

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 27th, 2024
12:00 -1:30 pm Sport Yukon

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

Regrets: Erik Hoenisch, Francine Thivierge

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

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector

Minutes of last meeting:

May 23rd, 2024, Motion to adopt: Moved By Brenda, 2nd Jim

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

Eric is unavailable but provided an e-amil update of the account. There is \$6657 in the bank account. We have expenditures of \$416.60 for Instructor shirts and expenses coming forward form Summer Solstice event.

2. Correspondence from Mayor Cabot and next steps:

The letter noted our preferred location may not be available, but that City Parks and Recreation Department would be looking for alternatives sites to build pickleball courts. A video of a council discussion posted on the Pickleball Facebook page is suggesting we may hear of a possible site this summer. Jim will contact Melodie Simard from Parks and Community Development to arrange a meeting to discuss next steps and possible locations. Jim has also identified property near the Copperbelt Mining Museum that is dedicated public space and zoned FP (Future Planning) as another option to consider.

3. Solstice Event at Mt Mac – June 21):

This event was a roaring success with 48 participants. Potluck provided a large variety of dishes including those from various ethnic backgrounds. Special thanks must go to Brenda and the fabulous volunteer group she put together. Kudos to Shannon Wyers for the Photo Booth, Anne Milton for the Door Prizes, Lindy-Jo and Caroline for the Music and our esteemed President for the new "Gilpin Game" – teams of 3 players, a hit with all participants.

4. Ladder League Update – Future at Mt Mac:

We had hoped at least 60 would join the new Pickleball Brackets' Whitehorse Pickleball Club and sign up for the Summer Ladder League, with at least 30 signing up to play each day. Due to a lack of interest, the summer ladder league was cancelled. We will attempt to have a fall ladder league using Pickleball Brackets.

We will make some slight changes to the Mt Mac schedule. On Wednesday mornings in the 9:00-11:00 time slot we will try an Up /Down Round Robin (like what we had at the Solstice event) limited to 16 registrants. An explanation note will be sent to the membership. The 11:00-1:00 time slot will remain an Open RR for 20 registrants.

On Saturdays the 9:00-11:00 time slot will be for Drop-in. Come and go when you like, but still need to sign up for statistical purposes. The Saturday 11:-1:00 time slot will remain an Open Round Robin for 20 participants.

5. Ecole Emilie Tremblay:

Jim will test the fob this week. We have the school from 5:00-9:00 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. On Tuesdays we hope to use the ball machine on one court in the 5:00-7:00 slot and 2 courts for RR. The 7:00-9:00 slot will be used for RR. On Thursdays the courts will be used for Canada 55+ Games Training. The time slots will rotate week to week between the 3.0 and the 3.5 groups. Hector will set up the schedule on the website for registrations.

6. Program planning – Ball Machine Leads:

Open-Closing at Ecole Emilie Tremblay will rotate between Board members as needed. Jayme has volunteered to start. Brenda and Bryan will run the first session with the ball machine once they determine if it is working correctly.

7. Canada 55+Games update:

The pep rally was a real success with nearly 100 participants. The City and YG representatives were there to wish the team well. The flag and banner carriers were announced. Members of the Whitehorse Community Choir opened the evening with a rendition of O Canada in 3 languages. We were treated to some music and our games 'theme song' from our Kitchen Party crew – which included "two of our own" Pickleballers (Lindy-Jo and Terry).

8. Racquet Sports Camp Update and Camp #3:

The general feeling is that the 6–8-year-olds require a lot of baby sitting given the maturity level of the kids. Colleen Clark did an admirable job in leading this group.

The 9-12 age group were more apt to learn the pickleball skills and showed improvement with each session.

Camp #3, 9–12-year-olds, will run 9:15-10:45 each day and held on July 30th, August 1st and 2nd. Jim, Hector and Walter have volunteered to do the last camp. YPA will get a total of \$1080 for the three camps.

9. Alaska International Senior Games:

Ten athletes will be attending these games in Alaska in August (8 Pickleballers and 2 in Track). An application has been submitted to Lotteries on behalf of the pickleball players to help with travel costs (\$200 per athlete).

10. Youth Membership Costs– Hector

The cost for Youth and Senior Mt Mac passes are the same. YPA does not yet have a distinction for YPA membership given the low cost of an existing YPA membership.

11. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) / Q&A:

Board members have been asked many of the same questions over and over that have been addressed through our Newsletters and various posts over the last year. The Board has decided that we will set up a separate Tab on our website to try to answer the most common questions we get. ie: How do I sign up / register for the Mt Mac Courts? How much does it cost? How do I contact other YPA members? Etc. Jim with input from Jayme and other Board members will start to craft a list of the most common questions we get.

12. Written lateness policy for RR Events / Non-registered Drop-In:

We have had a couple of incidents where individuals have signed up to play and shown up after RR play has started. An added complication is some other individuals have “dropped in” to play without signing up to play and take the place of the missing member who later shows up. The result is conflict.

The Board will develop a policy on individuals arriving late for the Round Robin events and “drop -ins” filling in. There will be a grace period: if an individual arrives before the start of the second game of the Round Robin the “drop -in” will relinquish the spot to the registered member. If the registrant arrives after the start of the 2nd game of the round robin, they relinquish their spot, and the “drop-in” fills that position. In addition, Drop-In is not recommended for RR play and time will be scheduled for Drop-In where individuals can come and go as they please

13. Pickleball Tour from Ontario – Hector:

There has been an inquiry from a tour company in Ontario who will be bringing clients to the Yukon in September 2025. Hector will get back to them with some questions to find out exactly what they are looking for and how many people.

14. YPA Bookings at CGC -Jim :

The CGC set aside several time slots for next year for YPA. These times were regularly booked as “private bookings” by various YPA members last year. YPA has supported private bookings by members if the times do not conflict with YPA programming. We decided to relinquish the times that CGC wished to allocate to YPA, and to continue with the policy of supporting private bookings.

Meeting adjourned 1:35 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday July 18, 2024, noon.

Walter Brennan