

Minutes of
KPI General Meeting (GM)
July 23, 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 @ 615pm

Minutes of June 25, 2024 meeting to be approved or further discussion
Nothing to discuss further was mentioned.
Motion to approve by Bill
2nd by Rob

BUSINESS ARISING

No new business arising from the minutes on June 25th.

INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President

Courtney agreed to pay for two of the Tuffboxes. They have been ordered and should arrive within 30 days. The measurements of these should be very similar to the two current boxes at the courts, just slightly higher. In the future KPI will be purchasing the "tote box" if we decide we need one or getting a pickleball machine.

The Trench around the courts to stop the water will not be happening until the town sees what the engineering report looks like. The engineering report was supposed to be started within 60 days of our last meeting but the Town has not scheduled that yet. All questions get kicked back saying that the town is waiting to see what happens with the court.

To run the engineering report, they would have to shut down the courts for two consecutive days for them to come out and run the testing. Tuesday & Wednesday or Wednesday & Thursday were offered as those consecutive days. Court closure dates will be Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6 and 7th. The courts will be completely closed both days. Courtney will also be posting signage at the courts for those dates and court closure directives.

The engineers will be supposedly looking at the possible deficiencies and what would be needed to bring them up to par. The company that constructed the courts say they are good and were done to specifics. Once the report is in, then the Town will decide what to do. The town will not give KPI answers until the report is completed. We believe the report will say something like if it was built to the proper standards and what might need to be repaired.

The updated season fee/contract that was brought to Courtney about a yearly fee instead of a percentage is still in the process of getting approved. It is in the Town's hands and they will get back to us when they have an answer. Tim will follow up in an email to see if he can get a response. If the Town agrees to a fixed amount each year we may end up reducing our member fees. It will be reviewed at a later date once KPI has received an answer.

The follow up to the defib machine is that it is just staying inside the building. One will not be placed outside to avoid damage by vandalism or weather. The one inside can be used when the arena is open.

The AGM meeting date will have to take place in September because in August there is the Town Camp that is going on and they are using the large room that will be needed for the number of members we have.

Monday Sept 9th @ 9am is currently being set as the date and Helen will confirm that KPI can book the meeting room.

Vice President

-none

Treasurer

As of July 23rd KPI has 250 members. Financially we are in good order and have \$21,127.42 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 \$15,688.75 are marked for future court maintenance with \$10,913.91 of current funds held of future capital expenditures.

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 July 23rd, 2024 we currently have \$1330 available to deposit from our registrations and 1 outstanding cheque totalling \$50.26

The GIC's will both mature on August 18th and there was discussion on what to do when it expires. We plan on reinvesting the same amount with the same values and time frames.

Helen made a motion to renew with the same setup as it is currently in.

2nd by Rob

Taxes were done by Bill and asked about going through an accountant for next time. He will see how it goes at the end of this year when they are due and that might determine if one is needed.

Director at Large

The Town of Kingsville has sponsored the KPI tournament that took place on July 27th & July 28th by giving the courts that are normally marked as public to use for our tournament. There are 50 members that have signed up but there were no prizes as this was a fun KPI tournament. All proceeds are going to the local food bank.

Patrick, Jules, Jude, Wayne, John & Paul all were helping out.

Deb Benwell & Patrick C will be refereeing some of the games when available.

All money has gone through Rob to avoid additional complications because all money goes directly to the food bank and there are no expenditures for prizes or winning teams. New pickleballs are ready for the tournament. Franklin was the ball being used.

Rob plans on running another tournament in September. It is always hard to pick a day based on everyone's schedule. Plans on having one during the week and have Saturday and Sunday just like this one that was put on.

Sept 4th, 7th & 8th are the days that Rob and the Board would be looking at. Rob was looking at some kind of software to help other members see who is playing and have it easier for everyone who volunteers. Because this is not a sanctioned event, tracking online with some programs might not be easy to do.

Some drop in players have paid their drop in fee each time they have played and wanted to know if the money they were paying will be deducted from the total club fee. In the past if people have paid a certain amount of drop in fees, we have reduced it from the total cost of the club fee. Now with us joining Pickleball Canada/Ontario, we will not be doing that because all fees are collected online and KPI does not track the number of times people come into play. It will open the doors to have other members come back and wanting their money back because they paid drop in fees before joining officially.

One of our league convenors came up to Rob with some league issues they were having. One was having non-members play in the leagues and people are trying to play in two different divisions. Rob did talk with the people that were trying to play in two different divisions and league play has and will continue to be KPI member only.

There was one league play question that was brought from Bill. League play was happening and courts 1 & 8 were left open. A league member asked why we were on certain courts that were not in as a great condition to the ones that we were using. Rob made the decision to have 1 and 8 free for the public as they are the first two courts when they walk in. The other reason was because in the evenings there is baseball playing and there have been times when it flies over the fence and goes onto one of the first courts. Rob will look at assigning different courts for the public to use.

League update

Leagues with a fixed number of players are going well. Drop in leagues have numbers that range from 8 to 20. Moving forward in August some leagues will continue to run as they are and are looking to have a split intermediate/competitive league during one night. All availability is based on the convenors.

Membership responsibilities

Rob believes that the KPI board takes on way too much and are again looking for volunteers to help. Looking to have some kind of sub committee that is set up and then that person(s) will come to the board meeting and they will bring the complaints of the members to us.

At the AGM

Clarify to the general members of KPI what our board member responsibilities are. We are not the police force for KPI. People have to be self policing. We as the board are not an HOA but we establish, regulate and direct the policies and objectives of the club. The directors shall direct, review and approve all matters concerning the club. The current way we do things may need to be slightly adjusted because we need support from the members. We need help to have this club run well. It is all of our club, not the Boards club. We will bring some clarity on what the board's accountability is and we need more volunteers and subcommittees to continue to have KPI run well.

Anything beyond the roles listed in the constitution has to be supported by volunteers from the club and if people have grievances then in a formal manner, they can come to the KPI meetings and share their complaints to the board.

Secretary

none

NEW BUSINESS

Date of next meeting

AGM to be confirmed as Sept 9th @ 9am

Motion to adjourn @ 7:32pm by Helen

2nd by Bill