

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting  
November 16th, 2023  
12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon**

**Attending:**

Jim Gilpin, Brenda Dion (Zoom), Walter Brennan, Hector Campbell.  
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:**

\$4960 in the bank as of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brenda will submit an invoice for the YPA ball caps that we will sell . We have been paid by the COW on a regular basis for the courses we teach for them. We invoice them they respond quickly.

**2. Update on YPA's Presentation to City Council:**

Gord is out of town until early December and Caroline Sparks has been unavailable to meet with Gord or Hector. Jim has prepared "draft" speaking notes / presentation for the Board's review. Hector will forward the revised document to Gord for his input. It will be in the new year before we go to city council.

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

For the December meeting Board members are to have a look at the Plan and the priority items we set for 2023 and see where we are.

**4. Sunday RR Sign-up Message to - Jim:**

Jim has sent out a message to all Takhini pass-holders explaining the RR sign up process, the level of play in each division, and a process if higher level players are asked to play in a lower division to make the round robin work. Hector has noted the number of players at the Takhini and Elijah Smith Round Robins on the respective sign-up sheets.

## **5. January 6<sup>th</sup> Tournament Format - Planning:**

We only have 4 courts at CGC and 3 courts at Elijah Smith. As a result, there will be a limit of 16 participant in the Open, 16 in the Intermediate at CGC and 12 in the Novice tournament at Elijah Smith. Cost will be \$15 per participant. There will be prizes for each tournament. Members will have had to renew their YPA memberships before they can participate in the tournament. YPA hats will be for sale at the tournament.

Jim will lead the charge in scheduling the matches for the three events. Brenda and Walter will assist Jim at the CGC. Hector and Eric will oversee Novice Tournament at Elijah Smith. Brenda will keep track of a "waitlist" if the events are fully subscribed.

## **6. Takhini / Elijah Smith School December Schedule /Extra Times:**

Christmas Break at Schools December 21st - January 7<sup>th</sup>. Restart regular programming at Elijah Smith on January 12<sup>th</sup>, and Takhini on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

We do not have Takhini on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Last day at Takhini before Christmas will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Fortunately, we have Elijah Smith on Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>, and January 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00. For December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have two Round Robin sessions combining the levels we presently have. The intention is to have the 2:00 -4:00 session for the Advanced and Strong Intermediate groups and the 4:00-6:00 time slot for the Intermediate and Novice groupings.

Jim will be sending out a reminder note to all members regarding the Elijah Smith Christmas schedule and the January 6<sup>th</sup> tournaments.

Jim has e-mailed the Rec Booking Folks at the City to ask if we can start an hour earlier on Saturdays and stay for an hour later Sundays given, we have noticed these times are not being used this fall.

## **7. Ball Machine:**

Brenda and Bryan tested the ball machine before they left, and it appears to be working well. There has been a suggestion to investigate an additional power-source so we do not have to deal with a dead battery during use on the courts. Hector has downloaded additional manuals for the unit we have. Walter will check with Pickleball Depot on the options available to us if needed.

**8. Canada 55+ Games Pickleball Meeting Date/Location:**

Walter will book a room at CGC Board room on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 for interested pickleball players who may want to attend. Brenda will provide information regarding the levels, selection processes and try to find out if playoffs are necessary. Brenda will prepare an information note for Jim to post on our website and Brenda will copy ERA.

**9. Takhini Saturday Schedule Rotation Request.**

We have had a request from a member to alternate the Saturday Group Booking and the Facilitated Intermediate RR times on a weekly basis. The Board does not see this as a positive change currently.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday December 21st, 2024

Prepared by W. Brennan