

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting
April 14, 2022
12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon

Attending:

Jim Gilpin, Hector Campbell, Walter Brennan, Gord Clarke, Brenda Dion

Regrets: Sue Staffen, Erik Hoenisch

Call to Order: Jim Gilpin called meeting to order 12:02

Agenda:

Motion to adopt with power to add:

Jim added Pickleball Canada Org Bylaw meeting April 26th.

Motion Jim , 2nd Brenda

Carried

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Motion to adopt minutes as presented: Jim, 2ndBrenda

Carried

New Business:

1. Yukon Pickleball Day(YPD) May 1st Reschedule: Brenda

Things going quite well.

Session # 1 for Educators, have 24 spots total, will designate 16 to Educators 10 signed up so far. The other 8 reserved for ERA. They have been asking us for clinics. Two courts for Educators and the other 1/3 to ERA. This will be advertised in the ERA Newsletter this Saturday. ERA members will contact Brenda directly rather than through CGC. This is intended for people who have never played Pickleball.

Session #2 will be the Challenge court where we have 12 experienced players and 12 invited dignitaries: MLA's , Mayor and Councillors, First Nation Leaders. Presently we still have 4 of 12 VIP spots left to fill. We are still waiting for a response from Minister Mostyn's office.

Session # 3 will be 24 spots for "See It- Try It" Group. For Sessions 1 and 3 we will need three people for each 1/3 portion of the Flexihall. The same set-up we use for our Pickleball Fundamentals program. Handouts will be given to participants at the end of sessions 1&3 similar to what we hand out during our Fundamentals class.

For the Challenge court participants, we should include more information on YPA with an emphasis on our vision, our hope to get autonomous outdoor courts, what we have done so far and that it is really important for the future of the sport in Yukon. This can be in an in an outline format.

Anne-Marie DaSilva, Karen LaPrairie and Galene Shoemaker will manage the front table on YPD to check people in and let people know where they should go as well as “a take-away” providing some information on YPA. CGC will also have a table set up with their information.

Brenda has booked time at Takhini for April 24th to review lesson plans with Instructors and helpers.

Sport’s writer from the Whitehorse Star committed to cover and there was an announcement on CBC with Brenda on April 13th. Good job Brenda.

2. Carmacks Invitational:

Recreation Director in Carmacks has contacted YPA to let us know they are having a cash prize tournament in Carmacks on May 14th. Entry fee is \$30 and guaranteed 3 games. We have spread the word it is happening but no idea how many YPA members may be attending. The tournament will end with a licenced BBQ.

Rather than providing prizes for what we think is an already sponsored tournament our preference is to go up and put on a clinic for the community. Our aim is to promote the growth of pickleball throughout the Yukon and offering clinics is how we think we can best promote that growth.

3. Spring Cleanup Fundraising: Jim

Nothing yet. We know City pays \$300 per section and YG pays \$250 along the Alaska Highway. YG advertised in last Friday’s newspaper. Jim will contact YG to see if we can get the same section from the Weigh Scales to Robert Service Way again this year.

4. Ladder League May:

We will have 3 sessions in May (8th, 15th and 29th). May long weekend, May 23rd will likely not work very well as we are having trouble right now keeping players interested this time of year

- Who is going to run it? Jim will be out of town for part of May. Need someone to open /close Takhini, e-mail schedule, tally up the score cards checking everyone’s addition. Gord has volunteered to do this.
- How to inject new players? There are only 3 sessions. There may be people who are interested in subbing. There may not be very many.

5. Indoor summer gym bookings Porter Creek High this summer: Jim

Right now we are booked 1:00 – 5:00 on Monday and Wednesday. We still have an option of more time. Board suggest we add another hour and book from 12:00 – 5:00. Jim will confirm with Patrick at COW. We do not have to figure out exactly what we want to do with this time yet. We cannot get the gym until the latter part of June and still not sure what is happening at Mt.Mac.

6. Summer Mt. Mac after resurfacing – Tennis Yukon Reply

Now word yet from Tennis Yukon. Given the condition of our outdoor nets we should buy 2 new nets for Mt. Mac courts. Suggestion is to get the better-quality nets with oval tubing.

Motion: Jim Gilpin; YPA buy two new higher quality nets for the coming outdoor season at Mt.Mac.
Second: Hector Campbell. Discussion. Carried

7. Review of Winter Activities at Takhini School:

Will do a final review at the end of the season. It has been a great step forward being able to use the school. We will certainly book for next year if we possibly can.

8. YPA Strategic Planning:

We are at a stage in our growth that we are going to need a Strategic Plan. Through the strategic planning process we will be able to develop a mission statement, goals, values and an operational plan for a 3-to-5-year period. If we are going to apply for funding for outdoor courts a current strategic plan will show we are organized and not just a flailing organization looking for money, but one with a vision.

There are two funding sources available to use to help develop a Strategic Plan. One is through Volunteer Yukon NGO Training Fund for up to \$5K and the other is through CDF for up to \$20K. the Volunteer Bureau's next call for funding is June and the CDF application deadline is May 15th, 2022.

CDF will require two quotes. We can get quotes from Sue Meikle Consulting who has done several Strategic Plans for sports organizations and well as getting a quote from Caroline Sparks another local consultant with experience in the strategic planning.

Hector and Brenda have agreed to take this work on. Hector suggests YPA apply to CDF as they have the larger pot of money, and he has applied to CDF for funding in the past. From Hector's experience, CDF would like to have a draft of our application before the official application is submitted so they can provide some guidance if there are any glitches in the application or additional information the needs to be submitted.

9. Update on Policies needed for SGB status (Brenda /Jim /Hector):

Our first priority is to get the Strategic Plan process moving. So much of the sport governing body requirements are related to national and territorial wide tournaments and with policies related to governance of the organization. We are not at the stage yet, but hopefully will be. We will be able to get some of these polices from Pickleball Canada that we can adapt for our needs. Pickleball Canada is asking all member organizations, as part of their action plan this year, to develop as Screening Policy. The policy may address positions in the organizations that may be screened: examples may be people in positions of power (President, Treasurer, people with signing authorities, coaches interacting with kids) are examples. It must be a Board passed policy.

Hector is willing to do a draft of a screening policy. Those that did the NCCP Coaching course had to be screened to get full certification as Level I Coaches.

10. Bylaw updating:

The new Societies Act came into force in 2021 and we are obliged to rewrite our bylaws to conform to the new Act by March 2023. After perusing the Act, Jim is of the opinion that we may be in a good position to gain compliance. Our Constitution just needs to have the name of the organization and our purpose. As it is right now, we can adopt the model bylaws, which is what we have for the most part right now. There is a lot of effort that will be needed to meet the record keeping and reporting requirements of the new Act. We can start working on this file this fall and still meet the deadline.

11. Special Meeting PCO:

Pickleball Canada has called a special meeting for April 26th to review the draft bylaws. There is some opposition from some of the larger members of Pickleball Canada who see these new bylaws as infringing on their authority and authority to govern themselves. In the opinion of the YPA Board, the proposed bylaws make sense for our organization and will be endorsing what the national body is recommending. Members of Pickleball Yukon should have received notice of the meeting and proposed changes.

The YPA Board supports the President sending a notice out to our members saying our Board endorses the proposed PCO bylaw changes.

12. Special Olympics Request:

Special Olympics would like YPA to deliver a clinic to Special O athletes on May 28th at the CGC. The times have changed from the original contact from 9:00 -10:30 to the afternoon. There is a conflict as we have programming at Takhini. We may not be able to provide the number of people to run 30 athletes through our regular Lesson Plan. Brenda will be in contact with Special O to finalize the plan and if we can deliver.

Note: Next meeting changed to Wednesday, May 11th 12:00, Walter to change room booking.

Adjourn 1:50 Next Meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Prepared by: Walter Brennan