

**Bonsor Recreation Complex – Arts Room**

**Members in attendance: Total 25**

Des Burke – Chair	Rene Lebeuf - Badminton
Diane Murphy - Director	Barbara Davies – Cycling & Mtn Biking
John Haylock – Treasurer	Linda Bale - Darts
Els Mol – Registrar	Mike Davey – Five Pin Bowling
Bobbi Wallace – Vice Chair	Ann McLeod - Golf
Darlene Currie – Member at Large	Joanne Mick – Ice Curling & Sterling
Andrea Banning – Lawn Bowling	Ken Potocky – Snooker
Peter Kauhausen – Soccer	Pauline Gensick – Squash
Fernanda Ho – Swimming	Gwen Ranquist-Lemieux – Women’s Hockey
Edwin Liu – Track & Field	Carole Sekulich – Whist
Karl Bartel – Member Track & Field	Robert Meredith – Whist
Diane Gariepy – Member	Earl Christenson – Member Whist
	Bill Mustaklim – Member Track & Field

**Regrets**

Wendy White – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Karen Watson – Secretary
Nelson Ang – Badminton	Pushpa Gounder – Carpet Bowling
Mary Cooper - Cribbage	Sada Gounder – Member Carpet Bowling
Karin Bews – Dragon Boat Racing	Jim Reamsbottom – Men’s Hockey
Cheryl McKeeman – Tennis	

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM

**Welcome and Introductions:**

All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve the Agenda: Peter Kauhausen. Seconded Diane Gariepy. **Carried**

**Review of previous AGM minutes – October 29, 2018**

Motion to approve the Minutes: Els Mol. Seconded Peter Kauhausen. **Carried**

**Director’s Report**

Diane Murphy provided an overview of the Kelowna 55+ BC Games and results.  
***As presented, please refer to attached.***

Diane Murphy also clarified the rationale for the timing of the Participation Fee refund to a member who had to cancel due to health/injury issues. The Society issues the reimbursement mid to late October.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Bobbi Wallace for her many years of work and commitment to Zone 4 and as the Vice-Chair. Bobbi has stepped down with one year left in the Vice Chair term.

And Des Burke for his work and great sense of humour as Chair, who stepped down with one year left in the Chair term. Des was presented with a gift of appreciation from Zone 4 as well as a silver medal from Peter Kauhausen.

### **Chair's Reports**

Des thanked everyone for their commitment to Zone 4 and the 55+ BC Games and he enjoyed his time as Chair.

### **Treasurer's Report**

*As presented, please see attached.*

### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

*As presented, please see attached*

### **Sport Coordinators Reports**

#### **Badminton - Kelowna Badminton Club**

It was a good badminton facility, but not too friendly a spectator facility. It had just a small viewing area and with one court not visible from the upstairs viewing area. Few benches at floor level, which were not comfortable and with limited view of the courts.

PARTICIPANTS: Women 22: Men 18: Total 40

From: Vancouver 6, Burnaby 14, North Vancouver 7, Delta 1, Richmond 12 = 40

MEDALS 46: Women: 7 Gold, 20 Silver, 6 Bronze = 23

Men: 13 Gold 7 Silver, 3 Bronze = 23

Zone 4 Participants show good sportsmanship and all enjoyed the competition with other BC Zones.

We are expecting our total signups for Richmond to total 100 plus. It is hoped the Richmond Sports group will not consider the Richmond Oval, as it is not a good facility for Badminton. I will be checking out Richmond Badminton facilities, as there are others more suitable, and will provide such information to Diane Murphy for her Meetings with the Richmond 2020 Games Group.

**Cribbage** - had 3 teams entered for Games. However 1 team had to withdraw due to illness.

I spoke to 1 team member and she had no complaints or offered any suggestions. She also said that the other team had no complaints or offered suggestions.

**Cycling & Mountain Bike Racing** - This was a very well run event.

Our Zone had a total of 14 medals in Cycling and 2 Silver in Mountain Biking.

**Darts** - ages 55 – 64 played very well. Men's doubles Gold. Mixed doubles Gold and teams Gold. Age 65+ no medals.

Concern: Again this year, Bert Davis was both running the darts and playing darts. This should not happen because it causes excessive wait times between rounds ie: 2 – 3 hrs of waiting. For all future Darts events please have a non-player run Darts.

**Dragon Boat Racing** - Unfortunately we did not have any teams participating this year. We, through the valiant efforts of Els Mol, almost had a team at the last minute, but it didn't work out.

I'm hopeful that we will have some teams next year as the games are in Richmond. We don't seem to be able to get a team together if there is a lot of travel involved.

**Golf** - It was a tough field but we won seven (7) medals.

4 Gold – 1 Silver – 2 Bronze

Two concerns:

1. Slow Play: it was discouraging for golfers because of the slow play.
2. Because of the number of golf participants, another golf course was added which was more like an Executive Par 3 rather than a regular course.
3. It seems the organizers chose the "older" participants simply by age regardless of handicap to play on the Executive course. The low handicappers felt it would be better to have higher handicappers play at the Executive course, for speed of play alone.

**Lawn Bowling** - Our members felt that the accreditation process was well coordinated for picking up our packages. Lots of great information.

The Kelowna Lawn Bowling Club was a great location...the greens were well kept and they looked after us very well.

Unfortunately we only had a team of 4 from all of Zone 4 participating but we did win 1 Bronze in the mixed fours.

We did not have play downs this year but I anticipate play downs next year in Richmond to be sure. Hopefully we can use the greens in Richmond.

We had a coordinators meeting while in Kelowna but only 3 were present. The rules are being revised and voted on right now. One of the big contentious problems was the introduction of a 70+ age category and there were a number of people joining in the 55+ AND the 70+,

Making it a huge organizing headache for the fellow from the Kelowna Club for the games being held. So the suggestion was that people could only join in either the 55+ OR the 70+ but not both.

**Pickleball** - players from Zone 4, overall, were happy with how the event was organized. Great venue, where all the games were held for the most part. Unfortunately some of the games were held in a second location. When more than one location/venue is used, it takes away the support teams get from other zone players. All tournament like the opportunity to watch higher levels of competition so if some teams are competing at their level elsewhere they don't get this opportunity to support others, receive the same support or have the ability to watch other levels of play.

Format of the tournament was much improved with crossover of pools and medals for each skill group instead of each pool.

Playoff format was inconsistent and would benefit from standardization.

Format of tournament is best to be posted so that all players can understand what is expected.

Good competition.

Accreditation is a challenge as not all players need to be at the Games on this day. The street event was not as well attended as expected.....need more communication?

**Soccer** - Zone 4 had a very successful contingent of soccer players in both Women's and Men's Divisions. A total of 19 teams participated in all Divisions, 55 Women's, 55 Men's, 60 Men's, and 65 Men's

Our 55+ Women, the "Golden Girls", were successful in retaining their "Gold" medal with a 4-2 Victory over our rival Zone 2 team from the Island. There were 4 teams in that division.

The Men's 60 team from Vancouver had honorable mention and placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 5 registered teams.

The 65+ Men's division team from Richmond were successful in winning the "Silver" medal.

Our Sports Coordinators meeting had the privilege of having Darlene Currie, Rules Committee chair attend the meeting and explained the reason of omitting the wristband requirement from previous years. In addition the committee passed a couple of motions to bring forward to the Rules Committee for adoption and implementation for next year's event in Richmond. The reason for the motion was that:: several players who were on the cross-over list were not picked by any team, thus , they did not participate in any of the games. As our focus should be on promoting more participation in ANY Sport or Game, we are doing a disservice for those that did not get picked, with a possible result of losing those participants.

Looking forward to having more teams from our Zone participating in Richmond next year.

**Squash** - As you probably know Squash was cancelled in the Kelowna Games due to lackof registrations in all zones. Zone 4 had only three enquiries, one in mid-June and two in the second last week of June. All three of them were not happy that the competition was 'open' rather than having more age categories.

I had taken 55+ BC Senior Games flyers to many of the Squash & Racquet Clubs and talked about the games to people at the front desks. They all seemed enthusiastic about posting the flyers and promoting the Games. However, being able to talk to players would have been much better and therefore a coordinator who is currently playing squash would have been better. Not making sure that the Kelowna games were mentioned much earlier in the BC Squash Newsletter was also a mistake.

**Swimming** - The City of Kelowna was a superb host city. Among other "treats", the local bus system extended complimentary rides to all participants which made transportation very easy and convenient. The H2O Fitness and Adventure Centre is a great venue and the pool was fast!

The big however is that the Swim Meet was poorly managed, viz.:

- (1) Heat sheets were not available at accreditation, despite the fact that registration closed two (2) months prior;

- (2) It seemed like Meet Management neglected to familiarize themselves with the BC 55+ Games General Rules and Swimming Specific Rules; hence, the Meet was not set up properly using the Hytek Meet Manager programme, viz:
- (i) With respect to the “less than 3 participants in an event cancellation” rule, Meet Management did not follow through and the results were incorrect – swimmers who chose to compete in a lower age group were still scored in their own age groups;
  - (ii) Swimmers who did not even swim received medals;
  - (iii) The relays were not seeded into their proper age categories, resulting in a big delay in sorting results, that is, Meet Management simply used the regular masters age categories which is totally different from the age categories within the BC 55+ Swimming Specific Rules; and
  - (iv) There was a huge delay in results being posted, and then when they were finally posted, they were taken down for correction.

There were nineteen (19) Zone 4 swimmers in Kelowna (10 women and 9 men). Each and every swimmer took home multiple medals. Age range – 55 to 96!

The Zone 4 relay teams did well overall and dominated in the big relay of the meet – the 4 x 50 mixed free relay – golds in the 260-299 and 300-339 age groups; 220-259 age group had fierce competition and were fourth. Our first-ever 340+ team was the only team in this age category and would have taken gold, but unfortunately, they were disqualified.

**Table Tennis** - 12 table tennis participants (6 women and 6 men) represented zone 4 at the Kelowna Games, and brought home 20 medals (8 gold, 4 silver, and 8 bronze). This was fewer participants than previous games; however we were successful in pairing everyone for doubles and mixed doubles.

The Table Tennis events were well run, and although there was a change to the venue due to lighting and space issues, we had sufficient notice to all make our matches. There were a few complaints about the concrete flooring, but other than sore feet/knees, there were no injuries reported.

There were also some complaints about the elimination of the 80+ age group, and a motion was passed at the Table Tennis sport coordinators meeting to have it re-instated. Other motions passed at that the Sports coordinators meeting include:

- To change the 55+ BC Games Table Tennis Rule 3a) so that eight (8) instead of six (6) men and women are allowed per age category and event and zone.
- Players should be allowed or even encouraged to find their own partners, either by themselves or with the help of the coordinators or the registrars, and not just within their own zone but cross-zone as well.

The rationales for these motions are set out in the attached minutes from that meeting. This was my first Games as the Table Tennis sport coordinator. although I had participated in previous games, and had a bit of a dry run co-hosting the alternate Table tennis event held with Zone 4 support in North Vancouver last year (due to no table tennis at the Kimberly Games), I needed and appreciate the support/advice and guidance I got from Director Diane Murphy, and other members of the zone 4 executive.

**Track and Field** - This year we had 35 people sign up for the track and field events, but due to personal scheduling conflicts, family emergencies and injuries, the actual number of participants was only 25. The weather co-operated and the events were mainly on schedule except for some throw events. Issues encountered during the actual meet were minor in nature, and were resolved at the track. The feedback I received from the zone 4 track and field participants was that, the actual meet was well run, the facilities more than adequate, and everyone seemed to enjoy the experience. The tent purchase by the zone last year was well used and provided a meeting place for zone 4 athletes.

The 25 athletes won 38 individual gold medals plus 1 relay gold, 21 individual silver plus 1 relay silver, and 13 individual bronze plus 1 relay bronze medal. A total of 75 medals. Special recognition to Gwen McFarlan and Avril Douglas for setting a new record in the 50M. Also kudos to Christa Bortignon for setting 4 new records in the 50M, 100m, Long Jump and Triple Jump!

Leading up to the games, there were some disappointed athletes who had their events cancelled due to the enforcement of a "minimum 3 participant" rule, which had always been in place, but more strictly enforced this year. The track and field sports coordinator met during the games, and there were some discussion about finding a solution perhaps by combining events, where possible, and submitting a rule change to allow this at the Richmond Games. There was also discussion about reducing the number of attempts for some throws competition to keep the throw events on time, and not overload the officials. These proposed changes are in still a work in progress.

**Womens Hockey** - The second year of women's hockey in the BC 55+ Games, with 7 teams in attendance, proves that the sport will continue to grow in these games. The Zone 4 team almost reached the maximum allowable number of players with 15 skaters and one goalie.

We enjoyed our time in Kelowna tremendously. The hockey venue was fantastic and it was nice to be able to play all of our games in the same facility. Officiating was very good and officials made fair calls at all of our games.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made these games a memorable experience. Everything seemed well organized and we were always greeted with smiles and friendly words.

Going forward, we would like to offer some suggestions for future organizers.

- 1) Having a balance of "Home" and "Away" games would be appreciated. Zone 4 was the "Away" team for all four of our round robin games.
- 2) Having pucks for warm up at the benches of each team is a nice professional touch and helpful so that the teams do not have to travel with pucks.
- 3) Clear communication regarding game start time and warm up start time is helpful. For example, if a game is scheduled for 4PM, does warm up start at 3:55PM or at 4:00PM?
- 4) Allow for up to three coaches and/or managers at the bench.
- 5) Consider streaming games online for family and friends to watch.
- 6) Try to have medical personnel near the rinks, preferably with clear sightlines to the games, with defibrillators and oxygen kits available in case of emergency.

The Zone 4 women's team is looking forward to the 2020 games and is already thinking of ways to improve and step our game.

### **Election of Officers**

Des Burke ran the election.

#### **Director:** 2 year term

Diane Murphy was nominated and accepted the position by acclamation. There were no nominations from the floor.

#### **Chair:** 1 year term

Peter Kauhausen was nominated and accepted the position by acclamation. There were no nominations from the floor.

#### **Treasurer:** 2 year term

John Haylock was nominated and accepted the position by acclamation. There were no nominations from the floor.

#### **Secretary:** : 2 year term

Karen Watson (absent) was nominated by acclamation. There were no nominations from the floor.

#### **Vice Chair:** 2 year term

Wendy White (absent) was nominated by acclamation. There were no nominations from the floor.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:** 1 year term

Diane Gariepy was nominated and accepted the position by acclamation. There were no nominations from the floor.

### **Miscellaneous items**

- Darlene Currie handed out the "2018 Suggested Rule Change Form" with an explanation as to why and when it is used and asked that all Sport Coordinators familiarize themselves with it and have on hand at the post games Sport Coordinator meetings held at the Host city. **It is our Zone 4 Sport Coordinators who are responsible to Chair their specific sport/event meeting at the 55+ BC Games in Richmond.** For more detail please refer to the General Rules Book dated 2018 <https://www.55plusbcgames.org/upandaway/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2018-General-Rules--FINAL-1.pdf>
- The Canada 55+ Games are being held in Kamloops this year – August 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Twenty-five (25) events over 4 days. For more information please see websites: [www.kamloops55games.com](http://www.kamloops55games.com) as well as [www.Canada55plus.ca](http://www.Canada55plus.ca)

Motion to adjourn meeting by Peter Kauhausen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Gariepy. **Carried**

Meeting ended at 2.25 PM