

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting  
September 14th, 2023  
12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon**

**Attending:**

Jim Gilpin, Brenda Dion, Erik Hoenisch, Walter Brennan.  
Hector Campbell

**Call to Order:**

Jim called meeting to order at 12:05

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Agenda adopted with addition a January 2024 Tournament at CGC. Moved by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda.

**Minutes of August 10th, 2023:**

Motion to adopt: Minor edits to Item #3 add “not getting” a high level of use at Mt Mac courts. Item #5, add Jayme’s last name , “Curtis”. Moved by Hector , 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**1. Treasurer’s Report:**

Presently we have \$5900 in the bank. Cheque written for Tennis Yukon for \$2720 (68 memberships) for Mt Mac. 2024 outdoor summer season. We generated \$600 from the Yukon Championships in August and presently have 51 members signed up at Takhini /Elijah Smith at \$20 each. There have been some questions from members regarding purchasing merchandise. For the next tournament the Board has approved the purchase of up to 25 hats to sell.

**2. Update on Gord’s Presentation to City Council – Permanent Courts:**

Gord Clark and Hector will be meeting with Caroline Sparks in the next week to see what she can do for YPA on a pro bona basis. While she is busy with clients, she has agreed to help draft up a framework of what we are looking from City Council as well as helping to develop a Scope of Work. On reviewing The Scope of Work from the gymnastics organization Hector notes it is far more complex than what we need.

The hope is that Gord will get a Power Point presentation to the Board in the next 60 days that the Board can present to Council. Our presentation to Council will be limited to five minutes in addition to questions that may be asked by Council following the presentation.

**3. CDF Application draft update :**

The application to CDF will be pushed back to the next intake in April / May of 2024 if we plan to ask for more than \$25k. We will be required to provide 25% of the cost. \$30K should be enough to provide a report that encapsulates what is happening in other jurisdictions, possibly O&M costs, and what we hope to achieve but not at the level of providing a design or construction costing details.

**4. Yukon Championships Debrief:**

The Board is happy we had full participation at the both the Open and the Intermediate levels. There was a waitlist, but we were limited in the numbers we could accommodate with four courts. Most people signed up in the appropriate level and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. It was good to open the tournament to players from Skagway. We will keep a record of the results for the file.

The Board will look at holding another tournament in January 2024 with the intention of having six courts.

**5. Mt Mac Season Wrap -Up / 2024 Plans:**

Given the weather the interest is dropping in September. We will drop the early morning sessions and Sunday for the last few weeks of the season given we now have Takhini and Elijah Smith. The schedule will show two sessions for Advanced (Wednesday and Saturday two courts) and the rest of the time Open Round Robin six days a week.

The Board hopes to start a discussion with Tennis Yukon to try and firm up an agreement for the 2024 season in the next few months.

**6. Takhini /Elijah Smith Update:**

Elijah Smith nearly fully subscribed. Takhini is a little slower on the take up despite the number signed up to play. Members can sign up to play at each facility at noon 7 days prior to the day of the event.

Facilitated Round Robins will take place on Saturday's at Takhini 2:00-4:00 with at least two instructors facilitating each week. We will start with Strong Intermediate on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Intermediate /Novice the following week. These will alternate from week to week depending on the demand.

**7. Instructor Co-ordinator Update - Brenda:**

Youth groups starting next week. Presently there are 5 registered in each group, enough to go ahead with the classes. All the Intro to Pickleball Classes are full.

**8. RPAV Gathering Carmacks October 4<sup>th</sup> – Brenda:**

This is an annual gathering of all the recreation directions from around the Yukon. This year it is being held in Carmacks. Brenda and Bryan will be there to speak about the 2024 Canada Senior Games and have also been given time to speak about the Yukon Pickleball Association, what we do, and what we can do for communities to help introduce the game in their communities. They will be delivering the YPA Introductory Clinic to the Recreation Directors and will leave a copy for their use. We see this as a great opportunity to promote the growth of pickleball in the communities.

**9. CGC Expo April 21, 2024**

This is being advertised as recreation Expo at CGC for different organizations to showcase what they do. They are inviting organizations to set up table/display.

**10. Tournament January 2024:**

Covered in #4

**Note: Decision made to change our monthly meetings to the third Thursday of the month.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 16th, 2023

Prepared by W. Brennan