

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 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, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell, Erik Hoenisch, Peter Idoko, Jayme Curtis
Walter Brennan

Regrets: Francine Thivierge

Call to Order: Jim called meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Hector , 2nd Peter

Minutes of last meeting:

August 15th, 2024, Motion to adopt: Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

Eric noted we now have \$32 K in the bank account, \$13 K of that is from the Sport Foundation Grant. We collected nearly \$ 15 K from the Pickleball Canada for memberships and accounts for various events where each event had a separate unit of payment. Once we realized something was not quite right Jim discovered we had 12 such events over the last couple of years in the Pickleball Canada system. Our Tennis Yukon payment of \$5.9 K needs to be deducted from that. Brenda presented bills for \$460 for materials (bins, first aid kits, timers, batteries, laminated sheets for round robins, etc.) needed to set up bins for the various facilities are using this year.

2. Director's Portfolio – Aligned with Strategic Plan and Goals Document - Peter:

Board thanked Peter for the effort he has put into the document and decided we need to separate meeting to review the document. Jayme has volunteered to host the meeting at his place on October 7th, 6:30 pm. Contact for Jayme is 334-2633.

3. Outdoor Pickleball Courts – City Meeting:

Jim, Brenda and Hector had a positive meeting this week with the COW staff from Parks and Community Development. Kim Schlosser from that unit seems to be taking the lead on this file. She noted she has done some research on building pickleball facilities to

understand what we trying to do. They hope to meet with YPA again toward the end of October with some possible site locations. Park's candidate sites are now at the Planning Department for review. There was some discussion of setting up a sub-committee of one or two Board members and non-Board members to work on this file as we move forward.

4. Newsletter

Jim will continue to send out the Newsletter monthly.

As YPA is growing in numbers, more facilities to play at, and program offerings there is now a need to look at possibly hiring some administrative support to manage our website.

Jim said he would investigate this. He will contact Stacy Lewis at Tennis Yukon to get contact information on the racquet sports admin. assistant and find out what services she may be able to provide.

5. October Programming:

Only a couple of changes to the September schedule as we move to October. Hidden Valley Tuesdays 6-8 Group Booking, Hidden Valley Wednesday 6-8 Open RR until the end of November

Hidden Valley Saturday morning 10-12 Group Booking, Takhini Friday 7-9 Group Booking. Starting October 5th, Takhini 4-6 Skills / Facilitated RR Beginner to 2.5.

Yukon Pickleball Championships October 18-20. Levels: Beginner up to 2.5, 3.0, 3.5. We will have Elijah Smith Friday night 5-9, Takhini on Saturday 2-6 and on Sunday 9-3. Details will be announced in the the Newsletter and a separate announcement.

6. Pickleball Brackets:

Pickleball Brackets will start on Sunday, October 27th at Takhini. Forty people were rated in May 2024 and individuals should use those ratings for their initial rating in Pickleball Brackets. Those who will have to self-rate should use the ratings of those who were rated as a guideline to determine their initial rating. This can be found in the May 2024 newsletter.

As of September 19th, we only have 54 people signed up for Takhini passes (**update- 93 as of October 7**). Would like to see 80-90 to get a workable group for Pickleball Brackets.

7. Equipment Update :

Brenda has prepared Equipment bins and designated nets for the four schools (Takhini, Elijah Smith, Hidden Valley and Yukon University) and Kits for the Intro /Pickleball Fundamentals programs at the CGC. Leads and backups have volunteered as custodians for each of these facilities. Jayme and Francine for Elijah Smith, Jayme for Yukon U, Brenda /Jim for Takhini and Ian Love / Mike Sparks for Hidden Valley.

Brenda noted we will need new louder timers with an on/off switch. Jim will order 200 Onix indoor orange balls.

In the future we will need some other Board member than Brenda to take on the role of Equipment Manager. This can be discussed at the October 17th meeting.

8. Canada Games Update:

From the pickleball perspective there were both positive and negative things.

From a player perspective for the most part we were in the correct divisions. The host committee did drop the ball on the Men's Doubles set up with pre-made portable courts that were laid out back-to-back and unsecured. An accident waiting to happen. The Host Committee did make a commendable radical change on the 2nd day of competition where lines were taped with adequate space between courts and ready for play on day two. Some other negatives : the balls were supposed to be Orange not Green; Referees were promised but none were provided; the Medal Ceremonies for Pickleball was a haphazard affair in the hallway. Transportation was an issue for most sports. In future games the Senior Games Organizers may opt for Public Transit as an option except for airport shuttles and probably Open / Closing Ceremonies. The host committee failed to inform the visiting provinces and territories that free city bus passes were available at participating hotels, such as the one Team Yukon used. Overall, it was a good experience for most people.

9. Fall CGC Programs / Instructor Update:

Classes will start in early October. We have an Instructors Practice scheduled for next week. Presently we have 13 certified NCCP Instructors with 4 scheduled to be mentored (2 before Christmas 2 after). Two certified Instructors from a previous cohort have not been active. Sheila has expressed interest in taking a leadership role in the schools as opportunities arise as well as helping with the Fundamentals program. Presently we will be teaching 5 Intro Classes and 2 Fundamental classes this fall.

10. Skills /Drills Clinics:

Covered in 5 above. Starting with 2.5 at Takhini on Saturday afternoons. Potential for others at Takhini 7-9 on Friday nights.

11. Winter Indoor Event Program - Hector:

Some members are still contacting Hector in how to sign-up for events, others still think we are using Sign -Up Genius. Members are being asked to go to the Website and read the FAQ's. We will continue to use our website for anything that requires a registration of any sort.

12. Indoor /Outdoor Open / Close Venue Leads:

See #7 above. Last day for Mt. Mac will be September 22nd. Brenda will pick up equipment

13. Yukon Championships:

Covered in #5 above

14. Ball Machine Battery /Charger Update - Walter:

After discussion and research Walter is suggesting purchasing a new 9AH battery and a new Smart Charger. Cost of battery is approximately \$60 plus shipping and \$69.95 plus shipping for the Smart Charger. Pickleball Depot does not carry the battery but does carry the Smart Charger.

Motion, Jim: That Walter order the new battery and Smart Charger for the ball machine.
2nd Brenda. Carried

15. Truth and Reconciliation Week Sept. 23-27 -Orange Shirt Day Sept 30th – Every Child Matters:

We committed in our funding application to acknowledge the Truth and Reconciliation movement in our meetings and actions. We will make sure it is on future Agendas and our Meeting Minutes. It is on our website.

Meeting adjourned 1:47pm

Next Meeting: Thursday October 19th – Hector will take minutes