

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

Attending:

Sue Meikle (Guest), Jim Gilpin, Hector Campbell, Sue Staffen, Erik Hoenisch, Gore Clark, Walter Brennan

Regrets: Brenda Dion

Call to Order:

Jim Gilpin called meeting to order 12:05

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Hector, 2nd by Sue S. add "Courts at Curling Rink"

Minutes of last meeting:

Motion to adopt by Hector, 2nd by Sue, as amended to edit Item #1 to change \$200 to \$300.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Sue Meikle provided an outline and requested some feedback on what we wanted to accomplish at the one-day Strategic Planning Workshop. Workshop date set for September 17th. Suggestion is to invite past board members to participate. Sue will develop a survey with our input to send out to members / non members to help determine what YPA's focus, priorities and goals might be. Sue will also do an Environmental Scan of what is happening in other jurisdictions. She will draft a final contract and write the Strategic Plan at the end. YPA will secure a facility (Sport Yukon) and provide coffee/ tea/ lunch.
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Erik reported we have \$6800 in our bank account. This includes the \$500 from Highways and \$300 from COW for garbage pickup. Many thanks to Sue for taking the lead for this year's garbage pickup.

3. **Mt Mac Schedule August after resurfacing**

- How Many Courts? Given the use so far this year suggest taping two courts.

- Who will organize and help with lines? Right now it is weather dependent and may not be until the end of the first week of August when we can tape the courts. Jim is out of town so Gord and Hector will take the lead to tape the courts if feasible to do so. Our intention is to tape the courts but may not be worth it given the low turn out so far, people travelling to Senior Games in mid-August and the typical weather changes after mid-August

Porter Creek School – as we are losing Mt Mac we can reactive Monday at Porter Creek School. Had had decided earlier to drop Monday and keep Wednesday for the three weeks after we lose Mt Mac. We will have Ian set up Signup Genius until August 12th

4. **Review of Activity at Mt Mac this summer**

There has been a low turnout at Mt Mac this summer even during the warmer weather. Suspect many people are travelling and out of town. There have been a few players visiting from other jurisdictions that have played at Mt. Mac.

5. **Update on Outdoor Court Options**

The announcement of a new school for the Takhini area reducing the size of the Takhini Softball complex subsequently eliminates two of our options for outdoor courts. This leaves the area adjacent to Sumanik Drive still a viable option. It is not likely we will get money from the City of Whitehorse to build a facility but if we can leverage some money from other sources (Federal Government for example) like the new Skateboard facility) the City may be amenable to donating land to build a facility. It may be worth looking for support from our Member of Parliament and the Yukon Government to access federal funding given the health benefits of Pickleball as a viable option to keep both our ageing and general population active and healthy.

6. **Use of Ball Machine:**

At this time the Board is not willing to permit the private use of the ball machine to individual members for a variety of reasons. The machine was purchased with Lotteries funding to help deliver clinics and enhance skill development.

While the uptake for the Round Robin and free play have not been good the Shot Clinic uptake has been good. We have also instructed drills on the other 2 courts and that has received great feedback.

7. **Update on Takhini School year 2022-23** – Applied for same weekend times as last year and will apply for one more time slot for a weekday evening. Our agreement for 2022-23 is essentially a repeat of 2021-22 at Takhini.
8. **Mt Mac Summer-end tournament** –Given the lack of interest so far in Mt Mac, the Senior Gams happening, the variable weather in mid to late August and our experience trying to do it last year, it just may not be worth the effort to offer a year-end tournament this year.

9. **Courts at Curling Rink**

The Yukon Curling club has offered to let us set up courts in their facility during the summer. Not feasible to do this year but the Board is suggesting we take advantage of this option next summer. This is happening in other jurisdictions and while not an ideal surface is working in other places. The price is very reasonable and in line with the annual curling club membership.

This would allow us not only to play but also offer programming at night during the summer something we do not have available now at the CGC. It would be a seamless transition from Takhini School to the Curling Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Next Meeting: August 11th, 2022, 12:00 noon @ Sport Yukon