

Minutes of the  
KPI Board of Directors Meeting  
July 10, 2023  
6:15 PM  
Unico Hall Community Centre - 37 Beach Street Kingsville

REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT: Helen Dean, Tim Meloche, Rob Dalley, Patrick Cleminson, Bill Speed

Helen called the meeting to order at 6:11pm

Rob made a motion that the minutes of the May 29, 2023 meeting be approved. There were no amendments suggested.

2nd by Tim.

All in agreement

#### BUSINESS ARISING

New business was agreed to start after our members of our Social Committee presented their ideas for an upcoming 10 year celebration.

Deb started with their proposal with a handout of their ideas for a 10 year anniversary of Kingsville Pickleball

#### **Handout recap from Deb:**

##### **Our Club:**

2023 represents 10 years of Pickleball in Kingsville. That is a significant milestone for our Club, from its humble beginnings to over 200 members & 8 outdoor courts today.

We have also been an active participant in the community with activities such as:

- Multiple donations to the local Food Bank
- Clock Tower brick
- Highland Games demonstrations
- Santa Claus parade float

Those are just a few examples but as we have grown, we have also given back. As many of our newer members would not be aware of our history, what we are asking for approval here tonight will provide a great opportunity to update them.

#### **Our Proposal:**

We would like to have a dinner combining: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations & end of year party.

Some initial work has been done on this by our committee and we propose the following:

**Dinner:**

**Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**Place: Vernon's 22 Main St E, Kingsville, ON**

**Format:**

5-6 PM- Appetizers & possible wine tasting with entertainment

6-7:00 PM-Dinner

7- 7:45 PM-Program (John/Sally & hopefully Helen to plan)

7:45 - 8:30 PM -Mingling, raffle & entertainment

Notes regarding venue (Vernon's):

It can seat up to 150 people

Menu to be decided but we have advised the cost will be under \$40/plate including taxes but not gratuities.

Dessert will be a celebration cake to be purchased.

Tickets will be sold. It is proposed that the ticket price cover the cost of the meal

Members and their spouses are welcome

Special invitations will be extended to former members (no longer able to play) who formed part of the history and assisted in the development of the Club

All Board members thought that it was a great idea and loved having a dedicated group of members giving all their hard work in the events they set up. Kingsville Pickleball is highly regarded in this town with community service and being involved in numerous aspects of the community.

Bill raised an issue that the Venue can only hold a maximum of 150 people but we have over 200 members and are also opening up the invitation for significant others. Was discussed before the proposal and in past events there were never more than 50% of the members showing up. When they were looking at other venues to have a larger capacity, costs would increase because of the size and places required to be catered which again would have an increased cost to members. We would be selling tickets and there would be only 150 tickets printed so there would be a cap. It would be first come first serve for tickets.

Helen had a question to the Committee about the raffle about possible permits needed and handing out raffle tickets at the event, the same day, but Tim confirmed that nothing would be needed.

The Social Committee would like the board to approve the \$1500 for extras to run the event. The board is approving the go ahead of the event but members will be paying for tickets to go to the event. Board will discuss how many complimentary tickets will be offered based on the Committee's recommendations.

Helen made a motion thanking this committee for what was done to accept the proposal as written and are awaiting other information at a later date but are accepting costs up to \$1500.

2nd by Bill

All in arrangement

Bill brought up a point that there were funds leftover from the BBQ that was just held. Will be held for and used for extra activities and events such as the "Rise and Shine" event on Monday July 17th. Committee idea was for any money left over will be donated to the Kingsville Food Bank at the end of the year. Was mentioned to people putting on these events that there is no expectation to pay exorbitant out of pocket expenses for these events but being comfortable saying things were purchased for the members and then hand in the receipts so reimbursement can be given.

Wayne had an aside comment for KPI to have a Motto. Had an idea such as "Kingsville Pickleball builds communities"?

Look into last year for t-shirts and hats but will look at possibly doing it again in the future.

The meeting was continued with any new business arising.

Bill hasn't been able to get the guaranteed investments certificate done but will visit the bank with Helen to set these up in a few weeks as there needs two Board members to sign.

#### INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

##### President

-AGM- August 21 at 9a.m.- The upstairs room in Kingsville arena has been confirmed and another email will be sent out to remind everyone. Food plans are underway following the meeting.

- "BBQ" or other food items will happen after the AGM as will be discussed with the Social Committee.

-shade structures/benches

- There are 2 shades that are up and are waiting for other benches to be moved. It has been about 2 months now that we have been waiting on it. Currently waiting for the Town to move them. They are heavy as they require 6 people and equipment to move them in. They have the shade structures ready once the benches have been moved.

- Bill mentioned that the current ones are bent/torn from the wind but they are not KPI's problem as it was the Town that bought them. They were also brought for public use but Helen believes that they will not last.

-equipment, public passes

-The Town is selling family passes for \$30 used only during public hours.

What we are seeing as a club is that members of the club are mixing with the pass members which is perfectly fine for public times but they are using KPI equipment (balls & paddles).

If members were to mix with pass members, KPI equipment should not be used. If Town pass members were to mix with KPI members then one of two scenarios should occur.

- 1) KPI members use a public court with Town pass members using pass member pickleballs
- 2) Town pass members come to KPI courts and then that would classify them using our dedicated courts and a \$5 drop in fee should be received from them.

Board again believes that the \$30 isn't reasonable considering \$15 is the cost of the card.

We need to be more diligent as a club recognizing that we have all paid memberships and if other people want to play with our members then they will need to pay the drop in fee. They will also need to sign the waiver for insurance reasons.

So how will members know who people are when they arrive? By asking who they are when individuals arrive. You can introduce yourselves, welcome them to the courts, ask if they are playing separately or with any of the members.

Remember to keep balls just to KPI members only. When KPI does not have control of all the courts, (evenings and weekends), just take the pickleballs they need to play and not to fill all the baskets on the insides of the courts.

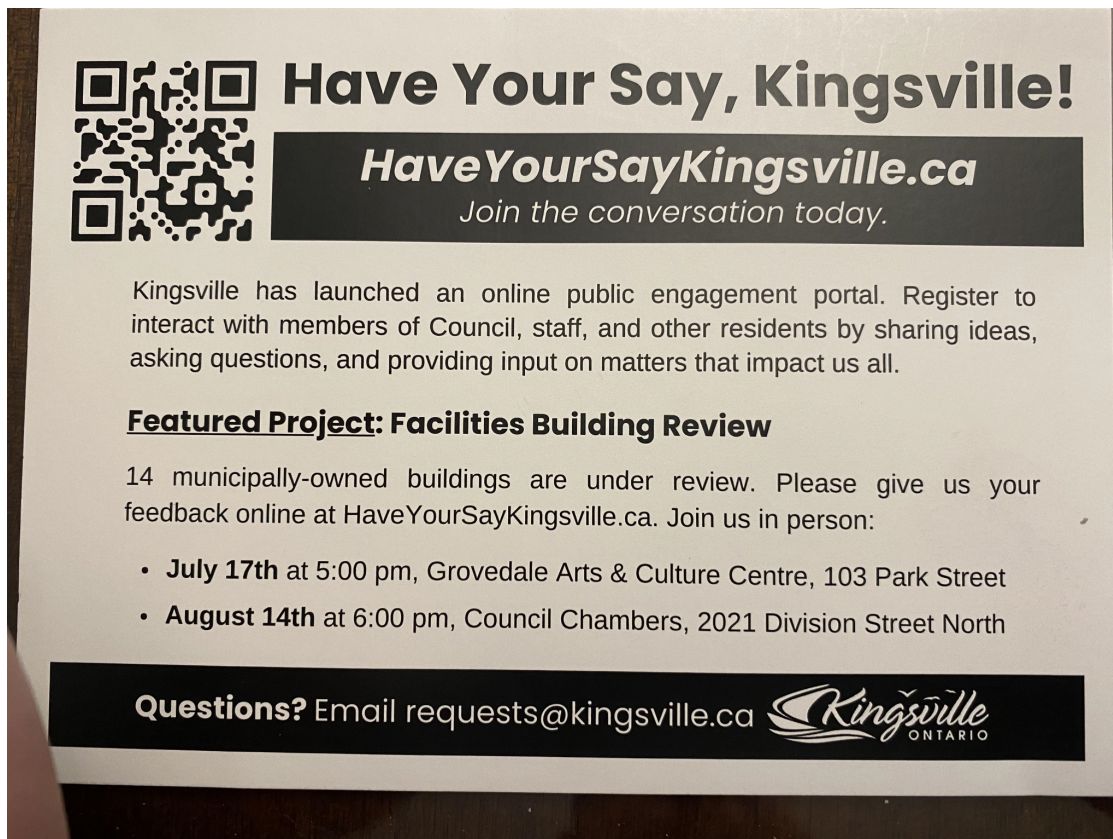
We are going to hang up banners to designate dedicated member courts for all times even if they are not being used. Cannot be policed all the time even when board members are not there. Tim made a motion to have an email go out to our membership and at the AGM to reiterate it to everyone and explain the importance of it.

- A separate email will be sent out regarding this information.

When board members are not there, they still need to collect \$5 if no one is there.

- A separate email will be sent out to clarify the rules

- "Have your say Kingsville" <https://haveyoursaykingsville.ca/>



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**HaveYourSayKingsville.ca**  
*Join the conversation today.*

Kingsville has launched an online public engagement portal. Register to interact with members of Council, staff, and other residents by sharing ideas, asking questions, and providing input on matters that impact us all.

**Featured Project: Facilities Building Review**

14 municipally-owned buildings are under review. Please give us your feedback online at [HaveYourSayKingsville.ca](https://haveyoursaykingsville.ca). Join us in person:

- **July 17th** at 5:00 pm, Grovedale Arts & Culture Centre, 103 Park Street
- **August 14th** at 6:00 pm, Council Chambers, 2021 Division Street North

**Questions?** Email [requests@kingsville.ca](mailto:requests@kingsville.ca) 

Pamphlets were sent to Kingsville residences with information about registering and talking about issues about the town. Specifically the facility building review is what we at KPI are concerned about. At the bottom of Kingsville Recreation Complex and Arena, 1741 Jasperson Drive it mentions that more pickleball courts might need to be constructed based on increased demand.

We would like our members to register and comment on pickleball courts. We would like them to also mention that the current courts still need fixing because that was not mentioned. It's an opportunity for the members of the public to comment on it and give their feedback. If you are not a Kingsville resident you can still register and make comments. If you enter an outside Kingsville address and it doesn't let you register please use the Kingsville Arena address.

We would like all of our members to register and respond.

#### Vice President

Tim had a conversation with Sue the town solicitor about the current legal status with regard to the court fixing.

Board went in Camera for report re status of court and repairs

Resolution from last meeting on May 29th to have the constitution adopted, changed and renamed to bylaws for Kingsville Pickleball Incorporated. Comply with the obligation to have bylaws and retain everything in the constitution. We are just renaming it to bylaw. Does not change the content or obligations. Everything remains the same when constitutions were made and we comply with the non for profit act.

Helen makes a motion to accept the resolution to change the title of constitution to Bylaws 1 with no changes to the content of the Bylaws

- 2nd by Rob
- all agreed upon and signed.

#### Treasurer

Deb gave extra money from the BBQ to Bill to deposit in our account and to be used as a float for future events. Confirmed that the receipts were given to Bill and for future events members will be paying out of pocket and then we reimburse so the total amount will be tracked separately so it goes through the books.

We currently don't have a budget line for social committee events and starting next year we can provide that. We will be able to track what was spent this year so we can have a balance to start next year.

Treasurer's Report:

- KPI has 203 (205 less 2 members) members to date. Financially we are in good order and have \$36,943.72 in our bank account. We have two cheques outstanding totalling \$171.15 It must be recognized that 40% of 2023 fees are marked for future court maintenance with \$10,913.91 of current funds held for future capital expenditures.

Financials – Libro Account

May 1 2023 Opening Balance: \$21,109.41

Expenses total to date: \$1,396.48

Balance as of July 10, 2023 \$36,943.72

Two cheques outstanding totalling \$171.15

Rob still has signing rights and is still able to access the bank account and was wondering if that was still acceptable. All agreed that it was acceptable because of the required 2 person authorization for any banking related needs.

We are still using the same rates and amounts put aside in one year investment from the previous meeting. All board members accepted. Jude has ordered 6 more league banners for KPI use and the expense has been tracked. Bill would like to mention and thank Rob for setting up the league play.

Director at Large

KPI Membership is as of May 29 2023, at 203 members

League play is going well. Rob has a few worries that were brought up. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings we have a great turnout with people waiting during normal KPI hours and doesn't want to take away from that. Possibly having a Tuesday/Thursday morning league going but there is currently night time league going on as well. Currently have leagues:

- 1) 2 leagues tuesday
- 2) 1 league wednesday
- 3) 2 leagues thursday
- 4) 2 leagues saturday

All of these are pretty full. Monday league is being worked on for beginners. Friday night is being worked on for competitive.

When leagues start at 6pm people need to be there 10 minutes beforehand. If people show up after it has started it is too hard to change the round robin schedule. The overall message is to show up on time or let the organizer know that you might be late and they can try to fit you in the schedule. Give that player a first round bye if there happens to be one for example.

Some feedback that Rob is getting is that 30% of them do not want competitive play. They like that games are competitive but that no scores are recorded, no winner announced, it's just round robin play with similar skilled individuals. Round robin play will continue to be played to 9 or 11 or have timed games with a max time of 15 minutes. Mentioned that it is harder to police a timed game and people like just playing to 9 or 11. When a round is done with one game, people can wait for the next round or play again until all games are completed.

We are getting to a point where there are not enough courts for everyone to play and accommodate the leagues. Might need to cap it a certain number because we cannot take all the courts from other non league members and general members of the public that show up.

Rob is looking into future changes such as starting at 7:30 pm or 4pm. He is looking for people that are committed and will just continue running as it is for now. There may be a time when there would be a cap of total players but we are going to leave it alone and Rob is looking into tweaking it if necessary. We like the idea of people committing and not just showing up on a whim.

Message is for the league play is:

- show up on early to play in league
- show up late then cannot play during the league unless notified beforehand

Rob will send an email to clarify to the members on league "rules".

Times will be added to the webpage for league times.

Rob was asked about swipe cards. They take time to create and all current member names have been given to the Town. There is nothing KPI can do once that is done but wait for the Town to create them.

Leaf blower to clean the courts off in the morning before play:

KPI morning crew wanted a gas power one but cannot store gas powers at the court in the bins but are okay with a battery one.

Rob has talked to individuals and has come up with 2 different types of battery charge ones.

EGO company \$833

Cobalt \$562

Need something that is only battery powered. Blowing the debris and water off the courts has been done everyday or on a few occasions, a couple times a day to keep them clean.

Concerns were brought up that it won't be there after a certain period of time because it would be stolen. We would like to have the gate closed at all times so people don't just randomly walk in and to change the lock code on one of the storage bins where it would be stored. Was discussed why the Town workers do not clean the courts because they drag the baseball diamonds daily but there was no followup from the Town regarding that. Will follow up with the Town as it is one of their facilities.

New code for dedicated storage that only Board and certain limited individuals have access to will be created.

Helen made a motion to buy an EGO Leaf blower, battery and charger with spare battery for \$833.

2nd by Bill

All in favour

Rob purchased lamination for the league round robin sheets and was asking for reimbursement for the costs.

Bill made a motion to reimburse Rob for the white boards, clip boards and lamination.

2nd by Helen  
All in favour

### Secretary

Message to members when responding to Tournament/League emails that Rob has set up or other emails where it says to message a certain individual. When responding to these emails please read the instructions as they say to "Please forward this email to [dalley@rogers.com](mailto:dalley@rogers.com) if you want to sign up" or you must email [xxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxxxx@gmail.com) by a certain date if you wish to attend. If members just hit respond it goes to the Kingsville gmail account and Rob or the individual setting up the event does not know that you are interested.

### NEW BUSINESS

Tim talked about the playtime scheduler coming up to be renewed for \$35 a year. It allows for a power user to create events up to 2 months at time. Is seeing that people are not using it currently. People wanted a way to connect with others and this was a solution but they have stopped using it. It will still be available to use and update on your own and it is not going to go away. All agreed to remove the Power user and not renew for \$35.

Stu-

Regarding public arriving during times when KPI has dedicated courts having signs saying "public play must provide their own equipment." The belief is that our members are putting balls out when they arrive when KPI only has 4 or 6 courts and the public ends up taking them. The Town controls the signs and doesn't want that many signs on the fence. We will be putting up banners up for all KPI Time to designate our courts.

Date of next meeting

AGM Aug 21st 9am

Monday Oct 16th 615pm @ Kingsville Arena upstairs auditorium.

Helen made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:02pm

2nd by Rob