

MINUTES PAO BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday February 24, 2016

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Pan Am Centre, Markham

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

Apologies: J. Hale
S. Phinney

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2.00pm.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

On a motion by A Krahn and seconded by R Cammaert, the minutes of the Board Meeting held January 21, 2016 were approved as written.

3. Business Arising:

None

NEW BUSINESS

4. President's Report

J Sikorski reported that discussions with PCO were moving slowly. She also reported that groups in the States were moving ahead with plans to introduce a Coaching certification program in advance of the USAPA proposal. The group has now been informed of the specific requirements for an Ontario and Canadian Certification process that would be required to have pickleball formally recognized.

ACTION ITEM: J Sikorski to update volunteer roles document based on feedback received.
Tournament related Information developed would then be incorporated into tournament manual.

5. 2016 Tournament Planning

Current plan for categories and age groups was confirmed for the 2 day event.
It was confirmed that JUG balls would be used.
Additional feedback was collected relating to the draft PAO Championship announcement document. P Archambault to incorporate into final document.

ACTION ITEMS: BCA to circulate USAPA refereeing handbook and score sheet to Board members
Notify PAO members of new rules via Newsletter

6. Approved Balls for Future Tournaments

R Cammaert agreed to be the Board representative who will run with process for selecting an approved ball for Ontario tournaments. The process would target a decision by the end of 2016.

7. Membership data base

It was agreed that the membership database must contain information about the member location. This information is required for Grant requests and for PAO to establish where there is growth and or decline in PAO membership. Any replacement program to manage the membership list should include this data.

8. Strategic Plan

Three priorities were identified:

- RSO recognition which would require:
 - Coaching certification program
 - School program
 - Referee program
 - Grants to fund work
 - Sponsorships (Wilson's may be a prospect)
- Ambassador program which is needed to increase local visibility of PAO (M Homer to address framework proposal)
- Membership survey and report (M Homer to collect questions)

Other identified priorities included:

- Addition of player liability coverage
- A leadership role in supporting & promoting Ontario league play

It was agreed that the PAO Board would continue to seek an additional Board member for the current year.

9. AOB

8.1. It was agreed that Financial Statements would be filed quarterly.

8.2. The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday March 29 at 5pm at RIM Park, KW.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY P. ARCHAMBAULT AT 4PM.

Secretary, B Cook-Abbott