on partially completed Club setup in PCNS

Desert Pickleball Club (Osoyoos) - MoU in hand, still waiting on Club Setup in PCNS

Osoyoos Pickleball Association - MoU signed, but it appears this club is disappearing to be replace by Desert PB

861 Memberships processed through PCNS in April. There have been 70 (**now 145**) processed so far in May.

As of last National Report on April 22nd BC had accounted for \$50K of \$97K processed through the PCNS.

There is a long list of anticipated System Improvements detailed for inclusion in the PCNS. It is definitely a work in progress.

**Membership:**

There are 5643 (**now 5717**) Current PBC members (6803 last month). 1400+ previous memberships were not renewed when they expired by May 1, and an email will be sent to these individuals reminding them of their expiry.

Discussion on how new PCO numbers have seen some duplication – good learning experience showing glitches in the system.

Expiry dates are posing problems with them varying from Dec 31 or April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**6. COVID – Karen Watson**

Nothing new to report. Questions continue to come in. Many in relation to vaccines now. There are no exceptions to the current PHO. Vaccinations do not make a difference. Information related to this will be in the next newsletter.

Discussion on how the subject of playing “doubles” is a regular discussion. It is noted that many are playing doubles against the PHO.

It is hoped that after May 25 the restrictions may be lifted.

Barry asked if there were any people who had CoVid playing in the pickleball clubs. Karen responded that she has not heard of anyone contracting CoVid from pickleball play in BC. There have been reported cases of transmission in Ontario and in Quebec but these were also during indoor play.

**Provincial Sport Organization status**

Need to have 5 policies approved by the board. Once/if approved they will be forwarded to viaSport for next step in approval process.

**7. PBC policies (re viaSport) – Walter Knecht**

Six new policies being introduced, to be adopted one by one.

Purpose of these policies is twofold. Five are required in support of our viaSport application. One is a ‘motherhood’ policy re all PBC policies. Also as PBC matures these and other policy statements will augment our governance role.

Motions as follows:

1. Motion to adopt and implement PBC Policy on Policy Development Motion by Walter Knecht 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Hood – no discussion none opposed – Carried

2. Motion to adopt and implement PBC Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy Motion by Barry Montgomery 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Dear – no discussion none opposed – Carried
3. Motion to adopt and implement PBC Conflict of Interest Policy Motion by Walter Knecht 2<sup>nd</sup> Rod Williams – no discussion none opposed – Carried
4. Motion to adopt and implement Discipline and Complaints Policy Motion by Sharon MacDonald 2<sup>nd</sup> Isaac St. Cyr – no discussion none opposed – Carried
5. Motion to adopt and implement PBC Employee and Volunteer Screen Policy Motion by Ray Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Montgomery – discussion on how no volunteer should be alone with children – at least 2 adults at all times should be in attendance - none opposed –Carried
6. Motion to adopt and implement PBC Equity and Access Policy – Motion by Barry Montgomery 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Hood, no discussion, none opposed – Carried
7. Motion to submit the 5 required Policies to viaSport – motion by Barry Montgomery – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Williams – Discussion included talk to inform all clubs and clearly setting out objectives:

Karen will send to viaSport and Walter to send to all clubs with clarification.

In each case adoption of the policy is a simple 50% vote. And in each case implementation requires first advising our members the reason(s) for each, receiving, and managing feedback with possible re-affirmations afterward.

None opposed -- Carried

Discussion: What type of timeline are we looking at? Karen suggested that once the policies were submitted it should move forward. There is no official timeline but once pickleball is recognized as provincial sport there will be access to Resources which may include a half time employee, as well as eligibility for grants.

Barry asked if we could inquiry about timeline, Karen replied that CoVid as well as others ahead of us in line, will be factors in getting our approval, but she will ask for a more specific timeline.

## **8. Rankings – Barry Montgomery**

### Ratings Report

National effort on ratings continues with more work being done to help affiliated clubs of PCO to understand the Pickleball Brackets software solutions.

So far 7 clubs in BC have set up club profile and engaged in discussion on how to set up tournaments and club event and understand the ratings engine. Clubs are Kelowna, Vernon, Kamloops, Quesnel, Surrey, Chilliwack, Ladner. There was no response from the email out to club presidents with an offer to help their clubs ratings efforts.

Material has been written for the PCO website updating ratings information and tournament sanctioning and will be voted on May 11th. PBC can upload for our website or use a link to PCO when it goes live.

The CTPR project continues for creating tournament ratings for sanctioned Canadian tournaments using the sanctioning rules. All players playing in tournaments that use Pickleball Brackets software will get a tournament rating automatically for all tournaments worldwide.

Kelowna is the most aggressive at this time using Pickleball brackets software for upcoming club events including a club member only tournament. Surrey has 3 tournaments set up for late August and September and plans on using the ratings engine for all club player ratings.

## **9. Youth Initiative – Heather Hood**

PBC hosted a Town Hall Zoom meeting focused on Youth Development on April 29th. Discussion amongst participants was lively and guided by a set of questions. A summary with the highlights of the 2 hour session will be provided as soon as completed. The plan is to build the network of interest and share lessons learned with a follow up Town Hall in two months.

Discussion about the difficulty in providing hours for youth play when adult play is battling for their own time.

## **10. PBC and TBC Report - Ray Dear**

1. Barry has stepped down from the committee and Catalin Costea has been selected to participate in the three person PBC group. Catalin is from Vancouver, a long-time tennis instructor now PB pioneer establishing the Vancouver Pickleball Association, and instructing PB as an IPTPA level 2 Instructor.

Will be meeting on Thursday May 6th to discuss issues surrounding shared courts. The goal is to develop joint recommendations for communities to adopt where PB and Tennis can coexist in a mutual and respectful manner.

Issues of number of PB courts per tennis court for shared use will be discussed. Rules to govern shared courts will also be discussed at this meeting.

Discussion on noise complaints that this committee will be looking into. Coquitlam has a pilot program to help stop noise with the use of baffles. The baffles worked to a certain height for the apartment building that was experiencing noise, but only for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The noise projected to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and above.

Also, discussion about looking into using parks that are presently unoccupied. Ray suggests that a data base is needed. Walter to provide some info.

## 11. Refereeing – Al Thomson

A USAPA zoom meeting for line judges. No Canadian equivalent available at present. There are ongoing talks on how to set up referee program but other than that nothing current due to the pandemic situation and restrictions in our Province.

## 12. PBC Bylaws – Walter Knecht

### Bylaw Changes

Additional information re 2-year term consideration. We will need a bylaw change to make 2 year with staggered terms the norm - that is easy. The harder part is making the change. I suggest the following:

- All director terms end at the next AGM - standard process
- 2022 elections to the board - top 6 vote getters will be given 2-year terms, other 5 will be one year term.
- Terms and position(s) held are independent - election is to the board not a position
- Then of course in 2023 only 5 positions are open and then they become 2-year members.
- Vacancies may be filled by appointment - to complete the term available or until next AGM if a 2-year term opens. A midterm election to fill a 2-year term would be for a 1-year period and then the calendar reverts to normal
- The above may be a consideration which would also require a bylaw change in 2022 to remove clauses not needed anymore.

Vote to position vs. to the board. Electing, nomination etc. to a position is not simple and may cause some good individuals to lose at step one and be lost for good. I recommend this concept be dropped from consideration.

**Geographical representation.** At this time, I recommend geographical representation NOT be pursued.

Here also there are many challenges. Optically it may be good but practically hard to put all together. It may be revisited in 2022 or later. See next point for some considerations to this end.

**Nominating Committee.** I suggest the concept of a nominating committee be worked through - and it may not be bylaw material but a policy or practice doc. Such a committee could be charged specifically with considering geographical and gender (and more) concerns when seeking nominees.

### 13. New Business

#### 1. Other committee work

1. National - why and how to form a CLUB
2. National - various policies PCO is needing, and we should be represented on. Post meeting note - WK asked Isaac & he agreed to participate
3. Local - Acoustic issues - Ray was asked by Walter directly if he would look into this. Post meeting note - Walter will communicate with Ray on the expectations and connect him with probably 3 pb groups with some experience

2. Ken Holman - wants to step back from the Board  
Post meeting note - Walter had a voice conversation with Ken. Ken is willing to continue with the website and the newsletter as he has in the past - but eventually wants to move away from these as well. WK to Ken - thank you, thank you etc - feel free to send resignation from the Board at your leisure.

Walter has approached one individual for expression of interest - no response yet. If anyone has suggestions - let WK know or have them email in.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 10 at 4 pm.

Zoom link

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

Motion to adjourn by Heather Hood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Dear.