

Minutes of
KPI Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Sept 9, 2024 @ 9:00 AM
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 @ 9:05am

Minutes of July 23rd meeting to be approved for further discussion
motion by helen
2nd by bill

Helen introduced herself and everyone on the board. She thanked everyone who was at the meeting and all club members that make the club as it is.

Questions were welcome at the end and during the meeting if people had questions on that specific topic that would be discussed.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nothing to discuss further was mentioned.
Motion to approve by Helen
2nd by Bill

Minutes are always posted to the website and sent out to all members in an email.

INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President

The Town purchased the new bins and the umbrellas so a thank you was mentioned to them. The bins were purchased because the old bins were breaking over the winter and the contents always had to be emptied and stored at someone's house. These bins are year round bins that can store our items until a shed can be built. Shed was originally set up in the plans but can't be secured to the fence. Jude can take pouches and other items so that they do not get damaged over the winter freeze.

Looking for pallets to set up under the bins to lift them up incase of the rain as there are tiny holes that water and ice might enter.

Court updates

A year into this process and there are no new updates. There are no updates on the engineering report. The Town is waiting on the company that did the report but because it is litigation KPI might not even get that data. Bill let

everyone know that Tim & Helen are on top of it. They are emailing and calling to find out more information but at this time there is nothing new.

The Town proposed a season agreement. Right now we have an agreement that when the courts were built that KPI would maintain 50% of court maintenance fees. The Town asked if changes could be made because of the litigation and asked why it was set up like that in the first place. Helen proposed that KPI would pay a yearly fee of \$3,000 instead of the 50%. The Town has tentatively agreed to that amount and KPI is working on the new agreement. Looking for a 3-5 year contract instead of a yearly one.

Tim jumped in, mentioning that we were looking to protect what KPI already has because of the original rights and usages that were set up when the courts were built. This arrangement will work better for the club and clarify the rights that KPI has to the courts. The gate cards are one of the issues that the Town keeps bringing up that each and everyone needs to have a card. We won't know more about that until the agreement is in place. It will be made to all KPI members once it gets signed by all members.

A few questions were asked about the swing gate or cameras but no alterations until legal ramifications have been cleared. Cameras can not be installed either. We always need to increase our court usage for our off time when KPI is not using it so we don't lose our time as the Town has mentioned that to KPI is the past.

Public times are not our responsibility as KPI members. We are not responsible for the public comings and goings. All KPI members have access to the gate cards. If the lockbox doesn't work, collect the money but don't let them in for free. If there have been multiple times where the public has been notified that the box won't take their money then please send an email to KPI and we can pass that message along to the Town. Personal preference/choice up to each individual. It does say \$4 per play regardless of the number of public players entering. During club hours please collect the \$5 fee. No non members should be coming into the courts without paying. Either have them pay you the fee or put the money into the lockbox. Your swipe card is for you only.

Ball purchases have been made again. We all know that they get cracked and broken. Helen feels that we go through a lot of balls either because they are broken or someone takes them. She goes a week or two without providing balls then 50 needs to be added then the week after more need to be added. Weather will now be affecting the balls and in the summer they end up warping and cracking.

There will be elections in the spring. 3 seats available on the board (Patrick, Helen, Bill are done their terms) In spring emails will go out to have nominations to fill these seats. The last 2 rounds of elections there were only enough applications to fill the exact number of seats required. Helen strongly welcomes people to put their name forward if they would like to do it.

All the board members went through the roles that each one of them does. You are not applying to fill a certain position when you apply but based on discussion board members can rotate positions. The Treasure fills out all the banking reports, the Taxes, paperwork. The Secretary takes notes on all of the meetings, answers emails that go to KPI, updates the website, sends out mass emails to everyone. The President has mentioned things that she already does, hearing everyone's information, trying to sort issues out. Rob runs the leagues, manages the volunteers. Tim has been a tremendous help in dealing with the lawyers in dealing with the court. Looking into grants and funding and it evolves to what is needed by the club.

It makes it easier setting up things that the board wants to do, everyone's on board and not getting pushback from the members. Everyone helping out makes this club run smoothly.

Name tags - A KPI member does create the name tags for \$8. They can easily be made and then be given to the person. Helen can collect the money, send the name to Helen and she can pass the information along.

Vice President

The playtime scheduler will not be renewed as it's not being used. TeamReach has been used to connect with others and was used for leagues this year.

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

As of September 9th KPI has 256 members. Financially we are in good order and have \$23,550.43 in our bank account, a \$26,253.42 GIC @ 4.7% and a \$5,188.01 GIC @ 3.5%. 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 September 9th, 2024 we currently have \$100 available to deposit from our registrations and 1 outstanding cheque totalling \$614.70

Total fund available from KPI is \$54,477.19 Tim mentioned that we are a non-profit and the money will not sit there forever. Once the court updates have run its courts this money is earmarked to purchase equipment and items for KPI members. We would then have to collect money to cover the \$3000 season fees, money for pickleballs, pouches, league & tournament purchases. KPI is committed to these courts so wind screens, shed, and lights are all looking to be purchased. Once the agreement has been agreed upon hopefully by the end of the season, next year our club fees will be able to be reduced to around \$55 instead of the current \$70. There will still be a \$10 fee to Pickleball Canada and \$10 fee to Pickleball Ontario as that is required for our insurance.

Director at Large

Rob would like to first send out thank you to everyone that helps out. He has a large list of names that he wanted to recognize.

Welcome committee, our morning crew, court monitors, convenors, Jude and Murray H. for making pouches/bags & the umbrella holders, signage, apparel t-shirt work, league volunteers, Facebook page organizer, members who helped at clinics and tournaments. Rob wanted to thank Tim and Helen working behind the scenes to get things done.

There were two tournaments that were offered this year. The first one had 52 players and a \$20 donation so \$540 was raised for the Kingsville food bank. The second one had 46 players and with additional donations just over \$1,000 was raised for the Kingsville food bank.

League Play.

It is always based on convenors. That person would tell Rob what they want to run then Rob helps them set that up. Would like to have all levels spread out over the week and weekends. If interested let Rob know and he will work all the information out with you. Would like to have drop in play at night but only have 6 courts at night. 4 courts for leagues and 2 for drop in. Leagues are always open at night if you don't want to do league play.

Friday night and Saturday morning we are looking for member participation. We are calling it the Friends and Family play. It would be a drop in fee of \$5 once, and can be used for the rest of the season when that person comes with a member. The Waiver form is in the Red binder for people and they need to sign it and someone needs to sign and witness it. Please collect the \$5 for this and give it to a member of the board. If they are a member of Pickleball Canada they do not need to sign that waiver.

Next season information was next on the agenda. He is always looking for more conveners that would like to get involved. Looking for ideas in running tournaments and leagues and suggestions from the members on what you would like to see happen. Looking for volunteers next year. They are always needed. People can always join the social committee, set up crew, welcome committee and hope that people doing it this year will continue it next year. Another idea that was brought up was having someone convene a session for drilling. Courts are always available to drill during off hours .

Communication to members is done through our KPI website and emails & Facebook to give information to all our members.

Secretary

-none

NEW BUSINESS

Strong perfume was used and looking to maybe go scent free for next year. Please be courteous of what you are wearing. There is a large and small First aid kit that is in the bins. Links for incident reports will be sent out next year to where to find them if someone had a major injury on the courts. They can be found on the Pickleball Canada/Ontario website as we each have our own individual insurance when signing up.

Snow fences have been set up by Bill Speed to stop balls from leaving courts. Looking to have a fence high enough to stop the balls during KPI only hours. Magnet strips or someone with a skill set to make them is always available. Jude has taken this on and some are installed already on the courts. KPI will pay for materials if someone else has ideas on how to keep the balls from leaving their respective courts.

Highschools can use time and partnering with the Town and they have that restriction to use the courts and they are dealing with running all of that. Bill Speed ran 2 clinics through the town this summer for teens.

Will not be limiting the number of members right now. We will see when we get to that number where we can't play anymore.

Date of next meeting

Board meeting Oct 21st @ 6pm

People are always welcome. They can send emails that will be discussed at the meeting

Motion to adjourn by Helen

2nd by Bill