



Meeting of the NATIONAL PICKLEBALL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:00 PM, ET

Video Conference

Discussion Notes

Attendees:

David Snell	British Columbia	Don Johnston	Nova Scotia
Jill Groves	Alberta	Val Vollmin (Chair)	Pickleball Canada
Marilyn Barrington	Saskatchewan	Barry Petrachenko	Pickleball Canada
Ted Fardoe	Manitoba	Elizabeth Werner	Pickleball Canada
Ian Campbell	Ontario	Nuri Kim	Pickleball Canada
Christian Duschesne	Quebec	Philippe Germain	Translation
Marie Camille Roussel	New Brunswick		

Regrets:

Leonard Lye	Newfoundland & Lab	Doris Dunphy	Prince Edward Island
James Gilpin	Yukon		

V. Vollmin called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm ET.

Chair's Opening Comments

V. Vollmin expressed satisfaction with the increased engagement between Pickleball Canada and the PTSOs over the past six months. V. Vollmin welcomed Ian Campbell, the new President of Pickleball Ontario to the meeting and welcomed him to the team.

Meeting Agenda

The agenda was reviewed, and the order of business was adjusted to allow for presentations at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion:

That the agenda be approved as amended.

(D. Johnston / M. Barrington)

No discussion.

Motion carried.

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Discussion Notes – Previous Meeting

There were no questions or comments on the notes that were circulated with the meeting materials.

Updates and Information

National Championship Update

T. Fardoe presented information on the Provincial/Territorial Team Event proposal, emphasizing the goal of including teams from all provinces. It was clarified that all registrants to the National Championships who have a CTPR of 4.0 or above will be asked to indicate their interest in being considered for their PTSO Team. It was noted that the entry fee for the event has not yet been determined, and that there are currently no plans for a subsidy from Pickleball Canada for players attending, though this will continue to be an area of consideration as planning moves forward on the 2025 event and for future years. The NPAC members present agreed that June 30 is a suitable deadline for PTSOs to notify Pickleball Canada of their intent to send a team to the event. Manitoba and Alberta confirmed their intent to participate. B. Petrachenko confirmed that team selection will be the responsibility of the PTSO, and that Pickleball Canada will assist any PTSO in developing their process if desired. J. Groves suggested that the event should maintain a consistent underlying criterion for player selection to ensure meaningful competition, and the group agreed that Pickleball Canada would bear this responsibility.

SGM Preparations

V. Vollmin summarized the Governance Review process that began last fall and will culminate in a Special General Meeting on March 24th to review proposed bylaw amendments and commended the level of collaboration that was involved in the process. V. Vollmin also noted a key NPAC planning item that resulted from the process, and that the board intends to collaborate with PTSOs over the next few months to determine enhancements to the NPAC structure. This will include topics such as meeting frequency, defining who serves as Chair for the meetings, the name of the group, and the formalization of the group in the Pickleball Canada bylaws.

General Operations

B. Petrachenko highlighted several items from the Operations Report that was distributed in the meeting materials:

Subsidy programs for provincial and sanctioned events has been successfully launched, with positive feedback to date and a goal to increase the number of sanctioned events in Canada... The Ratings Review Process task team carried out their work over the course of the winter, and a resulting process was announced yesterday to all players with a CTPR. 50 applications for review were received in the first 24 hours of the project... B. Petrachenko updated on developments with respect to ratings across the world

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and noted that discussions are already underway with other federations and service providers. Pickleball Canada will continue the use of the CTPR and pickleball.com for 2025 and is assessing the landscape for the future – with more information to follow in coming months... The Pickleball Canada Sport Integrity Policy Suite is nearing finalization and aims to provide guidelines for preventing maltreatment in sport. Once launched it can also act as a resource for PTSOs... The Facilities Task Team is making significant progress, working to develop a webpage aimed at providing informational resources to clubs and communities looking to build new facilities, with hopes of launching it by early spring... The Officiating Workgroup has been tasked with developing a program to support PTSOs in increasing the number of trained and certified officials. The goal is to expand participation in the program, ensuring more officials are available at the highest level. Initial planning discussions are underway, and further updates will be shared following the next workgroup meeting later this month... B. Petrachenko thanked the PTSOs for their recommendations for candidates to serve on the PCNS Workgroup for 2025, noting that this group plays a crucial role in the ongoing review and enhancement of Pickleball Canada's electronic management system, and that we remain committed to continuous improvement to ensure it stays at the forefront for clubs and PTSOs... The 2025 AGM has been set for Thursday June 26 at 7pm eastern time... The response to the Pickleball Canada Ambassador Program has been very encouraging – B. Petrachenko acknowledged the efforts of E. Werner in designing the program aimed at increasing the social media and content efforts of clubs, PTSOs and Pickleball Canada, and thanked the PTSOs for their assistance in the selection of the final group members... Regular operations meetings with PTSOs have been held over the fall and winter and the meetings are going very well – B. Petrachenko reminded any PTSOs who have not yet scheduled their meetings to contact him to finalize the dates/times.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm ET.

Next meeting: May 6th, 2025

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