

MINUTES

PAO BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday December 15, 2015

Time: 6.30p.m.

Location: RIM Centre, Waterloo

Present: J Sikorski (President)
A. Krahn (Vice President)
B. Cook-Abbott (Secretary)
M. Homer (Treasurer)
P. Archambault
R. Cammaert
J. Hale

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5.55pm.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

On a motion by P Archambault and seconded by R Cammaert, the minutes of the Board Meeting held November 24, 2015 were approved as written.

3. Business Arising:

3.1 Ottawa will not be ready to host PAO Tournament in 2017 Tournament.

3.2 2016 tournament: see later agenda item

3.3 2016 Tournament location. Site visits and reviews completed. Information on 9 potential sites documented for future use and saved in Dropbox. Meetings with Markham Pan in progress such that PAO will file a Grant Hosting Submission with the City of Markham with the encouragement and support of Pan Am management.

3.4 ACTION: B Cook-Abbott to refine draft sponsorship policy based on feedback received for Board meeting 21 Jan 2016.

3.5. ACTION: M Homer to create first draft defining the "Value of PAO membership to members" for January 2016 Board meeting.

3.6. Newsletter - material now available. Future newsletters / communication to include video clips as available

ACTION: Next edition of newsletter to be prepared and issued in mid Dec. based on input from Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

4. President's Report

The Board was updated on recent Skype meetings with PCO to discuss a collaborative approach in moving forward with a Sports Recognition designation for pickleball. A PCO committee has been struck with representation from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and other PCO board members. Meetings will be ongoing in the New Year.

After meetings with Markham PanAm it was confirmed that up to 15 courts are available 7am -10pm for the 3rd weekend in September. Tape will be laid by PanAm staff. The fee for the gym is \$1600 + tax per day and includes a meeting room that can be used for registration.

Any vendors requesting a booth would be required to apply and pay Markham a fee of \$250
A 50/50 draw will require a \$35 license fee

5. Treasurer's Report

M. Holmer led a discussion and presented information on projected operating costs for the 2016 Tournament and Markham Grant Submission.

6. 2016 Tournament Planning

Format for tournament was discussed. Current plan is to have Rated and Open categories for Mens, Mixed and Ladies. Rated categories would be 3.0, 3.5, 4+ for the following Age ranges:

19-49, 50-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

Open categories for Mens, Ladies and Mixed ages 19+ for 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5

Subject to the number of registrations some categories may be merged to ensure 5 games per entry

7. PAO Board expansion

It was agreed that the PAO Board be expanded to the maximum 9 members allowed. One potential candidate will be approached and others to be identified by Board members (hopefully representing different regions of Ontario).

8. Pickleball Palozza Proposal from Hamilton

M. Holmer updated the board on his discussions with Hamilton representatives. There was agreement that spring 2016 was too aggressive a timetable and that at this time the Board had other strategic priorities to address.

9. AOB

A PAO member's proposal for a blog on the website was discussed. J Hale pointed out that administration of blog sites was required and if a volunteer could be found then the blog can be started. He also noted that blogs will attract a lot of spam to the website. ACTION: J Sikorski agreed to contact the member to establish if he was willing to adopt the role of Blog Administrator.

The practice for providing a reduced fee for membership in the period Jan 1 - June 30 was discussed.

Motion "to maintain membership fee at \$10" without midyear discounts was proposed by R Cammaert/seconded J Hale: **Carried.**

The website will be amended to clarify.

There was unanimous agreement that the next meeting be rescheduled to January 21, 2016 when members could also participate in the KW 3*3 tournament.

4. Strategic Plan Update

Due to time constraints a brief overview of the existing Strategic Plan was provided.

There was agreement that the members would give some thought to their priorities and that items would be prioritized and actions assigned. Subsequently sub committees could then address specific items under the leadership of an assigned Board member.

5. Other Business

M Homer highlighted an exploratory idea for creating Provincial Ambassadors.
ACTION: M Homer will follow up with additional information at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY P. ARCHAMBAULT AT 8.35PM.

Secretary, B Cook-Abbott