

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting
March 9th, 2023
12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon**

Attending:

Jim Gilpin, Sue Staffen and Gord Clark via Zoom, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell, Walter Brennan, Erik Hoenisch, Walter Brennan, Sue Staffen

Call to Order:

Jim called meeting to order at 12:06

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved as amended: Brenda, 2nd Jim. (Gord added Item # 9 – Outdoor Courts, Jim added item #10, Sports Camp for Kids.

Minutes of February 9th, 2023:

Motion to adopt: Moved by Hector, 2nd Brenda.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

Presently we have \$7300 in the bank. We received \$200 cheque from COW for Pickleball Fundamentals Course at the end of February. Nothing outstanding.

2. 2023 AGM- March 15th Prep / Reminder Note to Membership /Facebook:

AGM Wednesday March 15th 5:00 -7:00, Sport Yukon Boardroom. Members can attend in person or by Zoom. Jim will send out an additional reminder note to all members and Brenda will post on Facebook as well. Hector will have all the reports posted on the website under 2023 AGM documents and Jim's note will ask members to review the Reports before coming to the meeting.

We presently have 80 members and need 20 members to meet a Quorum of 25 % as required by our Constitution.

Major business at the AGM will be the adoption of the Constitution and by-laws to meet the requirements of the Societies and Board elections.

3. **Yukon Pickleball Day – Recruitment of Volunteers:**

Brenda met with CGC to brainstorm on events for the day. CGC requested a time change from 10:00 – 4:30 to 9:00 -4:00 to meet a schedule change. Yukon Pickleball Day will be Sunday May 7th. It will still be broken down in 3 -2 hour sessions with 6 courts available. This time change will allow for a short break between sessions.

CGC now has a time for families to play on weekends and have Friday evening gym times specifically for youth and would like to include those demographics in YPA day.

They would like to see an Educator's Clinic again as an outreach to communities and schools. Invites will go to Teachers, Coaches and Community Recreation Directors including Quanlin Dun with the hope of filling two to four courts. If we we go with two Educator courts, we can open the other two courts to a Youth (13+) with sixteen places.

The second two hours can be allocated to Family "See It – Try it" where a parent can bring a child to play. The goal of this session would be to introduce the sport to families. The group would consist of 12 adults and 12 kids.

The third time slot can be a Corporate Challenge. One idea is to provide a half hour of instruction and 90 minutes of play time. Companies invited to send teams of two to four people. To make it work we need 24 participants. Maybe a round robin and move as pairs. Examples of corporate group could be Air North, Northwestel, Atco Electric, Yukon Energy, Media, Yukon University, etc. Invites will be sent out to various organizations asking them to participate with a deadline of when to respond.

Brenda will be meeting with the CGC Team in the next week to firm up the agenda and task list for the day. Both YPA and CGC will be setting up tables to provide information and help organize the days activities. Presently Brenda has recruited Anne-Maire DaSilva, Karen LaPrairie and Sue Staffen to help with the administration and anticipate having at least two people per court helping during the day. Most of our Instructors, Board, and some other YPA members will be available to make this another successful event.

4. Takhini Scheduling / Programming:

Ladder League on Sundays this year has been a struggle with a lower participation rate than expected. This has presented challenges both from the aspect of organizing the weekly event and slotting people into their respective divisions. The lack of sufficient numbers to produce accurate data has made it difficult to develop a good rating system that is fair, honest, and transparent. Initially individuals had to sign up for a 4-to-6-week period and we thought this was difficult for people to commit. Recently we have changed to using a weekly sign-up to see if we can increase participation. Individuals can sign up a week in advance with a deadline of Thursday at noon.

Rather than using an e-mail Hector will now start posting the Ladder League groupings and playing times on the website.

Takhini schedule to the end of April will be posted on the website. The facility is not available on April 15-16. Presently programming will be available on the Easter weekend with regular and Facilitated Round Robin on Saturday and a Shot Clinic on Sunday.

Personal court bookings on the Sunday 1:00-3:00 time slot have been underutilized and we will be looking at ways to increase the use of this time over the next month. Round Robins have been very successful, and it may be time to increase the number available at Takhini on Sundays or possibly more open "Skills and Drills" sessions.

5. Board / Director Assignments - Brenda :

Most of the existing Board is willing to stay on if elected. Sue Saffen will not be putting her name forward as she will be spending close to six months out of the Yukon. Thank you Sue for the time and effort you have given to build our sport.

Brenda would like to concentrate her efforts on organizing Special Events and would like to step away from the Instructor Co-ordinator job. She is hoping to recruit a replacement for the job and not necessarily a Board member.

The new Board will be tasked with the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Once the new Board is in place there will be a recruitment drive to establish committees from within the membership to help move the Strategic Plan forward.

6. Spring Cleanup - Jim:

Jim will contact the City of Whitehorse to say we are interested in 2 segments again this year. The COW pays \$300 per segment. Jim will coordinate the event. We will not pursue the Highways and Public Works clean up campaign this year.

7. Porter Creek School Gym (Monday -Friday 6:00 – 9:00 PM, March 27th - May 26th):

Space has become available at Porter Creek Secondary School Gym. Jim will contact the COW to ask if we can have Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. This will allow us to run a Round Robin program during the week for those members who have trouble getting out to CGC during the day.

8. Safety Glasses Update – Brenda:

Brenda brought safety glasses to the meeting for review including those that will fit over eyeglasses. We will require youth to wear eye protection during our clinics and make them available to those who are taking the Pickleball Fundamental Classes if they wish to purchase them for \$5.00.

Motion by Eric: That YPA purchase 20 pairs of regular and 10 pairs of safety glasses that fit over eyeglasses. 2nd Jim. Carried

9. Outdoor Courts - Gord:

Jim will contact Darcy in the COW Land Planning Department to discuss land that may be available to construct pickleball courts with particular emphasis on property near the dog park and along the south access.

10. Sports Camp for Kids - Jim:

Tennis Yukon is running their annual camp again this year to expose younger players to the various racquet / paddle sports (tennis/ squash/badminton/table tennis and pickleball).

Dates are June 19-23 for 8-10 year olds, and June 25-29 for 11-13 year olds.

Tennis Yukon is taking care of booking the CGC and will organize the event. They are asking YPA to if we can provide Instructors 3 days each week for 2 hours a day.

All agree it is a good idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Next Monthly meeting April 13th 2023, 12:00 noon @ Sport Yukon (Changed to April 6th)

Gord will be out town and unavailable in person – Walter to set up Zoom access.