

PICKLEBALL MANITOBA INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(04/23/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting covered various aspects of pickleball in Manitoba, including tournament planning, organizational achievements, and financial matters. The board discussed the growth in membership, youth development initiatives, and the need for more volunteers and referees for upcoming tournaments. Financial reports were presented and accepted, and the board members agreed to continue in their positions for the next year.

Next steps

1. Ted Fardoe to set up an ad hoc committee to review financial reporting and ensure alignment with the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.
2. Ted Fardoe to reach out to accounting firms for firm quotes on review engagement if determined necessary by the ad hoc committee.
3. Board to continue seeking volunteers for the 2025 Canadian National Championship tournament.
4. Ted Fardoe to follow up with Sport Manitoba regarding Pickleball Manitoba's application for sport recognition.
5. Paul Aquin to work on attracting more people to become referees in Manitoba.
6. Paul Aquin to discuss with Ted about potentially creating an officiating program budget to help with referee training.
7. Board to continue efforts in youth development, including organizing clinics and tournaments.
8. Board to work on expanding coaching development opportunities in collaboration with Tennis Canada and Pickleball Canada.

Summary

AGM Minutes and Financial Reporting Review

- Ted Fardoe led the meeting, which was recorded and transcribed by AI.
- The agenda was reviewed and accepted with a minor correction, unanimously passed.
- The minutes from the previous AGM were approved and unanimously passed.
- Ted announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the financial reporting of the organization and ensure compliance with the Canada not-for-profit Corporations Act.
- Maureen Bonar raised a question about the availability of quotes for a review engagement, which Ted confirmed was in the works, with a firm engaged to

provide a quote for a financial review.

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Board Achievements and Youth Development

- Ted discussed the board's achievements and goals for the year. He highlighted the growth in membership, with the province being among the top three in the country in terms of growth by percentage.
- The board also affiliated several new clubs, including the Manitoba Pickleball League.
- Ted emphasized the importance of youth development, mentioning the successful launch of several youth programs and the upcoming high school tournament.
- He also mentioned the success of the paddle drive, which collected over a hundred paddles for use in learn to play sessions and which were part of a donation to several schools that participated in the PHE Day draw for the Manitoba Teachers Association.

Pickleball Growth and Volunteer Needs

- Ted discussed the growth of athlete registration for the 2024 provincial championship tournament, which saw a 25% increase compared to 2023. He also mentioned the upcoming 2025 provincial championships, expecting a similar increase in registrations.
- Ted emphasized the need for volunteers for the provincial championship tournament and the Canadian National Championship tournaments, which have already received over 500 registrations.
- Ted also discussed the sport recognition by Sport Manitoba, a goal of his since joining the board, and the upcoming fall retreat for the board to discuss their long-term strategic plan.

Pickleball Clinics and Financial Reports

- Ted expressed gratitude for the efforts of the board members in organizing various pickleball clinics and events, including a successful clinic in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut.
- He highlighted the significant work put in by the board members, who are unpaid, and appreciated their contributions which are highlighted in the reports package sent to participants earlier today.
- Maureen Bonar suggested putting a motion forward to accept the reports as submitted, which was seconded by Don Flatt and passed unanimously.

Pickleball Referee Recruitment Challenges

- Paul Aquin, the head of officiating in Manitoba, discussed the challenges of attracting referees for pickleball tournaments. He noted that while there are people interested in becoming referees, the number of participants in training sessions has been low. However, he highlighted that some tournaments, notably the

upcoming Beausejour and Brandon tournaments are now willing to pay referees, which could incentivize potential referees to become certified.

- Paul also mentioned that he is working on a plan to get more people involved in refereeing and is planning to ask Pickleball Manitoba to endorse a budget for training of referees. Kelly Taylor suggested that paying referees during tournaments could be a key factor in increasing their numbers.

2023-2024 Financial Statements Review

- Don Flatt presented a comparative balance sheet and profit/loss statement for 2023 and 2024, highlighting the increase in membership fees and revenue from the provincial tournament.
- He also mentioned the financial support for receptions for players at the Canadian nationals, the Quebec 55 plus tournament and the free youth clinics offered in the recent fiscal year.
- Don also noted that an additional \$20,000 was put into a GIC, with total association assets at 60,579.75.
- The attendees moved to accept the financial statements as provided, unanimously passed.

The entire board has decided to stay in their positions for the next year, with Denny Quigley moving into the secretary's position.

There were no new business items or open forum questions.
The meeting was adjourned.