

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting
March 28, 2024, 12:00 – 2:00 pm Sport Yukon

Attending:

Jim Gilpin, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell, Walter Brennan, Erik Hoenisch, Doug Harris, Peter Idoko, Francine Thivierge, Jayme Curtis

Call to Order:

Jim called meeting to order at 12:00

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

February 20, 2024. Motion to adopt: Hector, 2nd Jim.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Selection of Executive

Jim Gilpin, President
Hector Campbell, Vice-President
Erik Hoenisch, Treasurer
Walter Brennan, Secretary

Directors: Brenda Dion, Doug Harris, Peter Idoko, Francine Thivierge, Jayme Curtis.

Hector has agreed to stay on as the Yukon's representative on the National Pickleball Advisory Council (NPAC) for the interim period but would like someone else to step up soon.

2. Documents for Societies from 2024 AGM

Jim is waiting for response from Societies to confirm exactly what documents need to be submitted under the new Societies Act now following an AGM.

3. Treasurer's Report – Erik:

We received final \$350 payment from Economic Development for our Strategic Plan development and \$300 from Tennis Yukon for the the 2023 youth summer camps. Presently \$6100 in the bank.

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

Jim has prepared a presentation for City Council on land for outdoor courts and will distribute to new Board members for comment. Council meets every Monday and Jim will make arrangement to make a presentation on May 6th. It is essential we have YPA members fill the Council Chambers during this presentation. Members will be informed of the date via the Newsletter and the importance of their attendance at this meeting.

5. Tennis Yukon / YPA Board Meeting Report on Mt Mac 2024

YPA Board members Brenda, Hector, Doug and Walter met with Tennis Yukon Board on March 27 to review and finalize our 2024 summer schedule at the Mt Mac tennis courts this summer. We will have the same day time schedule as previous seasons, 8:00 – 1:00 daily and will also have Friday and Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm onward. YPA and Tennis Yukon signed an MOU at the conclusion of the meeting. Tennis Yukon does want to review the agreement regarding the evening times at the end of June.

Motion. Moved by Jayme, 2nd Brenda.

Mount McIntyre 2024 Fees for Seniors (55) and students will be \$60 before May 1st and \$70 after May 1st. Adults will be \$105 before May 1st and \$115 after May 1st. All in favour. Carried.

Hector will set up the payment system on the YPA Website.

Tennis Yukon Capital Cup tournament will be held on the July 12-14 weekend, and they are ok with our existing lines on the courts for the tournament.

6. Pro Visits Update: Brooke Siver and Mark Renneson:

Funding: Sport and Recreation Branch has agreed to provide funding of \$3000 to help defray the costs of bringing Mark Renneson and Brooke Siver to Whitehorse in May and June.

Renneson –Clinics: Brenda

Mark arrives on Friday, May 31 and will do a clinic on Friday evening for the Canada 55+ Games Pickleball group.

Saturday: Level 1 NCCP Clinic. There is 11 signed up presently with room for 12. Response has been overwhelming with little advertising. Cost per participant is just over \$300. They are required to register online. There will be additional requirements that are outlined on sign-up to complete online before the clinic begins. Sport and Recreation will help with a subsidy once participants show they have completed all course requirements.

Sunday Clinics: Mark has agreed to deliver 4 skills clinics on Sunday, June 2nd at Takhini. These will be approximately an hour and 45 minutes, each with room for 12 participants. There will be a clinic for Advanced Players, one for Strong Intermediate, one for Intermediate/ Strong Intermediate and a Game Play Clinic for Advanced and Strong Intermediate. Individuals may only sign-up for a maximum of two clinics. The cost will be \$56 per participant per clinic. Participants will be required to sign up online at Third Shot Sports.

Brooke Siver – Assessment and Schedule: Jayme

Brooke will be coming to the Yukon May 10-12 to do player rating assessments. May 10th at Elijah Smith and May 11-12 at Takhini Elementary. The assessment sessions are fully subscribed at 40 participants. Jayme provided a draft schedule from the requests he has received. There is still some fine tuning to do as we get closer.

7. Event Schedules:

Yukon Pickleball Day: Not happening this year.

Pickle Cup with CGC Staff: This is an event with the City of Whitehorse Staff annually. The date is April 25. Jim has been communicating with Keri at the CGC. Keri will likely book six courts for 1.5 hours with possibly 30 participants total.

June Kids Camp - Possible August Camp

The June camps are fully subscribed with a waitlist. YPA Instructors have already been assigned. Tennis Yukon has asked if we can help with an additional camp in early August. YPA has agreed to help and Tennis Yukon will confirm the dates. This may be a good time to engage the new crop of Instructors we will have at that time.

Canada 55+ games Pickleball team:

Sport and Recreation Branch has provided some funding for a clinic with Mark Renneson on May 31. In addition, YPA hopes to organize some training at CGC and possibly at Mt Mac this summer. Mt Mac will require a summer pass and we will have to rent space at the CGC at participant's expense.

Social Event June 21st

This is a Friday evening we have access to the Mt. Mac courts and there may be an opportunity to have a social event for YPA members.

8. Strategic Plan – Comment from Board Members

- **Priorities for New Board** (Deferred to Next Meeting)

9. Instructor Shirts - Brenda:

The Board agrees we should have Instructor shirts when we are teaching classes for COW and whenever we are delivering instruction. Brenda will order two shirts (one male and one female with our logo) for our review. Instructors will pay for their own shirt; cost will be approximately \$30 per shirt.

10. Summer Planning / Indoor Booking Options– Brenda Jim

There is an opportunity to secure some bookings at the schools this summer. We will be requesting evenings at Ecole Emilie Trembly from 5:00 -7:00 and 7:00-9:00 preferably on Tuesday and Thursday but will take Monday and Wednesday.

The Board has drafted a tentative schedule for Mt Mac tennis courts that will evolve over the summer.

11. Alternate Court Booking Options – Hector (deferred to next meeting)

12. NPAC Report – Hector

Hector has submitted his report to PCO and is on our website under the 2024 AGM folder.

13. Sport Governing Body Status – Walter

The YPA is now officially recognized by the Yukon Government's Sport and Recreation Branch as the Sport Governing Body of pickleball in the Yukon. Trevor Twardochleb has sent a confirmation note to Barry Petrachenko at Pickleball Canada.

Given that we are now the Sport Governing Body, Trevor is encouraging YPA to apply for funding under the Sport Foundation Grant this year. There will be some money available, but the deadline is April 15th. Francine has thankfully volunteered to lead the charge on this with a lot of support from the Board.

14. Hidden Valley Private Booking

We have a YPA member who would like to book time at Hidden Valley this fall. The Board does not have a problem with this if it does not jeopardize our ability to book other schools this winter. Jim will check with Patrick at the City to make sure.

15. Order Equipment:

Motion Brenda: Jim to order 200 outdoor balls, 2nd Hector. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 18th, 2024. Jim will do the minutes as Walter cannot attend.

Prepared by: W. Brennan