

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting
May 11, 2022
12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon**

Attending:

Jim Gilpin (Zoom), Hector Campbell, Walter Brennan, Gord Clarke, Sue Staffen, Erik Hoenisch, Brenda Dion

Call to Order: Jim Gilpin called meeting to order 12:06 (Hector to Chair, Jim on Zoom)

Agenda:

Motion to adopt with power to add: Motion Jim, Hector 2nd.
Carried

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Motion to adopt minutes as presented: Gord, 2nd Eric
Carried

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report

Presently \$ 5372 in the bank account. Have a recent deposit for the ball machine from lotteries and a cheque from COW to deposit (\$200.00 for Pickleball Fundamentals course). After a couple of cheques to write today we will have a balance of \$4800 in the bank

2. Spring Cleanup – Jim / Sue

We have two opportunities. City of Whitehorse, Mountain View Drive east side from lights at Takhini trailer court to 12th Avenue on east side of road only. Suggest June 14th, 6:30 pm, meet at the parking area on the west side of roundabout (a dirt road access on the right side before the roundabout coming from Porter Creek).

The second is the Alaska Highway from top of South Access to Miles Canyon Road on both sides of highway (regarded as two sections). Will need a good turnout. Suggest doing on Saturday, June 4th, 1:00 pm, meet at Rest Area at top of South Access.

COW pays \$300 per section and YG pays \$250 per section.

Jim will send out a note to members and to reply to Sue Staffen if they are coming.

The city will pick up debris for Mountain View and we need to pickup the material for the Alaska Hwy. Gord and Sue will provide trucks.

3. Yukon Pickleball Day – Wrap Up

Was very successful. Have had some educators who have contacted Brenda asking if we would share our lesson plans and if could do something in the fall.

With the Challenge Court we had our volunteers spend a lot of time going back and forth contacting invitees, following up with them, dealing with cancellations, with those who did not respond at all. That was the hard part. We learned some lessons. We did get a nice letter from the Minister Mostyn's office apologising for not attending and not getting back to us in a timely manner.

The See-It, Try-It session was very successful. We may want to consider that part on it's own in the future. As a result, we have had more interest in the COW courses and a few people asking about joining YPA. There were lots of people excited, with smiles on their faces and asking what is next. Overall, a very successful event for us thanks to all the volunteer help we had to run the event.

4. PB Fundamentals Lesson Payment Plan

YPA has agreed that we will pay Instructors \$50 if they teach 5 lessons in the Pickleball Fundamentals program. This is to help with the cost Instructors had to pay for the NCCP coaching program delivered in Whitehorse this past winter. Instructors have been donating their time in the past and have not asked for pay but donated their time to YPA.

5. Pickleball Fundamentals lesson plan review

We have been delivering several courses for the City of Whitehorse and see a need for some fine tuning of the program before we start delivering the program again in the fall. This will fit in with our strategic planning process.

6. Certified and Experienced Instructors

Up until now we have had very experienced but not certified instructors to deliver programming. CGC had wanted to say certified and experienced instructors in their brochure. Now they can after the delivery of the NCCP coaching course. This puts YPA in a good position should we be asked to deliver programming in the school system where they may be asking for at least one certified coach. We are very fortunate to have 11 instructors who are willing to teach.

7 & 8. Summer Programming –Mt Mac Scheduling

The CGC is not offering any pickleball courses during the summer but the facility will be open for play.

Programming at Mt. Mac Tennis courts will be affected by the resurfacing of the courts scheduled for mid- July. The membership fees will be reduced to approximately \$28 for seniors. We will have the courts 7 days a week until 1:00 pm. YPA membership will still be required and will still use SignUp Genius to for court bookings. Court bookings will be broken down into two

sessions 8:30 -10:30 and 10:45 – 12:45. The schedule will allow for private court bookings in the early morning time slot. Round Robins, shot clinics and Open Play in the second time slot. A schedule is being developed, will be circulated to members, posted on the website and through an upcoming Newsletter. The intent is to have courts open to members starting on May 24th.

9. Ball Machine Practices, Use policy – Personal Bookings

There have been some inquiries about booking the ball machine for personnel use. We are not there yet. Personal booking will only happen after people have taken a specific training session on its use which will include safety precautions. The decision has been made to keep the machine for indoor use this year. We will continue to have sessions at Porter Creek Secondary school this summer and use the machine as a teaching tool to be used by Instructors who have been trained on how to use it. There are some safety measures that need to be adhered to when operating. YPA needs to develop a policy for personal use and a maintenance protocol and hopefully this will happen in the fall.

10. Calendar Schedule on Website

Calendar is being developed and Walter will forward to Ian for posting on the website.

11. CDF Application for Strategic Plan

Hector has submitted to CDF with letters of support and we should know by mid-June. We are applying for \$3500. This will be a fall project with input from YPA members.

12. COW Base Allocation for summer bookings at CGC

Intended for Sports Organizations to book time at CGC Flexihall. With the outdoor courts and time at Porter Creek this we do not need to schedule time at CGC.

13. Fall Planning for Schools

It is anticipated we will get some requests from schools in the fall to deliver some pickleball instruction. We will look at this later this summer.

14. CGC Booking Process

The process we have in place where YPA members wishing to book court times at CGC go through YPA is working well. This process was put in place to ensure bookings would not conflict with any times YPA wanted for programming etc.

15. Use of YPA funds

Follow up of a request of a YPA member asking if YPA would support and pay for player skill development. We are not in a position to monetarily support individual player development. While we did arrange for skill clinics as an add on to the NCCP coaching clinic no one was supported monetarily. Participants paid. On completion of the NCCP course Instructors who subsequently taught 5 lessons in row of the Pickleball Fundamentals course were offered \$50 to help defray the costs of the NCCP course registration. There will be some discussion at the Strategic Planning workshop on how we may support high level skill development in the future.

16. Carmacks Invitational

It is a go. They are expecting players from Carmacks, Whitehorse and Marsh Lake. They have changed the format to a double only tournament.

17. Special "O"

They are going a different route and will not need us. We have left the door open to have them contact us in the future.

Walter away Hector has volunteered to do the agenda and minutes.

Adjourn 1:20 Next Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2022

Prepared by: Walter Brennan