

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting
February 20, 2024
12:00 -2:00 Sport Yukon**

Attending:

Jim Gilpin, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell, Walter Brennan. Regrets: Eric Hoenisch

Call to Order:

Jim called meeting to order at 12:00

Adoption of Agenda:

Items added, #11 Yukon University, #12 Iron Women Camp for Girls, #13 Letter to Minister.
Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

January 15, 2024. Motion to adopt: Hector, 2nd Jim.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

Deferred to next meeting as Treasurer was absent. Walter to submit \$140 credit from Pickleball Depot to YPA.

2. AGM Notice to Members:

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, 6:00-7:00. Sport Yukon Board Room #2. Walter to arrange for Zoom availability and key to Boardroom. Room booked until 8:00 with open discussion following AGM on possibly a rating system like PB Brackets and permanent courts.

Director Reports, 2023 AGM Minutes, and 2024 Agenda will be posted on website for member viewing prior to meeting. As of today's date, we have 123 members and need 15 % for Quorum (19). The format will be the same as last year with the new Societies Act. The membership elects the Board members and those Board members then select the Executive from within their ranks at the next Board meeting.

The Newsletter coming out shortly will be requesting members to join the Board. A five - member Board is just too small to manage the work that needs to be done. The hope is to have at least 7-10 on the Board.

3. City Council Presentation – Status / Date -Jim:

Council meets every Monday and delegates are welcome anytime. Jim has prepared a draft for review and suggests we try to set a date in April to make a presentation in early

May. It is essential we have YPA members fill the Council Chambers during the presentation. Members will be informed when the presentation will take place.

4. PB Brackets – Player Rating System -Jim/Hector:

The intention is to have a discussion after the AGM on the same evening on how Pickleball Brackets may be used as an objective rating system. The intention is to explain how Pickleball Brackets works and to start using it in the summer to collect data so those wishing to hopefully participate in a ladder league in the fall have a place to start. We want to get membership support before we institute it. There is a cost to participate which can be borne by YPA.

Jim will contact Brooke Siver to see if he can come to the Yukon this spring to rate people in preparation for the implementation of PB Brackets. Player rating is part of his business. He is Certified Rating Specialist with the IPTPA (International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association).

5. Ball Machine Use by Members - Hector

A request has come forward for access by some members who will be attending the 55+ Games to help prepare for the Games. Brenda D. noted the Canada Games team will have a meeting in April to discuss preparation for the Games and renting space to train. Presently we do not have enough court space to conduct ball machine clinics for YPA members given the demand we have for our existing space. The Board decided to not lend the Ball Machine to individual members.

6. Summer Pickleball (Racquet Sport) Camp Update - Brenda:

The poster is out, and signups have started. The first session is June 18th and 20th with two 1.5-hour sessions for 6–8-year-olds. The following week, June 25th, 27th and 28th there will be three 1.5-hour sessions for 9–12-year-olds. Most instructors have indicated their preferences and Brenda will confirm assignments based on what people have indicated.

7. Next Steps to Sport Governing Body (SGB) Status:

Walter spoke with Trevor T. from Sport and Rec Branch. While there is not an application per se we have a Board, we are in good standing with Societies, we have had a Yukon Championship, we run programming. While we need to develop policies, we can use existing SGB policies and make them fit our organization. Because of what we are doing SARB recognizes the YPA as the Sport Governing Body of Pickleball in the Yukon.

At Hector's request Walter will ask Trevor if he can draft a letter to PCO noting that YPA is the SGB of Pickleball in the Yukon to follow PCO's requirement of provincial/territorial affiliation. Hector will forward the PCO contact name, e-mail address to Walter.

8. Mark Renneson and Clinics – Brenda:

Mark is available to come to Yukon on dates we asked for: Friday May 31st to Sunday June 2nd. He will run Clinics on Friday from 5:00-9:00 for Canada Games team members, on Saturday 8:00 - 4:00 for a Level 1 NCCP Clinic and on Sunday 8:00 – 4:00 for four 1.75-hour clinics for YPA members. We are waiting for confirmation on the Sunday sessions.

Clinics will not be for Novices as we have enough Instructors to meet that need and may be considered a waste of his time.

Presently we have 10 people interested in the Level 1 so far. Besides the Saturday session there is an on-line component that needs to be completed before certification. There may be some instructors who may be interested in auditing the course. Brenda to check with Mark.

9. Canada 55+ Games Pickleball Update

Some cancellations have happened. This has had impacts down the line for others. There are some people who did not have a partner that have been dropped once the deadline passed. The March 1st meeting (after our February meeting) was well attended and provided an update on airfare and hotel costs. This may be a concern for some participants. The intent is to meet with participants and see how we can train. YPA does not have responsibility to organize this, but we can show take a leadership role. Our Strat Plan does mention supporting training for “higher level athletes”. YPA is not a funder at this stage.

10. Tennis Yukon – Summer 2024

Walter will draft a note to Stacy Lewis at Tennis Yukon to say we are interested in having an agreement to use the Tennis Courts again this summer. The request will include asking the Tennis Yukon Board to include one evening, of their choice, per week be allocated to YPA. Draft will be distributed to Board before sending to Stacy.

11. Yukon University Space

Gym has been renovated. New wooden floor, no bleachers. There is a curtain down the centre that will impact the use for Pickleball. Jim will check with the University regarding the availability to rent and the cost. There are 6 badminton courts. However the space between the mid-gym curtain and the baseline is tight (about 4 feet).

Ian Love spoke to Jim regarding a private rental under the auspices of YPA as has been done with the CGC. Ian was looking for a Certificate of Insurance to give to the University as it is their requirement. Board agrees but is on a case-by-case contract rather than a long term. Each rental contract must be approved by YPA.

12. Iron women- Camp for Girls

Brenda has been contacted regarding teaching an Intro to Pickleball for up to 25 kids in the mornings March 12-14 using YPA equipment. Using our equipment and 2 instructors Brenda suggests \$150 for the sessions.

13. Letter to Minister:

We received a letter back from the Minister who Brenda wrote on our behalf regarding accessing the Yukon portion of federal infrastructure funding for pickleball courts. Alas no funding is available. Taking the political route, we will forward the response to the Opposition to see if there is some traction in our quest for support for permanent pickleball courts.

14. March Break- Elijah Smith School

Takhini not available during March Break. We are back at Takhini March 30th and Elijah Smith on Friday Nights on April 5th.

March Break hours: Elijah Smith: Friday, March 15th and 22nd 4:30-6:00 pm

Saturday, March 16th, 23rd, 2:00 -6:00 pm

Sunday, March 17th, 24th, 8:00 am -4:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 28th , 2024

Prepared by: W. Brennan