

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**July 18th, 2024**  
**12:00 -1:30 pm Sport Yukon**

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

**Regrets:** Peter Idoko, Francine Thivierge

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Brenda , 2<sup>nd</sup> Jayme

**Minutes of last meeting:**

June 27th, 2024, Motion to adopt: Moved By Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hector

**New Business:**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

Eric noted we have \$7080 in the bank account with a couple of small checks to write. We received a cheque from Tennis Yukon for \$ 1080 for the summer kids racquet camps. We are awaiting the \$13K cheque from the Sport Foundation Grant.

**2. Outdoor Pickleball Courts - next steps:**

Jim sent a letter to Melodie Simard at the Department of Parks and Community Development on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to arrange a meeting to discuss next steps and possible locations. We have not had a response.

Jim will try to contact her again to arrange a meeting with Board representatives (Jim, Hector and Brenda). Jim has also identified property near the Copperbelt Mining Museum that is dedicated public space and zoned FP (Future Planning) as another option to consider. Jim will also prepare a visual of all the spots we have identified as possible locations over the last several years.

**3. Shoe Tags:**

Tags have arrived for Mt Mac pass holders. Jim will create a master list and each Board member will be assigned tags to distribute to pass holders and report back to Jim.

**4. Mt Mac Scheduling – how is it going:**

We are getting more sign-ups during the Group sessions in the mornings at 9:00 and the 11:00-1:00 RR is very popular. The Up / Down RR's on Wednesdays and Saturdays is being hampered by bad weather so far. There has been little demand for "drop-in" so far. Friday evenings have been popular and Sunday evenings is being used by the Canada 55+ groups. Bookings at Ecole Emily Tremblay have been low so far on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Given the update at Mt Mac the Board will re-establish a “registration open” time of 4:00 pm on Sundays starting July 21<sup>st</sup> that will repeat weekly. In addition, we are asking members who book a 9-11 am court not to book an 11 -1 court-time on the same day. If there is still space available at 11 am when you finish you are welcome to play in the second time slot.

**5. University Gym:**

The YPA Board has signed contract with Yukon University to use their gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00 -10:00 pm (September 12- December 24 ). We will have enough space to set up three courts. (\$1065.75 for the semester).

**6. Ball Machine – Needs new battery:**

The recommendation from Pickleball Depot and their manufacturer contact is to replace the battery given the responses we have provided to a series of questions they have asked. Pickleball Depot does not stock the battery and we looking to other suppliers. Board approves purchasing a new battery. Walter will continue to research where we can obtain a battery.

**7. Fall Planning – Takhini, ES, University, Hidden Valley :**

There will be additional times and locations available this coming year. We have added the University and Hidden Valley School in addition to Takhini and Elijah Smith. Starting in September members will have access to court times 7 days a week. The schedule of times and additional information will be forthcoming in the July Newsletter.

With the increased membership and additional court times available this fall and winter the Board will be sending out a survey asking members what additional programming they would like YPA to deliver this coming fall and winter.

Motion: Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jayme: That given the additional costs of renting the University Gym and increasing costs of equipment to deliver programming the season pass will increase from \$20 to \$40 per semester. All in favour. Carried

**8. Canada 55+ Games Team update:**

Nothing new to report. Team members have been using the scheduled practice times at Mt Mac and EET. The Pickleball schedule will be coming out in the next few weeks.

**9. Member Request for additional courts at Mt Mac:**

We received a request via another member that two members are wanting to paint pickleball lines on an additional court as they felt there was not enough court times available for members to play. They wanted to talk to Tennis Yukon and pay the cost of painting the lines and purchasing the additional equipment needed. Brenda has reminded

the couple that YPA has an agreement with Tennis Yukon and any requests would go through YPA.

In reviewing the court booking history so far this year the YPA Executive is satisfied we have adequate court space to meet the needs of our membership for this year. There have been very times when when court times are not available to book. Jim will respond to those members with the Board's decision to their request.

We also had a request from Yvonne Clarke to send letters to Ted Laking, the potential Conservative candidate in the next Federal election and to the Mayoral candidates on our efforts to obtain land for outdoor pickleball courts. The Board will hold off on this until after our Board has met with Melodie Simard as per Agenda item #2

**10. Tennis Yukon - Plan to review evening court times:**

The 2024 MOU with Tennis Yukon does have a clause to review the extended evening court times at the end of June to see how it is working for both parties.

Walter will contact Stacy to see if we need to meet and if there are any issues from Tennis Yukon's perspective on this year's arrangements.

**11. Fall Yukon Championships:**

As YPA is now the Sport Governing Body for Pickleball in the Yukon we are required to have a Yukon Championships tournament annually. The plan is to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Yukon Championship in late September or October 2024 at Takhini School. It will likely be broken down into levels (2.5, 3.0 and 3.5).

**12. Sport Foundation Grant Application- \$13K:**

We have yet to receive the approved money from the Grant. Walter to check with Trevor on the status. ( Note: cheque received for \$13K one day after our meeting)

**13. FAQ for Website:**

Jim will start working on this item.

Meeting adjourned 2:03 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday August 15, 2024, noon.