

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 15th, 2024
12:00 -1:30 pm Sport Yukon

Attending: Jim Gilpin, Brenda Dion, Hector Campbell, Erik Hoenisch, Walter Brennan

Regrets: Peter Idoko, Francine Thivierge, Jayme Curtis

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

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Hector , 2nd Erik

Minutes of last meeting:

July 18th, 2024, Motion to adopt: Moved by Jim, 2nd Hector

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report:

Eric noted as of July 31st there is \$20, 015 in the bank account, \$13k of that is from the Sport Foundation Grant. We have invoices from COW for CGC rental (Tournament and Mark Renneson Clinic) and will have to pay just over \$5K to Tennis Yukon. We will finalize the Tennis Yukon payment at the end of the season.

2. Outdoor Pickleball Courts - /response to Melodie Simard:

Jim sent a letter to Melodie Simard at the Department of Parks and Community Development on July 2nd and another e-mail sent on July 25th. There has not been a response or an "out of office" message. Jim also tried to phone, and the voice mail message said her department was Planning and Sustainability Development. Jim subsequently contacted Parks and spoke a lady Sherry who noted Melodie had not been at work for some time but noted that there was two people Jim should contact (Nicole Tattam and Kim Schlosser, both acting for Melodie in her absence). Jim forwarded all the information he had sent to Melodie to those individuals with the hope of setting up a meeting in the next week or so. The message also asked if we could have an update on what was happening at the Robert Service site that was preventing locating courts at that site.

3. Yukon Championships:

Propose we delay until after Thanksgiving in October, possibly October 26-27 at Elijah Smith and Takhini.

4. Foundation Grant Spending:

There are three different categories where we can allocate the funding. The focus is on Pickleball development which includes athletes, coaches/Instructor, officials, Special Projects and for us could include geo technical /feasibility study of land for outdoor courts

once we get some. For athletes, coaches and officials it means either bringing in the expertise or sending out individuals for additional training as will be the case for Coaches/Instructors and Officials. Brenda has already started the process by asking to be alerted when there is a Level 2 Instructor training is scheduled in the West. Jim will investigate possibilities for Official training.

5. NCCP Instructor Update – Instructor Interest:

Presently we have four people who have completed their Level I certification, from this year's intake. Brenda has not heard if others are intending to complete the program. These individuals have up to one year to complete.

Those recently certified have been asked if they are interested in teaching the Intro to Pickleball and /or the Pickleball Fundamentals Courses YPA teaches for the COW. YPA has set a standard that new Level 1 Instructors need to do 10 hours of mentoring with YPA Instructors before they are deemed YPA sanctioned Instructors. YPA has a standard and curriculum we want followed for our courses. That is not to say they cannot instruct outside YPA if they wish.

6. Fall Program Planning – Instructor Meeting:

Brenda has sent out a note to all Instructors with the schedule of Intro and Pickleball Fundamentals courses asking when they may be available to teach this fall. Brenda will organize a training meeting at end of September for all Instructors. Courses will start in early October (3 Intro classes and 2 Fundamentals classes).

7. September Indoor Event Schedule + Open / Close Venue Leads :

Takhini and Elijah Smith venues have three courts. The University has six courts. However, we are only renting half the university gym, thus 3 courts. Hidden Valley has two courts.. The following is the schedule for September which will be modified in October in some cases. We hope to start Pickleball Brackets on Sundays at Takhini School in October:

- Elijah Smith Fridays 5:00-9:00 pm starting September 13th
5:00 – 7:00 Open RR, 7:00-9:00 Group Booking
- Takhini School starting September 14th-15th weekend
Saturday 2:00-4:00 Open RR, 4:00-6:00 Group Booking
Sunday 9:00 -11:00 RR for 3.5 players, 11:00 -1:00 RR for 3.0 players, 1:00-3:00 for 2.5 players.
- Hidden Valley Monday and Wednesday 6:00-8.00 pm Open RR.
- Yukon University Tuesdays and Thursdays Starting September 12th, 8:00 – 10:00 pm Open RR

8. CGC Classes This Fall:

Covered in #6 above.

9. Ball Machine Battery/ Charger Update:

Presently we need a new battery and a new charger. Pickleball Depot does not carry battery but available battery from Tomko in BC. It is a 7Ah battery but a 9Ah battery is

recommended by Pickleball Depot. There is also an external battery charger available from Pickleball Depot. Walter will check on costs of all the items and remove the existing battery from the ball machine and check for replacement locally.

10. Outdoor Balls - Joselito:

Joselito purchased 100 outdoor balls instead of indoor balls and wondering if YPA would like to purchase them. We have used Onex and his are Franklin balls. Brenda will ask him to bring some of those balls to play on the outdoor courts and we will play with them and make a judgement if we want to purchase. The other option is to suggest he contact Changing Gears as they sell pickleballs as well.

11. Round Robin Sheets (Format):

Existing Round Robin sheets need to be edited. During the summer at Mt Mac sheets are for up to four courts for up to 20 people. During the winter need sheets for 3 courts and up to 15 people. Brenda will make edits to existing sheets and will print and laminate copies for each of the venues we are using this winter. We will revisit another layout option presented by Jim for next summer's outdoor court season.

12. Canada Games Team Update:

No updates.

13. FAQ - Draft for Website:

Jim presented a very comprehensive list of FAQ's to put on the website. There were a few small edits that were made.

14. Director's Portfolio – Aligned with Strat Plan Strategy and Goals Document – Peter's Document:

Tabled to September Meeting

Meeting adjourned 1:50 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday September 19th, 2024, noon.