



Meeting of the NATIONAL PICKLEBALL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:00 PM, ET

Video Conference

Discussion Notes

Attendees:

Charity Christianson	Alberta	Glenn Stumborg	Saskatchewan
Lisa Hardy	Alberta	Sean Booth	Yukon
David Snell	BC	Ron Marion	President (Chair)
Ted Fardoe	Manitoba	Alexandre Baril	Pickleball Canada
Jonathon Moody	Ontario	Alden Briggs	Pickleball Canada
Doris Dunphy	Prince Edward Island	Barry Petrachenko	Executive Director
Marcel Gagnon	Quebec	Terri Boizard	Support Staff
France Emery	Quebec	Charles-Andre Montpetit	Interpreter
Marilyn Barrington	Saskatchewan		

Regrets:

Marie-Camille Roussell	New Brunswick	Deanna Christie	Ontario
Nicole Carlson	NFLD	Nadine Boutin	Quebec
Don Johnston	Nova Scotia		

R. Marion called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm ET.

Chair's Opening Comments

R. Marion welcomed everyone and reminded Presidents to send any agenda items to him. Members could also pass items to their Presidents, who would forward them to R. Marion for inclusion.

Meeting Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and there were no comments or questions.

Discussion Notes – Previous Meeting

There were no comments or questions about the notes of the previous meeting.

Update from Board of Directors

R. Marion, Board Chair and President, noted that he attends several board committee meetings, including finance, risk management, strategic planning, and Safe Sport, many of which cover topics similar to those discussed at NPAC.

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He advised that the Sport Commission report is due on March 24, which will help guide future discussions. He also noted that the GPF will be meeting on March 11, 2026, to approve bylaws and elect board members.

D. Snell asked whether NPAC has representation on the GPF Board. R. Marion explained that there are currently two representatives and provided an overview of the GPF Board's structure and operations. He noted that the GPF is progressing positively with a strong blueprint for the future.

SGM and Bylaw Changes Recap

R. Marion advised that the proposed bylaw changes previously discussed by NPAC—including board term lengths, the election process, and the staggering of terms—were all approved at the SGM. He noted that, to remain responsive and prepared for future issues, some bylaw updates are expected each year. Minor updates may also be anticipated at the AGM, primarily focused on modernizing the bylaws.

Operations

B. Petrachenko provided an overview of operational highlights and noted that a written report is expected later this week. Highlights included:

- **Tournament Director Meeting** – The first session was held to educate directors on tournament software, with plans for continued education.
- **Corporate Partnerships** – Efforts continue to expand corporate partnerships.
- **League Concept Pilot Project** – The pilot is being rolled out, with more information expected in the coming days.
- **Coach Program Task Team** – After a long development period, the program is now progressing well.
- **PCNS Court Reservations** – Currently under review, with hopes that they will be available soon.
- **Ambassadors Program** – 75 applications were received, and the 2026 program has officially launched.
- **Roll-Out Flooring** – Tested twice at events with a corporate partner and proved effective, showing potential for use at corporate fundraisers. More information will follow as opportunities are identified.
- **Sport Commission Report** – Expected March 24; being monitored for key insights.

Questions from the Operations Report

- **PCNS Admin Details** – D. Snell asked whether PCNS will offer fields for administrative information annually. B. Petrachenko confirmed this will be available, and BC has offered to serve as a pilot if needed.
- **Pickleball Tournaments Webinar** – T. Fardoe requested a copy of the webinar.

B. Petrachenko will provide the Pickleball Tournaments webinar to T. Fardoe.

Council Business

Provincial Highlights and Updates

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Outline of your PTSO capacity and structure for delivery of programs (coaching, officiating, youth, high performance)

B. Petrachenko outlined the request for PTSOs to provide information on their current capacity and organizational structure to support program delivery, including coaching, officiating, youth development, and high-performance initiatives. The objective is to better understand which PTSOs have the capacity to deliver programs, identify existing strengths, and recognize areas where additional support may be required.

D. Snell shares background on the success of the youth program in BC and notes that the goal is to provide Pickleball Canada with access to the program in September so it can be shared with PTSOs across the country.

T. Fardoe notes that Manitoba is running a youth program which has also been very successful. He adds that, as the program has grown, capacity has become an important consideration.

R. Marion asked whether the topic of programming capacity should also be moved out of this forum, noting that the discussion regarding private clubs has already transitioned to individual meetings with each PTSO. He asked whether taking a similar approach would be appropriate.

B. Petrachenko added that programming and capacity discussions will be included as agenda items in the monthly operational meetings he holds with each PTSO moving forward.

Members requested that, following these individual meetings, there be an opportunity to circle back with PTSOs to share key information, insights, and best practices.

PTC Planning

Expressions of interest are due April 1, with several provinces already indicating their intention to participate.

It was noted that requests have been made to include Super Senior and Junior events. These opportunities are being reviewed closely for the PTC; however, due to venue capacity, they are more likely to be introduced next year. Plans are in place to include a junior category at Nationals, with the potential for junior divisions at future PTC events as well.

A question was raised regarding whether PTC participants will have the opportunity to compete in more than one category. B. Petrachenko noted that these details are currently being reviewed by R. Hanes.

Private Club Discussion Follow-Up

R. Marion provided a brief update that this subject will now move to individual PTSO meetings, noting that this is a very important subject and that, together, we can all work toward a structure that enables them to be an integral part of Pickleball Canada.

C. Christianson will share with the NPAC an email with Alberta's points in regard to private clubs.

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A. Briggs asked about the recent clarification regarding private clubs and insurance. B. Petrachenko explained that the definition is now clearer: previously, the wording simply stated, “no private clubs,” but it now specifies that the same coverage applies to a private club if they are affiliated with a PTSO.

Closing Comments

R. Marion thanked everyone and emphasized the importance of these meetings for hearing and learning the national perspective on issues that concern you. Attendance—or sending a designate—is a great way to stay up to date on current discussions and report back to your boards. Please send your agenda items to either R. Marion or B. Petrachenko.

B. Petrachenko noted the intention is to once again hold a President’s Lunch at Nationals. If everyone is in attendance, it could certainly serve as a full NPAC meeting.

T. Boizard to confirm who from each board will attend Nationals.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm ET.

Next meeting: May 12 2026 6pm EST

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