

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2025, 6:00 to 8:15 PM  
Northwestel HQ, Whitehorse**

*The Yukon Pickleball Association respectfully acknowledge that their members live, work and play within the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation and the<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.*

**Attending:** Jim Gilpin, Peter Idoko, Brenda Dion, Mike Sparks, Manon Carrière, Sean Booth, Jessica Coulomb

**Regrets:** Jayme Curtis, Erik Hoenisch, Walter Brennan

**Call to order:** 6:01pm

**Adoption of agenda:** approved with flexibility

**Minutes of last meeting:** Moved by Mike Sparks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Booth

**Key Agenda Items & Highlights**

**1. Treasurer's report**

Absent

**2. Renneson Camp planning update (Brenda)**

- Overall schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM: CGC		G1	G1	G1	G1	G1
CGC		G2	G2	G2	G2	G2
PM: MtMac		RR G1	RR G1	RR G1	RR G1	RR G1
MtMac		RR G2	RR G2	RR G2	RR G2	RR G2
Evening: Social events	7 PM Meet and Greet at Shipyards Park		Activity Hike?	Activity Hike?	Special clinic	5 PM Wrap up at Sport Yukon

- Thinking of a way to prioritize those 15 wait list participants to register on the Thursday special clinic; an email as a heads up before the sign up online.
- Food and beverage partnerships being explored with local vendors and Yukon Brewery.
- Merchandise collaboration with Yukon Built underway. Caps have been ordered.
- RR is open to 20 participants, some that are not registered in the camp could complete the group.

### **3. Instructor updates (Brenda)**

- CGC fundamentals session completed and Canadian Chinese Association 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic done.
- Kids' clinics scheduled for June and July.
- Level 1 instructor training postponed due to low interest for September. Could be offered later in the season.

### **4. Summer Solstice Event June 20<sup>th</sup> (Peter)**

- Potluck format proposition with 64 participants, to eat together from 5-6 PM, and activities starting at 6 PM.
- Budget of \$200 approved for supplies and prizes.
- Draw prizes and local food donations being coordinated.
- Looking for someone to bring music.

### **5. Smash & Serve Tournament (Jayme/Brenda)**

- 60 registered participants, 56 confirmed participants, lower participation in group 2.5.
- Registration issues being looked at.
- Budget of \$1000 approved (\$900 for prizes, \$100 for snacks) to make sure we cover all winning teams.

### **6. Trackie processing fees (Jim)**

- Clarified that 4.9% + \$0.50 fees per transaction.
- Agreed that participants will cover processing fees starting at the fall session, it will be mentioned in the Newsletter.

### **7. Summer Ladder Leagues (Jim/Sean)**

- Two-tier system (upper/lower) per day (Wednesday & Saturday), and participant needs to register in the two tiers.
- Rankings managed weekly based on participation and performance.
- Policy discussion on handling inactive players deferred before the fall session.
- Details will be sent to inform participants.

### **8. Sport Tourism & Experience (Brenda)**

- Board supports involvement in principle of tailored pickleball tourism, if it does not impact our members access to courts. Exploring a Yukon camp in 2026. Could be the same schedule model as the Renneson's camp.
- Sport Experience brochure in development for visiting players, and providing a simple way to inform the process to respect YPA. If PCO members, they can play by registering online for 2 weeks, more than that, they will have to register to our organization session fees.
- Plan to look into setting up a generic YPA email and domain for public contact to respect policy on private coordinates.

#### 9. Jack Hulland gym use (June 24–Aug 17) (Brenda)

- 8 time slots/week: Monday to Thursday, 5–9 PM.
- Suggestion of mix of skills & drills, tiered round robins, and group bookings. We recognized that the facilitation of skills is the key to its success. One Wednesday out of two will be facilitated by Brenda, we will see the interest.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5 to 7 PM	RR 3 to 3.5	RR 2.5 to 3	Drills/group	group
7 to 9 PM	RR	RR	Drills/RR	RR

- Custodians and storage logistics to be arranged. Brenda suggested she can be custodian on Wednesday, and Mike on 2 other nights.

#### 10. Strategic Plan & Board Orientation (Brenda)

- New members encouraged to review the strategic plan and consider portfolio roles.
- Next meeting scheduled for June 18.

#### ✓ Action Items

- Brenda to coordinate clinic logistics and food partnerships.
- Megan to assist with website setup for special clinic registration and social event.
- Jamie to finalize tournament registration and prize distribution.
- Sean and Jim to manage Ladder League tier visibility and transitions.
- Brenda to follow up on Sport Tourism and visitor engagement materials.

- Sean to explore a generic YPA email and domain.