

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**December 19th, 2024**  
**12:00 -1:30 pm Sport Yukon**

*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 Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.*

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

**Call to Order:** Jim called meeting to order at 12:10 pm

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hector

**Minutes of last meeting:**

November 21st, 2024: Motion to adopt: Moved by Hector , 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim

**New Business:**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

Presently have about \$ 28 K in the bank after writing some cheques today (200 new balls, fall and Christmas tournament). We have had money transferred from PCO for the couple of events we held this fall. We must submit a request to PCO electronically to get the transfers.

Erik has paid Carly Penfold the \$325 advance for the Pickleball Brackets consultation workshop. He will start to prepare Financial Statements for our 2024 Fiscal Year which ends on December 31 for the upcoming AGM in March. Before our year end, we will also need a report on our Sport Foundation Grant spending.

**2. Mark Renneson Summer Camp 2025- Brenda:**

The request for member feedback has indicated 29 members are interested in a summer camp with Mark Renneson in July.

The Camp will run from July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> encompassing 2hr a day X 5 sessions for the week. He would like two groups of 12 players each but may be able to accommodate more. Cost to participants will be approximately \$300. Tentatively one Instructional session will be from 8:00-10:00 and the other from 10:00-12:00 with additional RR play in the afternoon at Mt Mac. Details will be forthcoming to the membership. Jim will contact Canada Games Centre to request a booking and Brenda will contact Tennis Yukon to book the court time.

We can advance some of the costs prior to the end of the YG fiscal year if we get an Invoice from Mark prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Brenda will continue to be communicate with Mark.

**3. Ladder League- Carly Penfold Update /Start Date/ Hosts/ Manager -Jim:**

Jim has updated the background notes with Carly's input that YPA circulated a few months ago and will be reposted on our website. This newer version will provide more specific information on exactly how to register for Pickleball Brackets.Com, how to get your DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating) etc. We already have 58 people registered for Pickleball Brackets in the Whitehorse Club, but some have not included their PCO numbers. The new document will take people through the step-by-step process to register.

It is coming together with the hope of starting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and running for 14 weeks. We will need to have a Manager and 2 hosts for each division with administrative rights per category. Carly will provide training for all and will be available on start day to monitor the progress.

**4. Board Member Review – Suggestions from Discussion on “Portfolio Table” Oct. 7th:**

Memberships: One issue Hector has been dealing with PCO and Trackie is that YPA should be notified electronically when a new member signs up. The response from PCO is lagging and Hector will follow up again. One item taken off the President plate is tracking memberships. It is part of the Secretary's portfolio and Walter has assumed this role. Hector /Jim will give him Administrative Access to PCO so it can be tracked.

The roles identified for Director #4 and Director #5 (Volunteer Fundraising and Community Collaboration) have not been assigned and will need more attention as we move forward. Erik has agreed to help with looking at Funding Applications once he is retired. On the Community Collaboration side, Sheila Senger as a member is our lead as a Liaison with Schools. While we support and strive to build relationships with Rural Communities, it is difficult for us to travel to communities in the winter for clinics.

**5. Takhini Christmas Event Report Peter / Brenda:**

Very successful. The event was at full capacity. The venue was too small to accommodate the number of people who wanted to attend. Would like to make this annual event in a bigger venue. Kudos go out to Brenda /Bryan /Peter and the Team they brought together to make it a great success. Cost for the event approximately \$300.

**6. Winter Social Event - Peter:**

Item #5 and #6 have been combined. To access a venue for more social events and tournaments we need to pre-plan and book larger venues. December may be time to plan these events in the future.

CGC bookings need to be requested by Dec 31 for the May to September time – Jim to request bookings bookings.

The Board is wanting to plan several recurring social events for the year:

- Doubles Tournament, 4 levels, Saturday, May 10th 8:00-5:00 at CGC

- Solstice event at Mt. Mac Friday evening June 20<sup>th</sup> – confirm with Tennis Yukon
- Yukon Championships Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> , 8:00-5:00. Same format as Spring Doubles Tournament if it was successful.
- We will have to wait June to book for the Christmas event at CGC.

**7. Admin Support Position – Hiring Decision:**

Board members have all agreed that YPA will hire Megan McPhee as Admin Support person for up to 2 hour a week at cost of \$40 per hour. Hector to meet with Megan in the next week to work out the details of managing the events week by week and other duties.

**8. COW Funded Pickleball Courts:**

YPA has provided input to COW on the suggested sites proposed by COW with the Kopper King site our preferred site of the four COW suggested. COW wants to take control of the project and have \$15K in this year's budget for a feasibility study. We are hoping it is enough to do a thorough job.

The COW budget is being discussed at the January 13th Council meeting and some Board members hope to attend. This is open to the public and YPA members can attend if they wish.

**9. Update on Intro to Pickleball, Fundamentals, School Programs, Winter Clinics and Instructor Update - Brenda:**

In the new year YPA will be delivering 5 Intro to Pickleball Classes starting January 24<sup>th</sup> and 2 Pickleball Fundamentals classes starting February 27<sup>th</sup> for CGC.

In December Sheila Senger with other YPA Instructors led 4 Pickleball lessons at Porter Creek High School. YPA provided all the equipment that included nets, balls, paddles, cones, bucket and safety glasses for every student. Over 40 students participated in each of the sessions. YPA received a letter from Paul MacDonald Porter Creek thanking YPA for a job well done. A similar program is being conducted at Takhini Elementary School in early January.

We have one new full-fledged Instructor and two that are finishing their 10-hour mentoring program to become fully qualified YPA Instructors in the new year.

**10. Sport Foundation Grant Fund spending:**

Funds from this Grant is helping support the introduction of Pickleball in the schools as they do not have any equipment or programming in the schools presently.

There are several YPA Instructors who hope to attend and certify as Level 2 Instructors at a clinic in BC this winter. Funding for these clinics was built into and approved in our Sport Foundation Grant application.

**11. YPA Board and Member Q&A:**

Brenda suggests book a boardroom for 1.5 hours to provide a stage to express their concerns and Ideas. Do it in early January but book a larger area ( Frank Slim's Bldg,

Library). Monday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 -8:30. If individuals cannot make the meeting, we will ask them to send us their questions or ideas. Brenda will book the room and then advertise to membership.

**12. Certificate of Insurance:**

Jim has requested and received our "Certificate of Insurance" from PCO for 2025. Jim has submitted this document to CGC and Yukon U who require it from us as renters of their facility.

**13. January Schedule:**

As of /December 15th we have 96 who have renewed their 2025 YPA membership and 42 who have purchased Winter Passes.

We have fewer options to play this winter as we have lost time at both Yukon U and Hidden Valley School. Until we start the Ladder League on February we have the following:

- Yukon U Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 Open RR
- Hidden Valley Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 Group  
Saturday 10:00- 12:00 Open RR
- Elijah Smith Friday: 5:00 – 7:00 Open RR  
7:00 -9:00 Group Booking and /Skills Clinics pending feedback
- Takhini Saturday: 2:00 -4:00 Open RR,  
4:00-6:00 Facilitated RR alternating 2.5 to 3.0, (Jan 11th 3.0,  
Jan 18th 2.5, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 3.0, Feb 1st 2.5)  
6:00-8:00 Group Booking
- Takhini Sunday tiered Round Robins 8:30-10:30 RR 3.5  
10:30-12:30 RR 3.0  
12:30-2:30 RR 2.5  
2:30 – 4:30 Group Booking

**14. Thank You to Francine Thivierge:**

We would like to express our gratitude to Francine for the time she has spent on the YPA Board. Francine took the lead last year in our very first Sport Foundation Grant Application and was always engaged at our monthly YPA meeting. Thank you, Francine for your contribution.

**15. Weekly Registration Time Change:**

YPA will move the weekly Registration time registration start time from 6:00 pm ( dinner time for many families) to 7:00 pm on Sunday and 7:00 on Tuesday.

**Note:** Mike Sparks has expressed interest in joining our Board and we welcome him to our Board and the next meeting

Meeting adjourned 2:20 pm. Next Meeting: Thursday January 16th, 2025