

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 21, 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 and Jayme Curtis attended via Zoom).

Regrets: Francine Thivierge

Call to Order: Jim called meeting to order at 12:06 pm

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector

Minutes of last meeting:

October 17th, 2024, Motion to adopt: Moved by Hector , 2nd Jim

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

Presently have \$28,551 in the bank. Money transferred from PCO for October Tournament and fall passes of approximately \$3600. Jayme will submit bills for Tournament Gift Certificates at the next meeting.

2. Mark Renneson Summer Camp 2025- Brenda:

The Board discussed organizing a summer camp considering a weekend, a 2-day camp or a 5-day camp during the week and the need for member feedback. Jim, with input from Brenda, will draft a proposal for a Pickleball Camp and options to send to the membership for feedback. Brenda will follow up with Mark on what we would like and what he can offer in possibly late June or July 2025.

3. Admin Position Update – Jim:

Jim followed up with Stacy from Tennis Yukon asking if the person they were using was interested in working for YPA part-time, but the person is not interested. The other option is the group of racquet sport organizations sharing an admin person. Presently only YPA and Tennis Yukon have expressed interest so far. YPA confirmed that we are interested in administrative support for up to 3 hours a week and the \$6k for the year is not unreasonable.

4. Outdoor Court Update from COW Meeting- Jim/Hector:

Jim and Hector had a very encouraging meeting with Cow staff on Tuesday, November 19th. It appears they would like to take control of the project and have suggested 4 sites

for our review. Their proposed sites include the Dog Park off Sumanik Drive, another is an area north of the "round-a-bout" on Mountain View Drive, also a piece of property on some industrial land across from Crestview main entrance and a piece of property across the highway from the Copper King which appears to be the best option. On review of the sites Jim will provide the pros and cons of each site to the city.

5. Ladder League- Carly Penfold Contract /Questions – start Date:

Given the unknowns and the problems we are having with setting up Pickleball Brackets the Board has agreed to hire Carly Penfold to help YPA set up Pickleball Brackets. Jim will contact Carly to arrange a Zoom meeting on November 25th or 26th. Walter will book room and arrange for a Zoom call when date is confirmed. Jim has already prepared several questions for the call but is still seeking additional questions from the Board.

6. Board Member Review of "Portfolio Table – October 7/24:

Tabled to next meeting and ask Board members to provide input. Just want to confirm that the changes that have been made in the document is what we discussed.

7. Winter Season Passes / Limits / Cost:

Passes will go on sale on December 1st, cost will be \$40 for the season. Hector will have set up by December 1st. No limit on # of passes.

8. Christmas Social Event at Takhini – Peter/ Brenda:

YPA will plan an event for the last Sunday we have at Takhini (December 15th)? Peter and Brenda will co-ordinate and seek volunteers to run the event.

Winter Social Event 2025: We want to plan an event like the Solstice event we had at Mt Mac this past summer but using CGC. Peter will check with CGC to see if we can find a 3–4-hour block of time with 4 courts and the foyer on a weekend between late January and early May.

9. Ways to make full use of Court Times:

There has been a lack of take up on court times at Elijah Smith 7-9 on Friday nights, the 2.5 Facilitated RR at the Takhini 4-6 time slot on Saturdays and the Sunday 2:30-4:30 slot at Takhini. The 3.0 group is our largest cohort of players and starting December 1st, we will institute a Facilitated 3.0 RR on the Sunday 2:30-4:30 time slot. We will continue to monitor the other two time slots and with the loss of some court time in the new year we hope these slots will fill up.

There appears to be some interest in the membership for some individual instruction or more "Skills and Drills" time in our schedule. The Board will try to address this in the new year when we have a new cohort of certified Instructors available.

10. Christmas Holiday court availability.

No times have been booked for the Christmas season at the schools this year.

Meeting adjourned 1:30 pm. Next Meeting: Thursday December 19, 2024