

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting  
December 19th, 2023  
12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon**

**Attending:**

Jim Gilpin, Brenda Dion, Walter Brennan, Hector Campbell (Zoom), Erik Hoenisch

**Call to Order:**

Jim called meeting to order at 12:07

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hector.

**Minutes of October 24th, 2023:** Motion to adopt: Hector, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

Presently we have \$4800 in the bank. Walter submitted receipt for CGC room rental for Senion Games Pickleball meeting. Brenda submitted receipts for tournament supplies and hats with YPA logo to sell – all recoverable from sales and tournament fees. Hector submitted \$15.00 from Francine for tournament.

**2. Meeting Date with Gord and Caroline Sparks:**

Boardroom booked at Sport Yukon 2:00 – 4:00 January 4<sup>th</sup>. Hector will forward our latest report to Gord to share with Caroline. Hector will work with Gord to prepare an Agenda.

**3. Six-month Strategic Plan Review - Brenda :**

Moved to bottom of the agenda.

**4. Winter Takhini /Elijah Smith Programming:**

Information item: About half our membership (85) have renewed for next year so far as of Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jim sent out a Board approved note to a all members today regarding our winter scheduling at both schools. The good news from Takhini is we have an extension to 4 pm on many Sundays at Takhini (13 of 17 available to us). On those days we will have 4,

2hr facilitated Round Robins. On the other days we need to be out by 3:00 pm. Hector will note the changes in the weekly schedules as they occur.

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No time changes at Takhini on Saturday at Takhini still 2-6 pm

The bad news is that at Elijah Smith we only have 4 evenings in January/February: Jan 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9 and none in March. Starting April 5 we have every Friday (except May 3) up to and including June 7.

## **5. CGC Winter Sessions / Programming**

Instructors have been assigned to Intro and Fundamentals classes at CGC this winter

## **6. January 6<sup>th</sup> Tournament Update:**

Good news is that all levels are full. We have waitlist for Open and Intermediate but none for Novice at this stage. A couple of people have been reminded that they need to renew their membership by January 1<sup>st</sup> or they will lose their spot. Brenda will contact those on the waitlist to help at the desk in case someone drops out the morning of. Anne-Marie has volunteered to help at the Registration Desk as well as record scores when games are finished at the control desk.

In the Open and Intermediate the Round Robin format will guarantee everyone 7 games and the finalist 10. Given the time constraints the format will be first to 11, win by two or the score at the end of 15 minutes. Should a game go a higher score than 11 ie: 15-13 it will be recorded as 11-9 on the score board.

The Novice event at Elijah Smith will be run by Hector and Eric following the same format with less games being played due to a lower number of players. Walter will provide a table and folding chairs for Elijah Smith.

Brenda has secured draw prices for participants and there will also be a limited number of YPA hats for sale (6 per group) at the tournament for \$25 each (cash only).

## **7. Ball Machine Auxiliary Power Options - Walter:**

Ball machine seems to be working ok. It has run out of power on occasion. Two options for external power, one is a battery pack (\$249 and unavailable until spring ) and the other is a plug in external AC auxiliary power supply for \$179.95 and available. While we have had some problems with the ball machine's accuracy, the major problem in

the past has been using newer balls which leave a residue on the rollers. Hector has replaced the rollers and done some time-consuming maintenance on the unit which seems to have helped. The option currently is to wait until we are sure that the battery is an issue.

#### **8. Canada 55+ Games Pickleball Update - Brenda:**

IMG forms are due at the ERA office by January 12, 2024. Some have already submitted IMG forms to ERA. The committee is just catching up on inputting these.

ERA 2024 membership is also required by January 12<sup>th</sup> which can be purchased on-line after January 1, 2024. After January 12- any remaining available spots will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

Once we know who wants to go the thought is to possibly apply for some funding to bring up an Instructor /Coach to work with the Canada Games team and for our membership. Probably not until May or June and indoors. Who? Maybe Mark Renneson or someone he can recommend from BC or Alberta. We will need to apply for funding, probably from Lotteries or Sport and Recreation, to cover costs related to flights, accommodation, fees, per diem, venue etc. Walter will talk to Trevor and to Lotteries to see what may be available.

#### **9. School Break March 11-24/2024.**

Jim will submit application for time at Elijah Smith for the current times we have at Elijah Smith and Takhini for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This will allow us to continue with normal programming without a break.

#### **10. Tennis Yukon**

Recommend we start the process now to secure our summer arrangement with Tennis Yukon. We will ask if they can consider one evening session per week that will work for them and probably some afternoon sessions. This will also be some information we can share with City Council when we meet with them. Jim will contact Stacy at Tennis Yukon to start the process.

### **3. Six-Month Strategic Plan Review:**

The Board reviewed the **2023-2027 Strategic Plan Implementation and Monitoring Document** to see where we have come over the last year. The document will be updated and a report of what we have accomplished will be forth coming for the AGM and what we hope to do in the next year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 18, 2024

Prepared by W. Brennan