

Minutes of the  
KPI Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Aug 21, 2023 @ 9:00 AM  
Kingsville Arena Complex - 1741 Jasperson Dr, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2E4

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

President Helen Dean or designate to call meeting to order @ 9:06am

Helen introduced herself to the members in attendance and the rest of the members did so in tandem.

#### BUSINESS ARISING

Jules has asked to be added to the agenda under new business- the 10 year celebration We will start selling tickets for the 10th Anniversary Party. Cost is \$45/person. Max 150 tickets are available.

Jules started with his 10 year celebration report going over when Pickleball was started and when it was started in Kingsville. Progressed from a handful of people to a group that created Kingsville Pickleball playing on tennis courts. Moved to Cottam until the current dedicated courts were built in Kingsville.

To celebrate the 10 years in existence we are having a celebration. 150 max members for a great evening of fun and comradery. The agenda is currently being worked on for the evening. Door prizes are available from local businesses. See email that was sent out for further information.

Helen thanked the social committee and members setting up the 10 year anniversary. Also wanted to thank the morning crew for setting up and cleaning up the courts before members arrive to play in the morning.

The most recent event, the Picklebikers, for setting up and running that event. If members have any other ideas that they would like to get involved in or bring to the table we are always open to those ideas.

#### INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

##### President

Helen started with a few issues that are arising. The first one being equipment on the courts. There have been emails and notes on previous Board of Director meetings that we are going through a number of pickleballs. They are disappearing, not being broken. Please clean up after completion when done on the courts. If there is not anyone else going to take your spot on the court you are on then please take the balls with you and place them in the bag. Please take down banners, clean up balls, close and lock bins, close gate, etc. If you do not know how to lock the bins with the code please ask someone so you can do it in the future. Jude has made the signs that go up

and if those or the balls go missing it is coming out of our member fees.

In regard to the public, in the evenings when we have only 6 of the 8 courts, if they see balls in the side containers they might believe that they are for use. Balls are only used for members, not the public. Helen mentioned that she has just purchased 200 balls in July and down about 150 total this year. In the last 3 weeks Helen has put in over 50 balls and more than a dozen a week have disappeared. While some do break, we need to be more diligent with ensuring they don't go missing.

Helen was told about the court updates that it is still in litigation. No new updates from town have been given to us about the courts and fences that were not built in the proper way. KPI will not honour our agreement to fund half of the maintenance fees on courts that were not built to proper standards.

Tim jumped in as he had more information with the litigation side that the Town is currently in the middle of. Tim has talked with the Town solicitor on a few occasions and has shared some of the information on previous Board minutes. He was initially told that there was a report going to the Town Council. A report has not gone to Council as the CAO determined that Council approval is not required to commence litigation. They are canvassing dates with Greenlight and their lawyer for a meeting to see if they can reach an agreement to avoid litigation. We are looking at mid-September dates. The town believes that there is not much expectation that Greenlight will do anything.

The contractor obtained a report that said no deficiencies were reported with the work. Town was unable to retain a report. Looking for settlement discussions in September. From our members perspective, the next steps would be going directly to town councilors seeking some action on behalf of the town.

Tim is going to follow up in September to see if there were some discussions. In the future KPI will need to make a decision on what our next steps would be and who to address it with. If it does go to litigation, we could be waiting for years.

Helen then jumped in and mentioned to those who were unaware that because it is under review we can't add windscreens, and have a garage to store equipment. The court sizes are not to spec, can't do tournaments so we cannot bring in extra money.

Helen continued with requests or questions about reducing fees for the rest of the year. Yes, for September to the end of the season the club fees will be reduced to \$50.

The affiliation with Pickleball Canada/Ontario has paid off a tremendous amount. It has streamlined the financials and member communication by an enormous amount and with insurance to play. So we will continue the affiliation with PBC/PCO for next year.

There will be an email from PBC in Oct/Nov for renewal for the \$20 portion insurance fee. Their calendar year is Jan - Dec and KPI will have the same Jan - Dec schedule even though we start in May 2024.

There will be elections in the spring that we all will take part in. Tim and Rob's spots are up for renewal. An email will be sent out to have our members to send their names if interested. If there are more names than open positions then we will have an electronic election to determine those two spots.

## Vice President

From the last AGM people were looking for a way to communicate with other members. We paid the fee to use Playtime Scheduler to allow for a master account status. It was not widely used once everyone knew our standard schedule but there were some individuals that were using it to set up their own times. At this time we decided not to renew the yearly fee but it can be used by individuals as it is still available. It can be used to make arrangements with others but not a reservation system.

Playtime scheduler - \$35 will try it for another year and we will remind people to use it and see how it goes.

## Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

August 21 2023:

KPI has 210 (212 less 2 members) members to date. Financially we are in good order and have \$6,663.35 in our bank account, a \$25,000 GIC (Guaranteed Investment Certificate) @ 5.00% and a \$5,000 Redeemable GIC (redeemable after 90 Days) @ 3.75%. We have two cheques outstanding totalling \$64.58. 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.

Please find information below, please let me know if you have any questions.

Financials – Libro Account

May 1 2023 Opening Balance: \$21,109.41

Expenses total to date: \$2,890.28

Balance as of August 18, 2023 \$6,663.35

\$25,000 1 Year Investment – Maturing August 18 2024

\$5,000 1 Year Redeemable Investment – Maturing August 18 2024

Total Funds including Bank Account and Investments \$36,663.35

We had asked the Town to give an estimated cost to resurface the courts in roughly 5 to 10 years. We would be putting up half the costs of maintenance (about \$75,000) and we are working to get to that amount.

## Director at Large

KPI Membership is as of Aug 21, 2023, number of members at 210

Rob is focused on how to get more members to play. How to get those 210 members to play more than they currently are. Rob is open to suggestions and the other is how to get members to book courts. We now have a Facebook forum and Playtime Scheduler. If we are not using the courts from 11 - 1pm or from 4-dusk then Rob has the notion that the Town will see them not being used and take some of the time away from KPI.

Rob's email, [dalley@rogers.com](mailto:dalley@rogers.com) has been put out there and anyone can email him with suggestions.

We have league play Monday to Saturday. You can still use the courts if not in the league. League play will continue into September.

Bill mentioned that you must be a KPI member to play.

Clinics have stopped temporarily as leagues have started up. We'll start up again in September and October.

Wayne B.

What's going on in people's lives? Starting a survey to see what we can do to get more people. How often are you playing, what's preventing you from coming out, what would get you to come out etc in the fall and next year.

Eric

Maybe having a time at the 4-6pm times for highschools students for when they are done school in September and next year in May and June. Maybe having a youth rate to attract more young students.

Ladder play set up for this year or next year. Will keep scores and can be done at all levels. Will be for players that want something more competitive. It would be just like the current league round robin play but for players that want to build their game or track how they're doing.

Is also looking to ask a couple of members to be part of a welcoming committee. They would reach out to each new member to discuss court times, swipe key, play times, leagues etc. They would send an email to the new members, and this committee will send a call to let them know about KPI. Rob is looking for volunteers to reach out to them and have a list of things like a checklist to make sure everything is covered. Email Rob if interested.

Jude

Wanted to thank the members for the league people that set up and run each night.

Stu

Had a great suggestion for the off hour times that people are not really playing. His idea was to have practice times, no games but just drills. Believes that many members would like this but do not want to take away court times that are normally used to play games.

Ted

Asking about winter hours when KPI shuts down for the season. We have tried many places but the school board used them for personal use. Legion wont let us use it and only at Kingsville arena upstairs through the town is the only space available. With the new High School being built, can we use the old one? Will look into it but the board has not let in the past.

Carol Dover

One thing I would like to see discussed is the use of the pouch pockets. With so many people now playing I think it's important to remind everyone that if you want to play you have to wait your turn, put your paddle in a pouch pocket and wait. More and more she is seeing people run to an open court while others are waiting their turn.

Would like to suggest a referee to make sure the system is being followed.

Rotate volunteers to guide members to use the pouches and teach them the system on how to use them and educate members on how it works. We need people waiting their turn and can't jump the line. The banners will be used for ratio and updated for the number of members. When done should get off when people are waiting.

Monitors will look into these infractions and let them know to get off if needed.

Secretary

- none

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne H.

Would like to thank the board for their time and effort that they put into it. Very impressed with what they've done with the finances and how they are handling things.

Date of next Board meeting

Oct 16th @ 6:15pm at Unico

Helen made a motion to adjourn @ 10:31am

2nd by Christine