



2026 Annual General meeting

May 20, 2026 7:00 P.M.

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Key Takeaways

- Pickleball Manitoba's 2026 AGM achieved a quorum with 15+ members and was called to order at 7:07 PM.
- The 2025 National Championships hosted in Winnipeg was a major operational and financial success, generating approximately \$250,000 surplus.
- Pickleball Manitoba achieved formal recognition as a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) by Sport Manitoba, effective May 1, 2026.
- Provincial Championship 2026 registrations reached 372, a 15% year-over-year increase.
- The "Pickleball Roadshow" initiative launched for summer 2026, with 2 hired kinesiology students and 16 confirmed community locations.
- Three board members (Denny Quigley, Kim Ezerk, Arnie Waddell) departed; three new directors (Rob Lanning, Erin Yang, Dave Holder) were acclaimed.
- 2026 projected budget shows total income of ~\$108,000, total expenses of ~\$88,000, and a projected surplus of ~\$20,000.
- Bylaws review initiated to align with Sport Manitoba requirements, led by Doug Cable.

Discussed Topics

1. Pre-Meeting Announcements and Quorum

Participants joined the virtual meeting and engaged in informal discussion before the formal start. Ted confirmed quorum requirements and worked to reach the threshold of 15 non-board members.

- **Details**
 - Ted Fardoe noted Quorum requires 15 members (excluding board members); 39 had registered.
 - Ted Fardoe: Confirmed quorum was reached at 15 with Claude Pellerin joining, and called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
 - Kevin Harrison: Introduced as scrutineer for any votes required during the meeting

2. Agenda Approval

Ted presented the revised agenda, which had been emailed to members earlier in the day.

- **Details**
 - Ted: Shared the agenda on screen and confirmed it had been revised and redistributed.
 - Eric: Moved to approve the agenda.

- Maureen: Seconded the motion.
- Agenda approved with no objections.

3. Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes

Ted presented the 2025 Annual General Meeting minutes for review and approval.

- **Details**

- Don: Moved to approve the minutes as provided.
- Kelly: Seconded the motion.
- Ted: Asked if there was any business arising from the minutes; no comments were raised.
- 2025 AGM minutes were approved with no objections.

4. President's Report (Ted Fardoe)

Ted delivered the president's report covering the year's highlights and strategic initiatives.

- **Details**

- Highlighted youth development as a top priority; Pickleball Manitoba presented at Manitoba Teachers Society Professional Development Days for the third consecutive year.
- The 2025 Provincial High School Tournament had 140 participants, a 50% year-over-year increase; one large school did not participate due to an administrative issue.
- The 2026 Provincial Championship has 372 registrants, up 15% from 2025's 344.
- Membership grew to over 2,100 in 2025, with approximately 2,000 currently active members.
- Pickleball Manitoba now has 17 affiliated clubs across the province; club affiliation is free, with the requirement that members join Pickleball Manitoba/Pickleball Canada. Affiliated clubs gain access to the PCNS tracking system, event setup tools, liability insurance for venues, and accident insurance through Bigelow Canada.
- The 2025 National Championships hosted at Taylor Tennis was a major success; 250 volunteers, 21 committees, and significant corporate sponsorship contributed to its success.
- Team Manitoba won a bronze medal in the Provincial Team Competition (PTC) at the Nationals; the PTC format has been adopted and modified for the 2026 Nationals.
- Pickleball Manitoba achieved formal recognition as a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) by Sport Manitoba, effective May 1, 2026, following a submission in November 2025.
- A new Manitoba Pickleball Grant Program was established, offering \$700 grants with a 25% matching contribution for affiliated clubs and communities; announcement of selected communities is pending.

- The "Pickleball Roadshow" initiative was launched for summer 2026; 2 kinesiology students hired for 6 weeks, 16 community locations confirmed out of 29 interested recreation directors.
- Students will complete NCCP Level 1 coaching certification and build their own curriculum before hitting the road in late June.
- Three outgoing board members acknowledged: Denny Quigley (6 years), Kim Ezerk (2 years, clinics and social media), and Arnie Waddell (2 years, website and event posting).
- Kim Ezzard agreed to continue as social media provider after leaving the board.
- A new website is planned; no firm timeline set but research is underway.

5. Financial Report – 2026

Don presented the projected 2026 budget for Pickleball Manitoba.

● Budget

- Projected income includes ~\$3,000 (high school tournament), ~\$65,000 (provincials), ~\$10,000 (clinics at PCW), ~\$3,000 (GIC interest), ~\$18,000 (membership dues), ~\$10,000 (Roadshow) — total ~\$108,000.
- Projected expenses include ~\$1,500 (high school tournament), ~\$32,500 (provincials), ~\$25,000 (Roadshow — first paid staff, travel, accommodation), ~\$20,000 (new website/marketing), plus minor operational costs — total ~\$88,000.
- A review engagement by an accountant is now required by Sport Manitoba.
- Projected surplus for 2026 is approximately \$20,000.

6. Financial Statements – 2025 Audited Results

2025 audited financial statements were presented, the first year Pickleball Manitoba engaged an accounting professional.

● Details

- Total assets increased by approximately \$300,000 from 2024 to 2025, driven by the National Championships surplus.
- Accounts receivable included grant money from Pickleball Canada received in early 2026.
- Revenue for the Nationals included registration fees, grants (Winnipeg Economic Development and Tourism, Province of Manitoba), and corporate sponsorships.
- Expenses included facility rental at Taylor Tennis, equipment and supplies, referee fees, and a reception at the Aviation Museum.
- Net income from the Nationals was approximately \$250,000.
- At year-end 2025, Pickleball Manitoba held approximately \$40,000 in GICs; an additional \$200,000 GIC was added in early 2026, bringing total GIC holdings to approximately \$240,000.
- General operations surplus (excluding Nationals) was approximately \$25,000, consistent with 2024.
- Rose (chat): Asked what happened to equipment purchased for the Nationals.

- Ted: 32 nets purchased; 16 sold to an entity in Alberta at a profit, 4–6 sold locally, approximately 10 retained. 330 court barriers purchased; approximately 275–300 remain after attrition; barriers available for sale at ~\$75 each. Miscellaneous items (referee mats, garbage cans, towels) retained for future events.
- Rose (chat) Asked whether someone is being paid to develop the new website.
- Don Confirmed yes; an expression of interest will be issued and a company retained to develop the website.
- Motion to accept financial statements: Don moved, Maureen seconded; approved with no objections.

7. Appointment of Auditors

A motion was made to appoint Thornton & Company as auditors for Pickleball Manitoba for 2026.

● Details

- Don: Moved to appoint Thornton & Company as auditors.
- Eric: Seconded the motion.
- No discussion or objections raised.
- Thornton & Company appointed as auditors for 2026.

8. Clinic Initiative and Membership Survey

Don provided updates on the subsidized clinic program and the membership survey conducted in early 2026.

● Details

- Don: Following the Nationals surplus, Pickleball Manitoba partnered with Pickleball Club of Winnipeg (PCW) to offer subsidized clinics.
- Don: Approximately 6 clinics were held in fall 2025; approximately 25 clinics held in 2026 to date, with over 100 participants.
- Don Acknowledged Kim Ezzard's instrumental role in organizing the clinic program.
- A membership survey was sent in mid-March 2026; approximately 350 responses were received.
- Don: A summary of survey results was emailed to members in early May 2026; full results and an action plan will be developed and posted on the website.

9. Director Elections / Acclamations

Ted presented the director status update thanking Kim, Arnie and Denny for their service to the Board. In Particular Denny Quigley served on the PMI board for a total of six years

- Ted noted A call for board of directors was issued to membership on March 25, 2026.
- Ted: Three candidates stepped forward and were acclaimed (no election required).

- Rob Lanyan: Acclaimed as Director of Technology; will spearhead the new website procurement.
- Erin Yang: Acclaimed as Director responsible for rural at large Manitoba presence.
- Dave Holder: Acclaimed as Director at Large; will focus on streamlining the clinic process.

10. Bylaws Review

Ted announced a planned review and update of Pickleball Manitoba's bylaws.

- Ted noted the current bylaws are approximately 12–13 years old and require updating.
- Ted: Bylaws should be reviewed and be aligned with Sport Manitoba's requirements following PSO recognition.
- Ted: Doug Cable has agreed to lead the bylaws review over the coming year.

11 New Business

Eric raised a question about the current coaching facilitation contract with Tennis Canada.

● Details

- Eric: Asked about the upcoming end of the coaches clinic contract with Tennis Canada. Ted Confirmed the contract ends in 2027; Pickleball Canada plans to take over coaching facilitation independently.
- Ted: The plan includes creating local facilitators in each province to reduce travel costs and lower costs for members.
- Ted: Pickleball Canada hopes to retain the NCCP program content after the contract ends; if not, a development process will be required.

12. Adjournment

Ted called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

● Details

- Don: Moved to adjourn.
- Eric: Seconded the motion.
- All members voted in favor.

Challenges

- **Quorum attainment:** Reaching the required 15 non-board member quorum was difficult; the meeting nearly could not proceed.

- **Post-Nationals energy dip:** The board acknowledged a 3–4 month period of reduced productivity following the intensive National Championships effort.
- **Equipment disposition:** Approximately 275–300 court barriers remain in storage with no clear disposal plan; ongoing storage costs implied.
- **Bylaws misalignment:** Current bylaws (12–13 years old) are not aligned with Sport Manitoba's PSO requirements and need comprehensive revision.
- **NCCP coaching facilitation transition:** Uncertainty remains about whether Pickleball Canada will retain NCCP program content after the Tennis Canada contract ends in 2027, potentially requiring a full curriculum redevelopment.
- **Website:** The current website is outdated; a new website is planned but no timeline is confirmed and a vendor has not yet been selected.
- **Clinic management:** The clinic process has experienced organizational difficulties; Dave Holder's new role is intended to address this.

Action Items

- **Ted**
 - Announce the Manitoba Pickleball Grant Program selected communities on the Pickleball Manitoba website (pending evaluation completion).
 - Continue growing the Pickleball Roadshow program; monitor outcomes by end of August 2026.
 - Oversee launch of the new Pickleball Manitoba website (no firm deadline set).
 - Continue engagement with affiliated club presidents and support club growth.
- **Rob Lanning**
 - Lead the procurement process for a company to develop the new Pickleball Manitoba website; issue an expression of interest to potential vendors.
- **Erin Yang**
 - Manage and strengthen Pickleball Manitoba's presence and engagement in rural Manitoba.
- **Dave Holder**
 - Streamline and improve the clinic management process to enhance participant experience.
- **Don**
 - Publish the membership survey full results and action plan on the Pickleball Manitoba website (shortly after the AGM).
 - Continue the subsidized clinic program at Pickleball Club of Winnipeg.
 - Coordinate the review engagement with Thornton & Company for 2026 financials (required by Sport Manitoba).
- **Doug Cable**
 - Review and update Pickleball Manitoba's bylaws to align with Sport Manitoba PSO requirements; present proposed changes at the next AGM (deadline: before next AGM).
- **Kim Ezzard** continues managing Pickleball Manitoba's social media presence (Instagram and Facebook) in a Facilitator capacity after leaving the board.