

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting
February 17th, 2023
11:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon**

Attending:

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

Regrets: Sue Staffen,

Call to Order:

Hector to Chair as Jim online but not present. Meeting called to order at 11:05

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved as amended: Brenda, 2nd Hector. (Item #11 -Takhini)

Minutes of January 9th, 2023:

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

Old Business:

1. Review and Adoption of 3 PCO Policies for YPA – Hector Tabled to next meeting:

Hector is waiting for some mandatory policies from PCO that are being revised and awaiting approved by PCO Board.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

Eric is just back in town. CDF will be sending final \$350 payment on receipt of final report submitted by Hector. YPA Received a \$200 cheque from CGC for Pickleball Fundamentals Course. Brenda submitted bill (\$181) for programming equipment purchased.

We are not expecting any major expenses in the near future.

2. 2023 AGM- March 15th Prep and Documents for Members

AGM Wednesday March 15th 5:00 -7:00, Sport Yukon Boardroom. Members can attend in person or by Zoom.

Jim has confirmed with Societies that a legal review is not required to change the quorum of members required to attend our AGM from 25% to 20% of the membership.

Jim will send out the Notification and documents of our AGM via e-mail by March 1st to the membership. We presently have 73 members.

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 :

Yukon Pickleball Day will be Sunday May 7th. Time frame of 6.5 hours similar to last year broken down in 3 -2 hour sessions with 6 courts available.

Brenda will be meeting in the near future with CGC staff and start the recruitment for committee members. Yvonne Clark, MLA Porter Creek Centre, has already contacted us to ask if we are doing the event this year and is willing to both help and play.

4. Strategic Plan – Board Orientation Items - Brenda

We will start the implementation of the Strategic Plan with the election of the new Board in March. Once the new Board is elected we will call a special meeting just to go over the Strategic Plan and try to outline what we want to do over the coming year. We will be making efforts to recruit from the membership at large to play a major role in the implementation as well as trying to recruit additional Board members.

5. New Ladder League Format - Jim

The Board has decided to try a new format for Ladder League registration. We are lead to believe that registration has been low given the time commitment of 4-5 weeks is difficult for many. The new format will permit people to register week to week for Ladder League. The new league will start on March 12th with registration opening on March 5th and closing the following Thursday. Jim had developed a rating system

based on past performance that will eventually put participants in their respective levels that is both fair and transparent. Participants will be limited to 30 with a wait list for spares. The format will still allow for movement up or down the various levels based on your performance each week.

With the work Hector has done on the website it will be easy to sign up under the Events page.

6. Spring Cleanup - Jim:

We will again participate in the City of Whitehorse Spring Clean up events. 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 if Sue is not available.

7. Ball Machine Maintenance

Ball machine is working well but rollers are wearing. The rollers are available at Pickleball Depot where we purchased the Pickleball Tutor machine. Cost for rollers is \$89.95 a pair. The button on the remote is sticking at times and operator needs to be aware of it.

Motion by Jim, 2nd Brenda: That YPA order replacement rollers from Pickleball Depot. Carried.

Walter will contact Pickleball Depot to discuss warranty of both the rollers and the remote control and order rollers.

8. St. Francis of Assisi (Vanier) School Clinic:

Brenda has been contacted by Hillary Semour the Grade 10 PE teacher from to school to put on a Pickleball clinic. The proposed date is March 31st , 10:00- 12:15. They have a gym with 3 courts and 14 students who want to participate. Brenda has agreed and will recruit three instructors to run the clinic.

As part of our risk management efforts YPA will provide approved safety glasses to participants. Brenda will research safety glass options for those with and without regular glasses.

Motion: Eric, 2nd Jim: Move that YPA purchase 12 pairs each of CSA approved safety glasses (for those without glasses and those that fit over glasses) with cases to be used for school-based clinics.

9. Pickleball Courts Land Options:

YPA Board is aware of the Engage Whitehorse Survey regarding the construction of an indoor multidisciplinary racquet facility on land that may be available in Copper Ridge

which may include 4 tennis courts and other racquet sports. The Board is reluctant to endorse until there is a more complete plan to review. **(I had some difficulty wording this section so I am open to suggestions)**

In the interim period, following a letter from the Mayor, Jim will contact Darcy in the COW Land Planning Department to discuss land that may be available to construct pickleball courts

10. Takhini School:

Facilitated Round Robin started off slow but is gaining momentum. Brenda is advocating have an instructor present to do warm up drills to get started and then follow the Round Robin format.

Shot clinic will be expanded to have 8 registered. Four at a time at the ball machine and four at the net. Hector will make the change on the Events calendar.

Given that we now have access to school during Spring Break we can keep going with the Shot Clinics every two weeks. Hector will adjust schedule on Events page to include March 12th and March 26th. Brenda will recruit instructors.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Next Meeting: AGM March 15th next Monthly meeting April 13th 2023, 12:00 noon @ Sport Yukon

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