

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting**  
**June 6th, 2023**  
**12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon**

**Attending:**

Jim Gilpin, Gord Clark, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell, Erik Hoenisch, Andrew Barker, Walter Brennan.

**Call to Order:**

Jim called meeting to order at 12:05

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Agenda adopted. Moved: Hector, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda.

**Minutes of April 6th, 2023:**

Motion to adopt: Adopted with amendment made to Item 11 by Jim to correct some inaccurate information. Moved by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hector.

**Old Business:**

Update on meeting with COW Melody Simard: Jim provided a copy of the 13-page report to Melody prior to their meeting with the intention to discuss the report, provide context, and asked her to investigate the potential specifically to the options on City land – notably the land near the Dog parking lot and land near Robert Service Park.

Melody came to the meeting with a copy of the Tennis Yukon lease of Mt Mac and was prepared to discuss YPA sharing the courts at Mt Mac and a possible rewrite of the lease. This was NOT YPA's agenda.

Melody did review our request with her manager. It was subsequently rejected on principal since the city does not wish to pursue "single purpose uses". The merits of either option were not considered. Jim has asked her to reconsider this position. Instead

Clearly the administration is not supportive of our proposal, and we will need to meet with the COW council to seek approval.

**New Business:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Presently we have \$7665 in the bank. Jim has submitted our Annual Filings to Corporate Affairs. Jim will be reimbursed the \$45 fee . We have received \$1100.00 from COW for Pickleball Fundamentals this year.

**2. June 24<sup>th</sup> Tournament:**

This is a “fun” tournament which we want to open to everyone, not just YPA members. Insurance is the major issue for non-YPA members. Brenda is waiting for a reply from Keri at CGC to see if CGC insurance coverage will apply given this is a one-off event.

We have scheduled 6 hours (10:00-4:00) with with six courts and may accommodate up to 32 players. We anticipate individuals may play up to 8 games depending on the registrations. Gord will research how many we can accommodate in a mass Round Robin. The decision is there will not be a cost and people will be required to sign up as individuals ( no teams) in advance.

Hector will set up a sign- up page on our website with a cut-off 24 hours before the tournament start. Brenda will create a poster and Jim will run the tournament on the day with help from Board members.

Participants will be required to sign in on the morning of the event between 9:45 - 10:15. From there the Robin Robin will be created.

YPA will provide coffee and muffins in the morning. There will be a lunch break of 30 minutes and people will be encouraged to bring a lunch. CGC will charge us for use of tables and chairs in the foyer. Brenda will get 6 hats with the YPA logo for draw prizes at the end.

Board will meet again on June 19<sup>th</sup> finalize plans.

**3. Mt Mac Court Status – Jim:**

Two courts fully painted and another a hybrid of paint and tape. Gord has been working on getting rid of the yellow tape and residue using “Goo Gone”. Jim and Bryan will hopefully finish tomorrow. The wrinkle in the whole process is that the paint supplied by Tennis Yukon was frozen over the winter and cannot be used. Tomko has not provided a recipe so Jim will take a chip of paint to Home Hardware to match the colour, do a test on the green and get Stacy and Tennis Yukon to have a look to make sure it meets their needs. We will then have to repaint over those lines on June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> so the Tennis Tournament will take place. Then a repaint when the tournament is over.

**4. Review / Adjustments to Mt Mac Events - Hector:**

Will stick with the same schedule until the Tennis tournament is over. Brenda has received some suggestions for changes and will adjust after Tennis tournament.

**5. Mt Mac Tennis Court Line Prep – labour for Tennis Tournament:**

Dealt with in Item #3 above. All four courts will have some lines in place outside the tennis court boundary after tournament is finished and it will not be difficult to fill in the lines that have been painted over.

**6. Tennis Yukon Relationship – Next Steps:**

Table until next meeting

**7. Elijah Smith School – Tuesdays starting June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 -9:00 PM**

Programming: Room for 3 courts but very tight, the suggestion is to start with two courts in an Open Round Robin format and monitor what the signup is like and expand to 3 courts if necessary. No charge for this but must be a YPA member to play there.

The hope is also to offer an Introduction to Pickleball for non members one time during the summer. Possible cost will be \$25 which will provide those participating (8) with a YPA membership (\$15 to YPA, \$ 10 to Pickleball Canada for insurance.

Given that sign-ups for Takhini is very low the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and Mt. Mac is now available the Board will finish Takhini one week early. Motion by Andrew: The Board suspend programming at Takhini for for this season on the June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> weekend. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hector, Carried. Brenda will return fobs to CGC and ask if they can be reprogrammed for Elijah Smith.

Jim will send a note to the membership.

Opening / Closing: Gord and Hector will be available for first session to open and close Elijah Smith. Hector will have event set-up for sign-up by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Instructor Training / Pro Clinics 2023 – Discussion / Decision - Brenda:**

Need to start some succession planning for our instructors. To bring Mark Renneson up here to deliver the NCCP Level 1 we will probably need at least 6 months lead time. We can plan for the winter of 2024. Brenda will craft a note to go out to membership seeking interest in Level 1 Instructor training.

**9. Community clinics – YPA Clinic Fees – Brenda:**

There has been interest expressed by several communities for a pickleball clinic. Skagway and possibly Haines. Carmacks, Faro and Dawson up the highway and Carcross, Teslin and Watson Lake going east. Brenda would like to know who may be interested in road trips this summer possibly July or early August. Dawson would like

mid-July. If you are interested in a particular area then Brenda would give you the contact for the community and you contact the community and arrange the visit.

Please let Brenda know what your interest might be. The ideal combination would be to go in pairs. Pickleball is being played in several communities and some may want more than just a beginner clinic, maybe a couple of skills clinics.

We have yet to determine what we will charge but costs should not come out Instructors pocket. Money for gas, food, and accommodation would be a minimum. Most communities do have some money through their Recreation Directors to pay for clinics and it is up to them if they want to charge participants for a clinic.

#### **10. Our Own Courts - Gord:**

Need to take a different approach and not keep circulating around to the different levels of bureaucracy and getting nowhere. Rather than going around looking for a handout we approach the decision makers saying this is what we want to do and where we want to do it. We are not asking for anything more than what has been given to other organizations ( Tennis Yukon and maybe Softball Yukon for examples). There are anomalies. Even if they say there must be public use of the facility that is not an issue. There are many instances where there is public and private use of recreation facilities where there are certain times available for the public and certain times available for club members.

We need to bring the argument forward that it is inevitable, that in time, Whitehorse will have dedicated Pickleball courts like many other communities in Canada. We have data to show it, and most are not sharing with Tennis Clubs. Jim and Gord agree that the next step will be to develop a written and an oral presentation to present to Council. This will provide an opportunity for Council members to ask questions and get this in the public eye.

#### **11. YPA Representative on Indoor Multi-Sport Facility Committee - Jim**

Jim will attend the next meeting which will be next week. We support the concept but not the scale being proposed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Next Meeting: Next Monthly meeting Thursday, July 13th 2023

Prepared by W. Brennan