

**Vancouver Pickleball**  
**Meeting # 5 :::. MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**JANUARY 22, 2018 @ 4:30 pm**

**Vancouver Curling Club**

**Present:** Richard Lee  
 Catalin Costea  
 Chuck (2) Jung  
 Chuck (3) Jung  
 Judy O'Hara  
 Anke Harpe  
 Charles Neufeldt

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

		Action Item
1.	<b>Confirmation of quorum</b> - quorum was confirmed.	
2.	<b>Agenda</b> - the agenda was approved as circulated.	
3.	<b>Minutes</b> - accepted as circulated.	
4.	<b>Logo</b> - A discussion ensued about the adding the maple leaf to the logo to distinguish Vancouver BC from Vancouver WA. It is noted that the winner of the logo contest, Francine, provided VPA with the altered options. After a vote of 5:2, it was agreed that we would add the Maple Leaf to the logo. A 2 <sup>nd</sup> vote, 5:2, has the Maple Leaf being white versus red.	
5.	<b>Christmas social</b> - it was a great kick-off event and well attended. Through donations, the VPA now has a bank account - many thanks to everyone!	
6.	<b>Pickleball BC</b> - it was agreed that we will hold off adding a link to our website for now.	
7.	<b>Try it program / Community Centre Leisure Brochures</b> - The Committee discussed the "try-it" program. This is a day when people in the community can try an event (pickleball) for free. The committee was advised that Aki and James are at Kensington on Mondays. While it would be good to have a "try it" event at the centres, the summer is upon us and outdoor pickleball is always free! We will promote outdoor pickleball in the leisure brochures and again in the fall for a "try it" day. Also - promote National Pickleball day event at QE Park.	Who is looking at advertising in Leisure Brochures for summer (outdoor) and fall (indoor - try it days)???  National PB day
8.	<b>Searchability of website</b> - several committee members advised they tried searching for the site and it was easily found (using a computer where it had not previously been searched). Thanks to Catalin to ensuring this is easy for people to find.	

9.	<p><b>Tournament options</b> - There was a discussion about an indoor vs outdoor tournament. It was agreed that we will look at an indoor tournament in May, and an outdoor tournament in mid - late August. Judy to find out pricing to rent the Vancouver Curling Club, and/or other venues and provide feedback to the Committee. It was noted that we don't currently have items needed for a tournament such as barriers / nets.</p>	Judy
10.	<p><b>Membership Drive</b> - Our membership has remained at the same number since we had our first "drive". From now until February 28 we will have a membership BLITZ drive. For each person who signs up as a member, they will be asked if a specific member recruited them. The member with the most amount of new "referrals" will win a paddle courtesy of Charles. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize. The goal is to have 500 members before the summer starts. And go!</p>	Catalin
11.	<p><b>Park Board Meeting</b> - Richard and Catalin will work on securing a meeting with the Park Board by the end of February. All committee members were asked to provide suggestions for presentation. Catalin will look at securing a video presentation through a friend and will work on the presentation to the Park Board. Suggestions for the presentation were as follows:</p> <p>Power point presentation including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ variety of people playing</li> <li>○ how the community has grown (locally, provincially, nationally &amp; internationally)</li> <li>○ our wants - long-term and shorter-term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ more dedicated outdoor courts (12 minimum) with permanent nets (long term)</li> <li>✓ 2 or 3 additional outdoor courts at QE Park (short term)</li> <li>✓ Additional green box (short &amp; long term)</li> <li>✓ Additional nets for added courts (short &amp; long term)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ offer to keep lines of communication open</li> </ul>	Richard Catalin All
12.	<p><b>Fundraising</b> - Charles provided information about custom-made paddles for lending out at different events. We would ask for sponsorship at different rates for large or small advertising.</p> <p>Charles also advised he is now taking trades on paddles. If you no longer use a paddle, Charles will give you a \$30 credit towards a new paddle, and will give \$10 back to the VPA, or to a charity of your choice.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Other Business</b> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Pickleball Day - we need to find the date for <i>National Pickleball Day</i> in order to organize an event at QE Park similar to 2017.</li> </ul>	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ladder event at West End - Catalin asked about promoting the “ladder” event at the West End facility under VPA. All agreed this is acceptable.</li>   <li>- Member survey - it was agreed that we will ask members to fill in a survey so that we have information for our Park Board meeting, and for future reference. Survey will go out through an email first week of February. Questions to be asked are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Age</li> <li>o Gender</li> <li>o How long have you been playing</li> <li>o Current Pickleball Canada rating</li> <li>o Where do you play</li> <li>o Do you have friends who want to play?</li> </ul> </li>   <li>- Minutes: finalized minutes to be posted to the website</li>   <li>- Newsletter - VPA members asked to provide material for <b>quarterly?</b> newsletter</li> </ul>	<p>Catalin</p> <p>Catalin</p>  <p>Catalin</p> <p>All members of VPA</p>
14.	<p><b>Adjournment</b> - the meeting adjourned at 6:30. The next meeting has been set for Monday March 12 @ 4:30 (Blue Parrot Café).</p>	

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