

Yukon Pickleball Monthly Meeting Minutes, July 16th, 2025, 6:02 – 8:54 pm

Northwestel HQ, Whitehorse

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 ^[L]_[SEP] Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

Attending: Jim Gilpin, Peter Idoko, Mike Sparks, Manon Carriere, Sean Booth, Jessica Anderson, Erik Hoenisch, Walter Brennan

Regrets: Brenda Dion, Jayme Curtis

Call to Order: called meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Adoption of Agenda: all

Minutes of last meeting: Moved by Jim , 2nd Mike

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report (Erik)

- The association has a current bank balance of \$24,100, with significant upcoming expenses for the Renneson camp (~\$13,000). Camp participant fees (\$300 each) have not yet been transferred from the website.
- Additional revenue from summer passes (~\$6,400) is pending transfer from Pickleball Canada. The association is moving toward e-transfers for modernized banking.
- Grant funding (\$13,000) from Sport and Rec is expected in the next months, after reporting updates.

2. Renneson camp (Jessica)

- The camp was successful. Positive comments from everyone, the social events were very positive.
- Financially, all participant fees and clinic revenue going to the instructors, and costs covered by sponsorships.
- A participant survey showed high satisfaction with camp value, organization, and instruction, but noted limited one-on-one feedback and underutilization of the secondary instructor. Suggestions included more sessions, better scheduling, and to make it an annual camp.

3. Instructors group (Jim)

- Kids' camps are ending July 17th, 10 kids, 3 times 60 minutes.

- Wednesday drills at JHES will be discontinued due to low participation and replaced with group play/round robins
4. **Event: Summer Solstice (Peter)**
 - The event had 59 participants and was well received, very active and good time to socialize.
 - Some games were overly competitive and chaotic, with one reported injury (concussion). Suggestions were made to balance competitive and social elements in future events.
 5. **Tournament: Yukon Championship August 23, (Mike)**
 - The upcoming tournament will follow the spring format, with team selection and open invitation to all Yukon YPA members, including those from communities. Posters out soon.
 - Registration will open in early August.
 6. **Summer Schedules (Jim)**
 - Summer schedules are being adjusted due to tennis events, court maintenance, and facility access. Temporary pickleball nets will be used during tennis net replacement.
 - Issues with tiered round robins were noted, with lower participation in lower tiers and suggestions to promote networking and social activities to improve engagement.
 7. **Marketing (absent)**
 8. **YPA website and email (Sean)**
 - The association acquired the domain yukonpickleball.ca and is setting up new email addresses for board roles (info, president, finance) to improve privacy and communication.
 - The website will be updated to remove personal emails and provide a central contact point
 9. **Welcome for new members (Jessica)**
 - A new member information package is being finalized, including facility maps, booking instructions, and FAQs. Feedback was gathered to improve clarity and accessibility.
 - The final package should be available soon.

10. Others

- New courts initiative: Progress on new outdoor courts remains slow; the city has not advanced site assessments or RFPs. The board is advocating to revisit the Robert Service site, with support from a former city engineer.
- Webmaster: Megan is leaving at the end of the month; Sarah (Sean's daughter) is proposed as her replacement at a lower hourly rate, with onboarding and permissions transfer discussed.

Action Items

- Transition onboarding for Sarah, update permissions, and ensure continuity in scheduling and communications.
- Finalize and distribute the new member package and update the website and contact information.
- Prepare for the Yukon Championship tournament and communicate details to members and communities.