



Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
Via Video Conference  
MINUTES

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

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

**Chair's Opening Comments**

V. Vollmin outlined that on January 14, 2025, Pickleball Canada held it's National Pickleball Advisory Council (NPAC) meeting, which included a discussion on governance. The discussion took an unexpected turn and the board is convening this evening to determine the best route to proceed with respect to governance reforms and compliance issues.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion:**

**That the agenda of the January 28, 2025 meeting of the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors be approved.**

(M. Borgares / G. Biss)

No discussion.

**Motion carried.**



### **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared by the Directors present. B. Merritt set out his opinion that J. Bent was in a conflict of interest position with respect to agenda item 4.3 confirming the Pickleball Ontario position regarding their MOU. J. Bent responded and did not choose to declare a conflict of interest, however, he advised that he would accept the decision of the Board in this regard. A discussion by the Board ensued in his absence. The consensus of the Directors was that he was in a conflict of interest relative to topic 4.3 of the agenda based on his position on the Board of Pickleball Ontario. J. Bent returned to the meeting. He requested that his objection be noted that he was not notified prior to the meeting of the document reviewed during the discussion. He, however, accepted the decision of the Board and was excused from the meeting during consideration of item 4.3. A question was raised regarding a potential conflict relative to an agenda item pertaining to the Pickleball Ontario MOU with Pickleball Canada. An email outlining potential conflicts from B. Merritt was displayed on screen and reviewed by the Directors present. Discussion followed, and the consensus of the Directors was to declare that J. Bent was in a conflict of interest relative to topic 4.3 of the agenda based on his position on the Ontario Board of Directors. J. Bent requested that his objections be noted in the minutes to reflect that he was not notified prior to the meeting about the document reviewed during the discussion.

### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2025**

The draft meeting minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were reviewed.

#### **Motion:**

**That the minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting of the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors be approved as amended.**

(E. McClean / R. Marion)

No discussion.

**Motion carried.**

### **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

### **Board, Governance and Policy Items:**

#### **Recommended Bylaw Changes**

W. Pattenden and R. Marion reviewed the recommended bylaw changes for feedback from the board. These adjustments were altered from their original draft because of input on the topic of Regional Directors that was received from PTSOs at the recent NPAC meeting. The Board



considered the input and reviewed the importance of moving to a fully independent board with the Nominations Committee tasked to ensure that there is regional representation in their recommendations to fill Director positions.

Action item: A. Briggs and R. Marion will meet with all PTSO's before the next board meeting to frame the issue with them again.

### **Change Management**

M. Borgares reviewed the change management sub-committee update presentation which was circulated to Directors prior to the meeting.

### **Pickleball Ontario Confirmation – MOU**

J. Bent exited the meeting. The Directors present identified the sensitive nature of this agenda item.

#### **Motion:**

**That the meeting moved to an in-camera session.**

(M. Borgares / A. Briggs)

No discussion.

**Motion carried.**

#### **Motion:**

**That the meeting return from the in-camera session.**

(M. Borgares / A. Briggs)

No discussion.

**Motion carried.**

#### **Motion:**

**That the request of the Kawartha Pickleball Club, asking for the support of Pickleball Canada in administering a Special General Meeting of the Pickleball Ontario membership be approved, confirming that Pickleball Canada will provide the services of a Parliamentarian and a voting system to an amount of \$3,500.**

(E. McClean / B. Merrit)

No discussion.

**Motion carried.**



**Motion:**

**That the January 28, 2025 meeting be adjourned.**

(A. Briggs / R. Marion)

No discussion.

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm ET.