

Yukon Pickleball Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday March 12, 2024

6:00 PM

In Person and Zoom

1. Called to order: Jim Gilpin 6:01- Hector Campbell Chair
2. Establishment of a Quorum – 24 required, 34 members in attendance (attached)
3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda, Colleen Clark, 2nd Hector Campbell
4. Approval of Minutes of last AGM, Wednesday , March 15th, 2023:
Motion by Sheila Senger, 2nd Brenda Dion : To approve the minutes as no errors were indicated. Carried
5. Reports: The following reports were all posted on the YPA website under AGM prior to the meeting for members to review.

5.1 President's Report presented by Jim Gilpin – Jim thanked the Board for the efforts that helped YPA move forward this past year. Last year we did more than we had expected, we had more issues than expected and we had incredible growth. When we published the Newsletter in March 2023 we had 87 members, by the end of the year we had 205. We are already up to 125 members this year. So going forward we expect reach the 200 mark again this year. We can attribute a lot of that growth to the Pickleball Fundamentals courses we teach for the City of Whitehorse as well as many showing up with little or no experience.

Our biggest challenge is the demand for court time exceeds our supply particularly during the winter. During the summer we are very fortunate to have an agreement, negotiated annually, with Tennis Yukon for court space but only until 1:00 in the afternoon.

Programming Challenges: As an organization we are striving to meet the various needs of our members be that recreational /social as well as meeting the needs of more competitive members. At Elijah Smith and Takhini we have a schedule of Round Robins and at Takhini we have also scheduled

times for Group Play and “Skills and Drills” sessions. We built “facilitation” (instruction with drills) into the tiered round-robins, with the drills adapted to the different skill levels. Ideally, during the subsequent 1.5 hours of round-robin play, skills practiced in the 30-minute teaching session were reinforced.

As well, we offered a tiered system of competitive round-robins. We started with three levels this fall and expanded to four levels of play. In theory, players within each level are similar in skill and thus can enjoy competitive play amongst their peers.

Adopting Pickleball Brackets (PB) and requesting that all players establish a rating is one way to objectively rank players within a club, and to use those rankings to group players into competitive groups. We will discuss the pros and cons of adopting PB after the 2024 AGM.

Summer Play: Over the last several years, Tennis Yukon, thankfully, has agreed to allow us to play pickleball on one of the four tennis courts. We hope to continue this arrangement until we have our own outdoor courts. Indoor We also had access to the Elijah Smith gym for 3 hours each Tuesday evening.

Yukon Pickleball Day, May 7. Again, this May we participated in Pickleball Day. This gave us another opportunity to introduce people to the game.
Tournaments

We hosted three tournaments this year:

- A fun tournament on June 24, with 32 participants
- Yukon Championship, on August 26, with two levels of play: Intermediate and Open, with 20 players in each level. This was limited to YPA members, which included some players from Skagway.

5.2 Treasurer’s Report / Presentation of Financial Statements Year Ending December 31, 2023- Eric Hoenisch.

Yukon Pickleball Association has net assets of \$ 12,886 as of December 31, 2023, consisting of cash and other assets \$6,513 and equipment of \$6,373.

Brenda Dion and her team of Instructors continue to be active teaching Pickleball Fundamentals for the City which earned \$1,910 for YPA.

Membership fees are recorded on a cash basis (i.e. when received) which resulted in a variation between 2022 and 2023. The major expenses were various supplies related to tournaments, equipment and general operations

Motion by Yvonne Clark, 2nd Francine Thivierge: To accept the financial report and and financial statements as presented. Carried

5.3 National Pickleball Advisory Council (NPAC) Report – Hector Campbell

YPA is asked for our input as issues arise at the national level despite being a small player on the national level. There has been approximately a 20% annual growth in pickleball across Canada with over 1.5 million playing.

2023 was a busy year for the advisory council. PCO membership has now surpassed 60,000 in Canada.

Yukon Pickleball Association continues to make use of the following services from Pickleball Canada:

- Use of their website software and club website hosting and design linked to Pickleball Canada website.
- Use of their event scheduling and signup software.
- Work on updating PCO bylaws remains a work in progress.
- PCO is currently revising its screening and safe play related policies to reflect the new requirements by the Minister of Sports for adherence to Safe Play federal policies for all national sport governing bodies.
- Work continues on updating PCO bylaws
- Insurance coverage continues to be provided for all PCO and YPA members playing in Canada through PCO insurance policy.

The benefits of Pickleball Canada for us is we use their website for registering members and to collect fees, PCO provides individual insurance coverage for members for \$10

5.4 Instructors Group Report – Brenda Dion

The minutes here reflect a snapshot of the activities that YPA Instructors were involved with this past year. The full 5-page report has been made available on our website under the 2024 AGM banner.

It has been another very busy year for our YPA Instructors group. Pickleball continues to grow at a fast rate in the Yukon. The demand for lessons at the Canada Games Centre in Whitehorse continues with waitlists for all our classes.

Community and School Clinics are conducted when time and instructor availability permits. With 9 certified Instructors capacity to meet the ever-increasing demand is still a concern. In May 2024 Mark Renneson will be coming again to conduct another NCCP Level I Instructor's course.

Last year YPA had to prioritize where to put our instructors and decided on:

- beginner courses through the Canada Games Centre (CGC),
- YPA members skills/drills sessions,
- community outreach
- school clinics.

Most YPA Instructors now have many hours of instructing completed and are competent at delivering our Introduction and Fundamentals programs. In addition, our Instructors deliver the skills and drills sessions for our Facilitated Round Robins. A big "Thank You" goes out to all our Instructors who are volunteering their time to make this happen.

6. Election of Officers as follows:

With the new Societies Act organizations elect a Board of Directors and at their next meeting that Board will select the Executive positions from within, ie: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

John Streicker ran the election, we can have up to 12 Directors on the Board. Presently we have 6 positions filled but have room for more. All existing Directors were willing to stay on: Jim Gilpin, Eric Hoenisch, Walter Brennan, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell.

The new Directors nominated were Jayme Curtis, Peter Idoko, Francine Thivierge, and Doug Harris

Note: We are going to need members help to implement our Strategic Plan and move toward having the Yukon Pickleball Association recognized and the Sport Governing Body for Pickleball in the Yukon

7. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 6:10, Jim Gilpin, 2nd Hector Campbell

Members attending: (34)

Lisa Abel	lindy Jo Aston
Mike baker	Gunter Balsam
Christiane Boisjoly	Hector Campbell
Coleen Clark	Bryan Craven
Yvonne Clarke	Neil Copestake
Jayne Curtis	Anne-Marie DaSilva
Brenda Dion	Jim Gilpin
Erik Hoenisch	Doug Harris
Melanie Harris	Peter Idoko
Cory Hoehn	Ken Kiemele
Ian Love	Walter Brennan
Joanne Love	Erin Loxam
John Periera	Rosemary Plaskett
Dennis Senger	Sheila Senger
Tristan Sparks	John Streicker
Francine Thivierge	Caroline Watt
Stephen Word	Kathy Zrum

Following the AGM there was a presentation by Jim Gilpin on Ladder League using Pickleball Brackets followed by a Q&A session.