



**PICKLEBALL CANADA ORGANIZATION
 (“PCO” or “Pickleball Canada”)
 NATIONAL PICKLEBALL ADVISORY COUNCIL
 MEETING NOTES**

Tuesday January 23, 2023, 6:00 PM, EST

NPAC MEMBERS			
Hector Campbell (Yukon)	Regrets	Jean-Samuel Lampron (Quebec)	Present
Walter Knecht (British Columbia)	Present	Alden Briggs (New Brunswick)	Present
Jill Richard (Alberta)	Present	Leonard Lye (Newfoundland and Labrador)	Present
Janet Bradshaw (Saskatchewan)	Regrets	Donald Johnston (Nova Scotia)	Regrets
Rose Sawatzky (Manitoba)	Present	Doris Dunphy (Prince Edward Island)	Present
Daphne Reid (Ontario)	Present	Val Vollmin (PCO)	Present
PCO STAFF			
Barry Petrachenko			Present
INVITED GUESTS			
Rod Hamilton, PCO			Present

1. Call to Order

- Val Vollmin called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm EST and reviewed the plan for discussion by the group in consideration of the three agenda items that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

2. Tournament Sanctioning Process

- Discussion on the issue of non-affiliated entities hosting Pickleball Canada sanctioned events, with the following highlights:
 - Can be a benefit to membership if only affiliated organizations of Pickleball Canada can host sanctioned tournaments
 - Risk in having non-affiliated organizations run sanctioned tournaments (insurance, complaints, & regulations)
 - Member clubs give back to the system so they should be awarded sanction status
 - Do not know if these sanctioning requirements are being followed during the tournament

- Is a benefit in areas who do not have an affiliated club to have more tournaments in these areas
- The consensus of the group was that:
 - The majority of the PTSOs feel that non-affiliated organizations should not be permitted to host sanctioned tournaments,
 - The PTSOs agreed that further review is necessary to study the long-term ramifications of adopting such policy

3. PCNS Development Fees

- Pickleball Canada has decided that these fees will be discontinued, and that they are seeking advice from the PTSOs as to what should be done with the funds that have been collected.
- The PTSOs unanimously agreed all funds previously collected should be returned to those who paid the fees.
 - This item will be brought forward to the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors.

4. Setting of Strategic Goals for Pickleball Canada

- PTSOs endorsed the Priorities circulated for inclusion in Pickleball Canada's Strategic Plan
 - Discussion took place on the topic of whether Pickleball Canada should adjust priorities from increasing participant levels in pickleball to developing and implementing more national programming to help increase enjoyment and skill level for participants.
- Discussion regarding the draft Strategic Goals confirmed support for the goals identified, with the following discussion/suggestions in some a few of the groupings:
 - Championships
 - Suggestion that we need to find the value in regionals and potentially make it an elimination sequence to the nationals.
 - Insurance
 - PTSOs confirmed their desire to gain a solid understanding of the insurance coverages in place
 - Governance
 - PTSOs suggest a focus on support for clubs and PTSOs – including guidance on governance, policies and procedures that should be in place – no need for every club to reinvent the wheel if supported with information and guidance nationally

5. General Comments

- The PTSOs agreed there is value in bringing all groups together in person for a summit in the next six months
- A terms of reference will be reviewed and developed for the NPAC
- All participants liked the structure of this meeting, with a focused agenda circulated in advance in order to prepare their feedback
- The NPAC meetings will be set at two month intervals moving forward, unless sufficient agenda items are identified to warrant a monthly meeting.

6. Adjournment

- 7:45 pm Eastern

Next meeting: March 26, 6:00pm Eastern unless otherwise required.