

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting  
August 10th, 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 of Elijah Smith Fall Planning. Moved by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda.

**Minutes of July 13, 2023:**

Motion to adopt: Moved by Hector , 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

Presently we have \$6100 in the bank. The June "Fun Tournament" cost us just over \$800 as we did not charge our members to participate. The Yukon Championships in August will generate some revenue as the fees will cover the rental costs and prizes with a small surplus.

**2. Permanent Courts Planning Update:**

**Gord's Update – COW Presentation:** Gord Clark has agreed to prepare a presentation to City Council that presents the case for dedicated pickleball courts in Whitehorse without concentrating on specific sites. Gord is presently out of town and is asking for our patience as he does his research and prepares his presentation, after our review, in the fall. Carolyn Sparks has volunteered to help Gord with the power point presentation to Council which appears to be her specialty.

**Hector – Feasibility Study Application to CDF:** Hector will draft an application for Board review to CDF to conduct a feasibility study that will look at the "big picture" of what is happening in Yukon surrounding Pickleball, look at what is going on in other cities

/towns in Canada and how they have developed facilities to meet the demand for facilities.

**Jim's Update -Interim Facilities:** Tracy Bilsky from Sport Yukon is meeting with the mayor to advocate on keeping the the Polarettes Gymnastic facility as a gymnasium once the new gymnastic facility is complete. In addition, the inter-racket group is also acknowledging that the Polarettes facility has a lot of potential for racquet sports. The first step is bringing a united request to have it remain as a gym rather than being converted to classrooms given the current shortage of gym space currently available.

3. **Policy /Procedure for sign-ups for skill-based RR and drill /skills sessions :**

Mt Mac courts are not getting a high level of use so far with the weather we are having.

Advanced RR have been well supported, Intermediate and especially Beginner RR have not had much take-up. We put the Beginner category in place as there were beginners who expressed a level of intimidation when playing at CGC. We tried to meet that need but clearly is not working.

We will eliminate Beginner and change Intermediate to Open RR where most seem to be signing up. The Thursday morning 8:30 time slot will be reserved for Intermediate /Advanced Skills and Drills sessions starting August 17<sup>th</sup>. Reserve 3 courts with a max of 12 spots. Brenda will prepare a note for Jim to circulate to membership regarding these skill sessions.

Tuesday and Thursday 10:45 time slot will have one court for Group Booking and 3 courts for Drop-In which usually turns in a RR.

4. **August 26<sup>th</sup> - Yukon Championships 2023 Planning:**

Four courts have been booked at CGC. Open level will go from 10:00 – 1:30 and next level from 1:30 -5:00. This gives us some extra time if needed.

Presently it looks like both levels, with 20 participants each, have been filled with a waitlist for the Open category. Waitlist has been created based on the the time and date one tried to register. Participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks as YPA will not be providing and food or drink.

Gord and Karen have volunteered to help with Registration in the foyer the morning of. Board members will also be available to help set up tables / chairs and other administrative details. Many thanks to Jim or doing most of the organization and scheduling of play, Hector for setting up the on -line registration / payment option and

Brenda for the prizes. Media will be invited, and Brenda will bring the prizes for each category. The prizes are hats with the YPA logo and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placing embossed on the hats.

Plan B is that we can use the Mt Mac courts if we are unable to use CGC due to fire situation. Stacy confirmed to Jim that Tennis Yukon is very supportive of this option if needed. That is very positive for us.

**5. Interested Board members:**

Jayme Curtis has expressed an interest in joining the Board. There is plenty of work to do to spread out the workload for the existing Board members. Jim will speak to Jayme to find out what his interest might be, areas where we need some help, inform him of when are meeting are held and if that time will work for him.

**6. Instructor Co-Ordinator Update - Brenda:**

A reminder that we have committed to teach the classes for CGC again this year and are looking for Instructors to commit to teach. The schedule is as follows from the Actice Living Guide:

**Youth 10-13:** Two sessions back-to-back, Thursday September 21, 28 and Oct 5. First class 5:30 - 6:30 and 2<sup>nd</sup> class 6:45 - 7:45. ( 3 classes

**Adult Intro to PB:** Thursdays, October 12, 19 and 26, 5:30 – 7:30. (1 class )

**PB Fundamentals:** First session: Thursday November 2, 9 and 16 (3 classes 5:30 – 7:30).  
Second session: Thursday November 23, 30, December 7 ( 3 classes 5:30 – 7:30).

We are hoping Sheila will commit to the Youth classes and Gord has expressed an interest in helping with these classes. Brenda will check with Sheila and put a note out to the other Instructors to schedule times.

**7. Elijah Smith/Takhini Fall Plan**

Elijah Smith, Friday's 5:00 – 7:00. Start September 8<sup>th</sup>. Open Play RR max 15.

Takhini same times as last two years: Saturday 2:00 – 6:00, Sunday 9:00- 3:00.

Saturday : 2:00 -4:00 Facilated RR will consist of one hour of drills, one hour RR,  
4:00 – 6:00 Personal Court bookings

Sunday: 9:00 – 11:00 Advanced RR, 11:00 -1:00 Strong Intermediate RR, 1:00- 3:00  
Novice Intermediate RR given the number of members we have.

Jim will prepare a note to membership explaining what a Ladder League is and if there is an interest in having one at Takhini this year.

Fees for Takhini / Elijah Smith pass will be \$20.00 per semester.

We have 50 outdoor balls Walter will get to Brenda

Motion by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda, YPA purchase 100 Onex indoor balls as we will supply balls at Takhini and Elijah Smith this winter. All in favour. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12th, 2023 (Walter will not be available)

Prepared by W. Brennan