

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes (draft)
April 18, 2024
12:00 -1:30 Sport Yukon

Attending: Jim Gilpin, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell, Walter Brennan, Peter Idoko, Francine Thivierge, Jayme Curtis

Regrets: Doug Harris, Erik Hoenisch

Call to Order: Jim called meeting to order at 12:07 pm

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector

Minutes of last meeting:

March 28th, 2024, Motion to adopt: Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector

New Business:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** The bank account currently is at about \$8,700 – which includes the \$3,250 from Sport Yukon for the Renneson/Siver visits.
2. **City Council Presentation:** A delegation (presentation) to Council, on topics not on a city council regular meeting agenda is only permitted at a standing committee. The proposed presentation, asking for city support for our pursuit of outdoor dedicated pickleball courts is scheduled for May 13.
3. **Opening Date Mt. Mc. courts:** Unknown at time of meeting. However, we now know that a wind screen work party is scheduled for 10 am-noon, Saturday, April 28.
4. **Pro Visits update:**
 - A) **Brooke Siver** (certified rating specialist with IPTPA) will be rating 40 players (10 groups of 4) over the May 10-12 weekend. He has paid for his flight (about \$1,000) for which we need to reimburse him. He has arranged to stay with a friend. Jim will check to see if he requests a per diem, and if so, how much. The players have paid \$35 for the rating assessments which was collected by YPA on behalf of Brooke. Thus, YPA also owes Brooke \$1,400. YPA has organized practice assessment sessions from 2-4 pm on the four Sundays prior to Brooke's visit. **Note: if a player cannot attend the clinic please contact Jayme Curtis, jayme.curtis@hotmail.com who has a list of potential subs.**
 - B) **Mark Renneson** will deliver 3 clinics on the weekend of May 31-June 2. **On May 31** from 5-9 pm he will be offering a clinic to the Canada 55+ participants at the CGC. The cost of this clinic has been paid by the Sport and Recreation Branch (Yukon Government). **On June 1**, from 8 am-4 pm he will be offering a NCCP "Instructor 1-Introducing Pickleball" course to 12 aspiring pickleball instructors at Takhini School. Upon successful completion participants will be reimbursed \$100 by the Sport and Recreation Branch. The total course cost: \$304.45

On June 2, from 8 am-4 pm, at Takhini School, he will be offering four 1 hour and 45-minute sessions, through his company, Third Shot Sports <https://www.thirdshotsports.com/>. These sessions are only available to YPA members. Mark will send us a link to allow players to register. The cost is \$56 per person per session. The first session, from 8 am-9:45 am is intended for advanced players. The second session, from 10:00 to 11:45 am is intended for strong intermediate players. The third session, from 12:15 to 2 pm is intended for intermediate and strong intermediate players. The fourth session, from 2:15-4 pm is an open play session where Mark will periodically interrupt the game to offer his observations and suggestions. This is intended for advanced and strong intermediate players. Players may sign up for a maximum of 2 sessions.

5. Event Updates:

- a. **Pickle Cup.** It is scheduled for April 25 from 4:30-7 pm at the CGC. All 6 courts are available. The plan is to have 24 city staff and 6 YPA members play in a round robin format. YPA members who have offered to participate are: Jayme, Jim, Francine, Brenda, Bryan and Gary.
 - b. **Summer Multi Racquet Sport Kid's Camp.** YPA instructors will provide instruction to three camps this summer: the third camp is July 29-August 2. We hope that some of the new instructors will have an opportunity to assist in these three camps.
 - c. **Canada 55+ Games.** YPA has set aside 5-9 pm on Thursday evenings at EET for the Canada 55+ pickleball team to train and practice. From 5-7 pm is for 3.5 players. From 7-9 pm is for 3.0 players. On Sunday evenings, YPA has set aside our time at Mt. Mc. for the 55+ team. From 5-7 pm is for 3.5 players. From 7-9 pm is for 3.0 players.
6. **Strategic Plan:** tabled until the next meeting. New board members asked to review the plan and the implementation plan to discuss possible roles they may wish to assume.
7. **Instructors' Shirts** Brenda ordered two shirts to test. She was not satisfied with the material. So she has requested a different shirt, with different material, this one teal colour.
8. **Summer Planning.** We have an abundance of court time in the summer, compared to the winter. We have mapped out a plan for court allocation that will be valid in May. Sometime in early June we intend to start offering Pickleball Brackets ladder league play.

Yukon Pickleball Association Early Summer programming schedule

MT MCINTYRE TENNIS COURTS							
TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 AM- 11 AM	Round Robin Advanced (10) 2 courts	Group booking 2 courts	Round Robin Strong (10) 2 courts	Round Robin Intermediate (10) 2 courts	Round Robin Novice (10) 2 courts	Round Robin Advanced (10) 2 courts	Round Robin Strong (10) 2 courts
	Group booking 2 courts	Round Robin Novice (10) 2 courts	Group booking 2 courts	FACILITATED RR (10) Advanced/Strong 2 courts	Group booking 2 courts	FACILITATED RR (10) Novice/Intermed 2 courts	Round Robin Intermediate (10) 2 courts
11 AM -1 PM	Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts	Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts	Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts	Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts	Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts	Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts	Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts
	Group booking 1 court	Group booking 1 court	Group booking 1 court	Group booking 1 court	Group booking 1 court	Group booking 1 court	Group booking 1 court
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5 PM-7 PM	Canada Games 3.5 Training 2 courts		Drills- + Ball machine (12)		Canada Games 3.5 training 3 courts	Group booking 4 courts	
	Round Robin Open (10) 2 courts						
7 PM- 9 PM	Canada Games 3.0 training 2 courts		Round Robin Open (15) 3 courts		Canada Games 3.0 training 3 courts	Round Robin Open (20) 4 courts	
	Round Robin Open (10) 2 courts						

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(X)- indicates # of spots available for sign up

9. Alternate Court Booking Options Given the increase in booking times, and the time required to set up bookings using our current system (Trackie), Hector will investigate other options, such as SignUpGenius, to see if these will require less work.

10. Pickleball Brackets We intend to start using PB for ladder league play in early June. For this to be successful we will need good participation. We intend to run two ladders per week, one during the week, and one on the weekend. The time required, and the number of courts needed will depend on the number of players who sign up. If 20 or fewer sign up, we will only need 4 courts and we will set aside 11 am -1 pm. If more than 20 sign up, then additional courts will be required in the earlier time, 9-11 am. Details on how to register in PB and how to sign up for a PB event will be provided in May. Submitting the results of PB games will be the responsibility of the players. Thus, a phone with data will be needed. A “how to” document will be prepared to assist players.

- 11. NPAC report (Hector)** New members who join on or after September 1, will not need to renew until the following December. In other words, a new member could have up to a 16-month long membership the first year.
- 12. Sport Foundations application** Francine co-ordinated an application for funding, with a deadline of April 15. YPA has applied for approximately \$24,000 to support a variety of equipment and programming needs.
- 13. Multi Racquet Sport Initiatives** Several months ago YPA decided that we should not participate in the project to build a racquet sport facility that would have dedicated courts for squash, tennis, table tennis, badminton and pickleball. We withdrew from the monthly meetings. The main impetus was knowing how loud indoor pickleball can be, and how incompatible it would be with other sports happening concurrently. It appears that the committee has now decide that tennis and pickleball lines could be placed on the same surface. This implies a willingness to share this space at different times. Thus, YPA will rejoin the Racquets Sports Committee. Peter has offered to come with Jim to the next meeting. We will also attend a meeting with YG to discuss the future of the former Polarettes gym. And we have offered to participate in a multi sport tournament (currently being planned) and tentatively scheduled for September 14-15
- 14. Sport Yukon renewal:** Jim moved, and Brenda seconded that we renew our annual membership (\$350). Erik to write a cheque, and Jim to deliver early next week.
- 15. Annual Report:** Jim has requested a “key” (a 6-digit alpha-numeric number) from Corporate Affairs so that he can submit our report digitally. Will be submitted next week.
- 16. Meeting adjourned 1:30 pm**

Next Meeting: Thursday May 16, 2024, noon.