

Agenda
KPI Annual General Meeting (AGM)
June 25, 2024 @ 6:15 PM
Kingsville Arena Complex - 1741 Jasperson Dr, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2E4

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

President Helen Dean call meeting to order @ 6:14pm

Minutes of Apr 30, 2023 meeting to be approved or further discussion

Nothing to discuss further was mentioned.

Motion to approve by Rob

2nd by Bill

BUSINESS ARISING

Diane Hislop & Carol Dover had asked to speak at the top of our meeting. As our current court monitors there were things that they wanted to bring to the Board Members.

Carol -

Based on our last board meeting there was discussion of having court monitors because we felt that we needed it. We believed that yes we do, we needed them, and we had to define their responsibilities. Carol has relinquished her role as the monitor and Diane is now currently the only one.

The main rules would be paddling up when they have to and ensure that the courts are utilized effectively. We would like to tell all the players who the monitors are and let everyone know their responsibilities. KPI will be sending out an email about greeting members at the courts when they arrive, they would need to listen to the monitors and they need to have the final say where there is no overriding their ruling. They also said that more monitors are needed and the board agrees to that fact.

Diane has two other monitors that would like to include going forward but she told them that there would need to be board approval. Aline La Fleche & Julie Gibson are the names that she brought forward. We have a lot of intermediate players. We now have beginners that want to play intermediate that just started. That would not be the job of the monitors to say where they can and cannot play.

Court monitors are just for court movement. We are 100% going by ratio. Everything goes by ratio based on how many paddles are waiting in their respective paddle pouches. The view going forward should be very fluid, where banners should be moved around (taken off/put up) according to the number of players in the respective levels and how many are waiting.

Wayne Biggley thinks the simple solution would be to supply a hat or name tag for the monitors to let everyone know who they are. He says there are a group of core players that are doing everything. People want to be playing and not supporting/convening and asked the question on how many courts would they be monitoring which would be all of them. Wayne has been a member of the opening group that sweeps/clean the courts and even they had problems on some mornings getting it set up because of the limited volunteers. Have an issue with

small things that are not being done to allow everyone to play. When we divided the skill levels we wanted to make it so others would feel welcome to come and play with other skill levels and not limit them to staying in their own group. We have always had a "self rating" system and people should be able to determine if they are ahead/behind or on the same level of play as others and then should move accordingly.

Carol believes that the biggest problem with recruiting and keeping monitors is that they are not given credibility. Right or wrong they need to make the final call based on the ratio of players. They need consistency. How many are paddled in waiting to play determines the number of courts. An email will be sent out to players reminding them that the courts are based on the ratio of people lined up to play and not on player levels. No one should be disrespected because of the monitor's decision or on any other factor.

Wayne Halpert had a comment that the purpose of the board is to adhere to the constitution of by laws and to make sure everyone is having a good time. We want to accommodate everyone at different levels. Would like to determine the board to give unwavering support to the monitors, and then appeal to the board if needed. At the time on the court, the monitor's decision should be final. If there is any kind of dispute or has a verbal/physical confrontation in breaking of our Code of Conduct then that individual should be disciplined. If more volunteers are needed then they need the backing of the board. We need more monitors, one for each day would be nice especially when monitors are playing. Trying to please everyone is not feasible. Thinks that there is a need to remind members of court monitor responsibility and that they are there. Welcoming committee to let them know about court monitors.

We as the board are 100% in following those rules that are currently set in place.

INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President

Helen first brought up the grass cutting issues and all the clipping being left on the court. She spoke with Courtney about the issue and to remind them to clear the courts if grass gets cut.

More pickleballs were ordered. Franklin X pickleballs were bought. 100 of them were purchased to replace the older and damaged/broken balls.

Drop in fee guidelines that Helen wanted to reiterate that in an email as well. For a person coming out for the first time to learn pickleball and has never played before and looking to see what it's about, that would be free time without a charge. It's only free for people that have never played before, not just people that have never played at KPI before. All members are responsible for collecting fees and asking new people when they enter if they are members.

The season fee update that was discussed last meeting. Helen met with Courtney about our season fee proposal of \$3000. We are still waiting to be approved.

The drainage question that was asked about last meeting. We wanted the front side by the gate dug out and filled with rocks like the other side to prevent rain water running across the courts. Courtney will be talking with the maintenance coordinator but we are still waiting on updates.

Sponsor signs have been added to some of the benches. Our email and registration information is another sign that is above the bulletin board.

The Tuff box purchase suggested by Courtney. We continuously have to move the boxes out at the end of each season. We are looking to replace current boxes with these tuff boxes. Courtney thinks they would be able to purchase one of them and we could buy the others. Looking at getting the Kodiak and the Toteboxx. We are looking at getting 3 boxes purchased and will be placed at the same locations as the current boxes. New and updated locks to be included.

Helen was going to go to the Town to request getting 3 bins or the equivalent dollar amount to purchase them on our own.

Rob made the motion to allow Helen to do this.

2nd by Tim

Helen requested a new wind sock because the old one was damaged. A new wind sock purchased and installed in the same place.

Member tournament was the last on Helen's list. In the minutes before it was mentioned that we wanted to run a member only tournament. Rob was going to talk about it during his portion.

Vice President

None

Treasurer

Financial statements have been completed for our year ending 2023.

KPI has 236 members as of June 20, 2024. Financially we are in good order and have \$21,549 in our bank account, a \$25,000 GIC @ 5% and a \$5,000 GIC @ 3.75%. It must be recognized that 40% of the 2023 fees are marked for future court maintenance with \$10,913.91. Total marked for future court maintenance is \$17,189.41 This figure might change if KPI switches to the season fee of \$3,000 if the Town agrees to that figure. As of June 20, 2024 we currently have \$560 available to deposit from our registrations. We have 2 outstanding cheques totalling \$207.24

Director at Large

Rob thinks that we need 30 more volunteers to help with court management and other tasks to make things as easy as possible. Rob came up with those numbers and not based on the board.

He mentioned that he is going to be talking about Leagues primarily. This is new and we are building and adjusting on what we are doing. We have leagues because the courts were not being used during the evenings. Now the problem is we have way too many members that want to play league and don't want to say no to anyone. There are some leagues that are open and some that are fixed numbers so some subs are needed. Don't need subs for some others as they will be drop in. Don't want subs for leagues that don't need it. Depending on how many people show up on certain nights, to accommodate everyone it may change just to putting your paddle in the pouches and play like the morning setup.

There are 8 courts currently and during the evening 4 courts are not enough for league play currently. 6 are being requested and 2 are left for the public at night. If the public doesn't show up then KPI can use those courts. If members of the public show up then KPI will have to get off those courts. Paddle pouches will be set up for league courts and moved around when not in use or when the public shows up.

There was discussion on determining when KPI non league members arrive and what kind of access to the courts do they have. One option is to use an open public court and rotate around with them. Another option was because they are KPI members they should have access to use one of the 6 KPI dedicated courts which would take away a court from the league play. Drop in play for KPI members has always been available; it was just finding out the best way and how long each group could play on each court.

We wanted the courts to be used and because of the leagues some evenings we have 40-50 members signed up for two of them. Unfortunately there are not enough courts based on the number of league players. It is easy to change league play to KPI member open courts for groups or drop ins. We will start on some nights with 6 courts then drop down to 5 for league play if others show up. 5 courts then drop down 4 for league play if more show up and then it might just change to open play like in the mornings.

The two public courts in the evenings have a time limit of 45 minutes and if KPI members are forced to use one of the public courts they could be waiting to use one of two courts when they should have access to the KPI dedicated ones. Open play for KPI members has always been available.

Other options are using different league times to maximum playing time. Something like starting at 5:30pm or limiting the number of hours for the league. The convenors have to update the number of courts based on KPI drop in. There were other opinions of only having players sign in 1 league and then subs for others for the evening weekdays. People can still only play at one level of league. Cannot do Intermediate on one day and Beginner on another day.

The consensus was to use the 6 KPI courts for League Play. They can also use the two general public courts if no one from the public is using them for a total of 8. If members of the public come, KPI leagues get moved down to 6 or 7 courts. If KPI members arrive for drop in that are NOT in the League, League courts get reduced down to 4 or 5 courts. We are still looking to have convenors run leagues at off times (4pm - 6pm for example) to allow more members to play.

There needs to be a new lock purchased. Helen will look into that.

Rob is looking to run a Member Tournament for July 13. He will talk to Courtney about using all the courts on that day. He is unsure what level he is going to run and what bracket(s) are going to be played.

Secretary

none

NEW BUSINESS

None

Date of next meeting
Tuesday July 23rd @ 6:15pm

Motion to adjourn @ 742pm by Helen
2nd by Bill