

Minutes of the
KPI Board of Directors Meeting
Apr 30, 2024 @ 6:15 PM
Kingsville Arena Complex - 1741 Jasperson Dr, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2E4

PRESENT: Helen Dean, Tim Meloche, Rob Dalley, Patrick Cleminson, Bill Speed

President Helen Dean called the meeting to order @ 615pm

Minutes of Oct 16, 2023 meeting to be approved or further discussion

There was nothing that was needed to be discussed upon

Motion to pass was done by Bill

2nd by Rob

BUSINESS ARISING

Bill wanted to thank Tim Meloche and Rob Dalley for running again and coming back to the board.

There was no new business arising. Everything was going to be discussed during individual director reports

INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President

User agreement with Town:

Tim and Helen met with the town representatives on April 29, 2024 and shared our displeasure with the suggested season agreement as it was written. As per KPI's original contribution agreement, we are in full agreement that the town owns the courts. Our court hours as originally negotiated will remain the same. Discussion was held regarding our responsibility for 50% of the maintenance of the courts and what the intention of the original contribution agreement was when written. We maintain our stance that any maintenance fees would be discussed following repair/replacement of the courts to a standard of expectation of new courts. The court repairs remain in litigation between the town and the contractors.

At this time we are in discussions to change this portion of the agreement to a 1 time yearly fee to be paid by KPI in place of the 50% maintenance of the courts. The town would then be responsible for the full cost of ongoing court maintenance. Discussion was held regarding the 50% maintenance and the issues of liability. The town feels that the agreement is very loosely written in terms of maintenance and it creates questionable issues of liability. There is no current agreement in place that determines what "Maintenance" is and this was never completed as the court was not completed to expectation. KPI has fully met with our contributions to the agreement as it is written presently. The town is in agreement that a yearly season fee would be a solution. The season fee to be paid by KPI would be used by the town toward upkeep and maintenance of the pickleball courts specifically. This change would be of complete benefit to KPI as we would not be responsible for any maintenance fees going forward. Our club fees collected would cover the cost of a yearly season fee. The remaining sections of the original contribution agreement would remain in place as would our hours of play. Once a fee amount was determined, an agreement would be written to this effect and signed at a future date.

Tim moves to grant Helen the authority to negotiate a sum with the Town for the flat rate season fee that KPI would pay at the start of the season.

2nd by Bill and Rob

The Town is seeking an Engineering report to determine necessary changes to the courts. The situation remains in litigation between the town and the contractors.

Wind screens - we are still unable to install wind screens as the town was advised by a fencing company that the fencing may not withstand the force created by their use due to the installation issues with the posts etc. Until a resolution to this is in place we are unable to install wind screens.

Tim and Helen shared our concerns with Courtney regarding storage, during the above meeting. Originally we were to be installing a shed within the fenced area of the courts. This has been stalled due to the court repair issues. We have requested possible installation of a shed outside of the courts or an alternative location for storage. In particular the need arises for the storage bins during the winter. As well, storage for our equipment during the season is an issue. Courtney will look into any possible solutions.

Also discussed with the town maintenance crew was the issue of water on the courts. After heavy rains the courts are flooded- in particular courts 5-8. It was requested that a trench be dug and rocks placed around the side just as it is along the other sides of the courts. The flowing water on the courts will continue to erode the surface and the standing water has already had a major effect on certain spots.

Gate Repairs

At this time we are unable to use our swipe cards as the lockbox was vandalized in October 2023 and is still in disrepair. It is currently being resolved by the Town's IT department. Parts for the gate are on backorder. KPI will have full access to the courts at the start of our season. The gates will be unlocked in the morning and locked up by a designated person in the evening at dusk. It is hoped that the gate will be repaired during the week of May 6th and we will again access the courts with our swipe cards.

Gate Swipe cards -any new cards being sold will not have a name printed on them. They will be numbered cards. New members will purchase a card from the town and the town will keep a record of the name matching the numbered card.

Present active members with cards will be able to use them as soon as the gate is repaired. Inactive (those who have not paid club fees) member cards will be deactivated. Should they join the club following the start of the season, their card will be reactivated upon renewal of their membership.

Vice President

Same info with the Town agreement that was discussed with Helen.

Playtime scheduler will be renewed this year. \$35USD a year and will keep pushing people to use it.

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, 2023:

Currently have \$5657.92 in our bank account, a \$25,000 GIC and a \$5,000 GIC that both expire Aug 2024.

Total Funds: \$35,657.92

As of April 30, 2024,

Currently have an additional \$13,440 available to deposit from our 2024 registrations. Plan to deposit the end of May to include any May memberships. We also have 2 refund cheques for injured players that total \$140.

Tax and financial statements are being worked on before the June 30th deadline.

Will wait for an updated agreement before any new updated investments are done.

Bill is Looking to continue his introduction to pickleball course. He will have two sessions for the introduction to Pickleball clinic in May and June.

May 25 & June 1st renting 4 courts for 4 hours - intro to course Bill had such a great response from this program last year and got a lot of new members from doing it. Will be looking at the policy that we have for training because a beginner course might be allowed with our insurance. Thinking of Bill paying for the fees to rent the courts and charging \$5-10 per person depending on if you are a KPI member. Bill will arrange with the Town to set that up.

Email will be sent and it will be listed on our website.

Bill has also set up with the town and is offering youth Pickleball through the Town. It is a 4 week program starting in June.

Director at Large

Bins are set up back at the courts.

KPI Membership is as of Apr 29, 2024, number of members at 193.

Rob would like to discuss the tentative weekly schedule. Thinking of something along the lines of:

11-1pm league play that is organized

430-6pm league play

6-830pm league play

Players will need to sign up this year. No just showing up and dropping in. There will be 4 courts for the league, 2 for open KPI members and 2 for the general public.

A separate email will go out to let people decide when and who may run it.

We may be determining a ranking system this year that would be available but not required. For league play, there will also be some kind of wording to say that if your skill level is too high or too low then they are required to join another level of play.

The first email for leagues will be sent out letting Rob know who wants to run a league. Rob will send out a second email after getting those responses letting all members know what leagues are available and then Rob will sign them up.

Rob would also like to finalize some volunteer groups we should get up and running early in the season (i.e. social and court set up). People are leaving and not here from last year to continue it. A separate email to members just for volunteers will be sent out.

Secretary

2024 Partnership ideas.

If people are interested in getting more information on these partnership ideas please contact the Kingsville pickleball email and that information will be forwarded to that person. Brand Ambassadors, discounts to members etc. are available if anyone wants information on that.

Tshirts -

Keep an eye out on our web page and your email for t-shirts and accessories with the Kingsville Pickleball logo on it. Looking to have this available to members at the end of May.

2024 Member only tournament

We may be looking to run a member only tournament sometime this year. Dates and times are still being looked into and volunteers would be needed to help this run smoothly. If anyone has ideas please contact Kingsville pickleball.

Date of next meeting

Mon June 17 @ 6:15pm

Motion to adjourn @ 8:07pm

2nd by Rob

and Bill.