



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Via Video Conference

MINUTES

ATTENDEES			
BOARD MEMBERS			
Bent, Junior	Present	Marion, Ronald	Present
Biss, Geoffery	Present	Merritt, Bryan	Present
Borgares, Mark	Present	McClellan, Eileen	Present
Briggs, Alden	Present	Pattenden, Wendy	Present
Emery, France	Regrets	Perfetti, David	Present
Esteban, Lester	Present	Rychlicki, Brian	Present
Grenon, Luc	Present	Sagal, Steven	Present
Hamilton, Rod	Regrets	Vollmin, Val	Present
Hood, Heather	Present		
STAFF			
Barry Petrachenko		Present	
Elizabeth Werner		Present	

V. Vollmin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm ET.

Chair's Opening Comments

V. Vollmin outlined that this special meeting of the Board was called to discuss the next steps of the Phase 1 of Governance development, and reviewed the rules of order that would be followed during the discussions..

Opening Business

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion:

That the agenda of the January 9, 2025 meeting of the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors be approved.



(R. Marion / A. Briggs)

No discussion.

Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

J. Bent declared a conflict for discussion point 4.2 PTSO Affiliation Request – Kenora on the agenda. It was confirmed that J. Bent would exit the meeting during this discussion.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2024

The draft meeting minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion:

That the minutes of the December 10, 2024 meeting of the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors be approved.

(B. Merritt / M. Borgares)

No discussion.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

B. Rychlicki stated that he will send an email to the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors of any arising business from the December 10, 2024 meeting.

Action item: B. Rychlicki to send any arising business from the December 10th, 2024 meeting to the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors.

Board, Governance and Policy Items:

Governance Review with PTSOs

W. Pattenden and B. Rychlicki reviewed the report that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion:

That the Governance Report be immediately released in full with an accompanying cover letter, as directed at the Board of Directors meeting on December 10, 2024.

(R. Marion / J. Bent)

Discussion followed on the importance of the development of communication strategies around the release of this information. A concern was raised that it may take too long to develop a full communication plan and that it is important to release this information as soon as possible.

Motion defeated.



Motion:

That Part 1 of the Governance Report be released, with a cover letter drafted by the Chair of the Governance Committee, to be sent to all PTSOs by end of day on January 10, 2025 signed by Pickleball Canada's President.

(W. Pattenden / B. Merritt)

Discussion followed that this change will just be for Part 1 of the report and there will be discussion around Part 2 at a later date.

Motion carried (R. Marion requested that his dissent be noted).

Action item: W. Pattenden to edit question 2 of the roundtable discussion and work with the Executive Director on the NPAC materials to be distributed by end of day on January 10, 2025.

PTSO Affiliation Request – Kenora

B. Petrachenko reviewed the report as circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion:

That the request of the Kenora Pickleball Club to affiliate with Pickleball Manitoba be approved for the 2025 and 2026 membership years, in consideration of the geographic location of the club and the provision of enhanced access to officiating, coaching, tournament, and other resources from Pickleball Manitoba - with a review of this approval to be conducted by October 31, 2026.

(R. Marion / G. Biss)

Discussion included consideration of potential risks to the application of provincial borders, a review of what other NSOs do to address similar scenarios and the fact that this decision allows for further review of the circumstances over the next two years.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion:

That the January 9, 2025 Board of Directors meeting will be adjourned.

(A. Briggs / M. Borgares)

No discussion

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm ET.