

**Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**May 23rd, 2024**  
**12:00 -1:30 pm Sport Yukon**

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

**Regrets:** Peter Idoko, Jayme Curtis

**Call to Order:** Jim called meeting to order at 12:02 pm

**Adoption of Agenda:** Jim added Tennis Yukon response to COW Council presentation. Moved by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hector

**Minutes of last meeting:**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Motion to adopt: Moved by Francine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim

**New Business:**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

The bank account currently is at about \$5,700. Some of this money we owe to Tennis Yukon for Mt. Mac Summer Passes. The \$2600 cheque from Brooke Siver has cleared (\$1400 from Members and \$1200 from SARB) this still leaves \$2000 from SARB funding to cover Mark Renneson's costs. We have received another \$150 from COW for the last Fundamentals Class. Brenda has been timely with submitting invoices and COW has been timely in paying their bills. Jim will transfer money from PCO that is owed to us for YPA memberships.

**2. Brooke Siver Assessments / Mt Mac RE: Pickleball Brackets:**

Forty people paid, 38 were assessed and 37 agreed to have their assessments results posted. Rating ranged from 2.5 to 3.5.

We intend to run a Ladder League on Wednesday and Saturday mornings beginning in mid- June and using Pickleball Brackets to place individuals in their respective levels. Players will be able to use their assessed ratings from Brooke Siver when declaring their "initial rating" in Pickleball Brackets (PB). Members will self-rate at four levels: 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5 to start. Players who were not rated and who wish to participate in Pickleball Brackets' ladder league should use the ratings of others with similar skill as a guide. As no one was rated at 2.0 by Brooke, Novices should consider this as a possible initial rating.

Jim will develop an Information package explaining the process and Hector will post on our website for those who are interested in participating the the Ladder League this summer.

**3. City Hall Presentation (May 31):**

By all accounts the presentation to City Council went well and we did get some media coverage.

Jim will write a follow up letter to Mayor and Council asking when we can get a letter showing that our request to do a geotechnical survey has been considered.

**4. Mark Renneson Update:**

Mark Renneson will deliver 3 clinics on the weekend of May 31-June 2.

**On May 31** from 5-9 pm he will be offering a clinic to the Canada 55+ participants at the CGC. The clinics are fully subscribed. We have 5 pairs in the 3.5 clinic and eight pairs in the 3.0 clinic.

**On June 1**, from 8 am-4 pm he will be offering a NCCP "Instructor 1-Introducing Pickleball" course to 12 aspiring pickleball instructors at Takhini School. A couple of people have had to drop out, but the spots have been filled.

**On June 2**, from 8 am-4 pm, at Takhini School, he will be offering four 1 hour and 45-minute sessions, The four sessions are also all filled. The first session, from 8 am-9:45 am is intended for advanced players. The second session, from 10:00 to 11:45 am is intended for strong intermediate players. The third session, from 12:15 to 2 pm is intended for intermediate and strong intermediate players. The fourth session, from 2:15-4 pm is an open play session where Mark will periodically interrupt the game to offer his observations and suggestions.

Brenda has a request in to Mark asking if our new and older Instructors can audit these clinics for free. He generally charges people \$50 to audit his course. The intent here is to expose new instructors to Mark's teaching style and techniques he uses. A gift to our new instructors.

**5. Instructor Shirts Decision-criteria - Brenda:**

Brenda showed a couple of shirts we intend our certified Instructors to use.

The criteria established to get a shirt is as follows:

- Level 1 Certified
- Active as an Instructor
- Have at least 10 hours instructing for YPA..

These shirts will be worn when delivering / leading YPA clinics and paid for by YPA. Wearing these shirts while instructing will show YPA's commitment to instructors as well as elevating our profile as an organization.

Motion: Walter: That YPA pay for the cost of YPA Instructor shirts for those Instructors who meet the established criteria of being Level 1 certified, active as an Instructor and have a least 10 hours instructing YPA led clinics. 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric. Carried.

Hope to have these shirts for the Racquet camps in late June.

**6. Facilitated RR's – by Skill Level – future of :**

We are at the end of indoor Facilitated Round Robins. Moving forward we want to use Pickleball Brackets rating to determine which level of clinic individual attend (2.0, 2.5, 3.0 or 3.5). We hope to start these skill level facilitated Round Robins by the end of June.

**7. Program Planning – Ball machine leads – Mt Mac Facilitated RR:**

The intent is to offer ball machine practice / drills at Ecole Emilie Tremblay on Tuesday evenings. We will have access to the school starting Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Racquet Sports Camp:**

No further updates from Tennis Yukon. We have instructors lined up for both camps.

**9. June 21 Solstice Event- committee update, Questions?**

Brenda provided a written outline for the Board and formed a committee of members who have met once to craft an agenda of events for the evening. This is a social event for YPA members with food (potluck), music and modified pickleball games. The headline is **"Pickleball Fun in the Midnight Sun"**. The tentative agenda is Set-up from 5:00 -6:00, 6:00- 8:00 first event, 8:00 Music from Lindy Jo, Caroline and a 2<sup>nd</sup> event after that. We want people to sign up so we have an idea of how many will be attending. Hector will post event on the website as well as an Online Sign-Up. We have permission from Tennis Yukon to use the adjacent tennis court if we cover it up with a tarp. Committee members have been assigned tasks such as checking with Liquor Corp to ensure we can consume alcohol (private function no sales), bring your own; another person will be soliciting businesses for door prizes etc. No charge for the event. Brenda will donate a high-end paddle signed by Tyson McGuffin as a door prize.

Motion: Jim, That YPA will provide a maximum of \$200 to be spent on event if needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hector. Carried

**10. Member Meet Up Sport Yukon May 28th – Jim:**

This is a Sport Yukon event to meet new staff and an update on the services Sport Yukon offers to members. Jim, Brenda and Walter will attend for YPA. They may limit us to two p

**11. Heather Hood BC/Yukon PCO Rep – Hector**

Motion: Hector, Nominate / endorse Heather Hood as the BC / Yukon representative on Pickleball Canada Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim. Discussion. Carried

**12. Website Update – Hector**

Hector has made some changes to improve access and ease of members to sign up for various events posted on our website. New schedule coming up for outdoor events. Will stick with Trackie program for now

**13. Strategic Plan – Comment from Board members:**

Implementation on-going and suggest we have a separate 2-hour meeting to discuss the plan and review we are. Walter will update the plan and distribute to Board and will book a meeting for Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 pm at Sport Yukon.

**14. Polarettes Gym:**

Jim will send Stacy at Tennis Yukon a revised layout drawing of pickleball courts to ensure there is a good fit with a full-size tennis court at the Polarettes facility should this come to fruition.

**15. Tennis Yukon Response to COW Council presentation.**

Tennis Yukon has taken exception to the presentation we have made to COW as it appeared to them, we were not appreciative of agreement we have with them.

We will send a note to Tennis Yukon explaining we were certainly not aware of or intending to put Tennis Yukon in a bad position with our presentation but rather appreciate what Tennis Yukon has and is doing for Pickleball by letting us play and extending our hours at the Mt. Mac Tennis Courts again this summer.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday June 20, 2024, noon.

Minutes by Walter Brennan