

MINUTES PAO BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday January 21, 2016

Time: 6.30p.m.

Location: RIM Centre, Waterloo

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5.55pm.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

On a motion by A Krahn and seconded by R Cammaert, the minutes of the Board Meeting held December 15, 2015 were approved as written.

On a motion by B Cook-Abbott and seconded by J Hale, the minutes of the special Board Meeting held January 2, 2016 were approved as written.

3. Business Arising:

3.1 B Cook-Abbott has refined draft sponsorship policy based on feedback received (completed) .

3.2. M Homer to create first draft defining the "Value of PAO membership to members" for February 2016 Board meeting.

3.3. Newsletter issued in December as planned.

ACTION: J Hale to share a list of email addresses who did not open the newsletter.

J Hale to complete draft of next newsletter by Feb meeting

3.4. On a motion raised by J Hale and seconded by P Archambault it was resolved that Steve Phinney should be appointed as a PAO Board member forthwith

3.5. J Hale agreed to create a blog for PAO and to provide administration service until a volunteer can be identified.

NEW BUSINESS

4. President's Report

Markham grant has been submitted. Results expected by June 2016

The meeting with Investors Group was deferred by their reps – to be rescheduled.

Tournament dates for 2017 initially booked for Sep 16-17. An additional day may be required.

Contract with Pan Am for 2016 championship now signed.

A volunteer director has been identified and interviewed. Her previous experience included coordination of volunteers at the Pan Am games. Clarification of the roles is required.

Negotiations with local hotels has commenced for discounted accommodation.

Balls have been ordered through Singletons at \$1.50

On a motion by J Sikorski and seconded by A Krahn it was agreed that used balls from last year could be sold at 75c. Cobourg, Port Perry and KW have all expressed interest and after retaining some balls for use at demos the remainder will be shared.

It was confirmed that new legislation for Not-for-profit organizations has been deferred for 2 further years.

Meetings have occurred between PCO and provincial organizations to start the process for having pickleball designated as a Recognized designated Sport.

It was agreed that PAO would be willing to email members to encourage them to be PCO members IF PCO would encourage their Ontario members to also consider joining the PAO.

On a motion by J Sikorski and seconded by R Cammaert it was agreed that All-IN clubs could register new members in the period April 1- June30 for \$15 which would include membership for the following year.

5. 2016 Tournament Planning

Current draft plan identifies categories for Men and Ladies' Doubles on Day 1. Rated categories would be 3.0, 3.5, 4 and 4.5+ (48 medals)

Day 2 would consist of Mixed competition for age groups 19-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+ (24 medals)

Round Robin format will be used to ensure 4 games. Registration fee \$40 plus \$10 for a second event.

240 participants can be accommodated

M Brandon will not be available on the Sunday

A target of March 1st was established to complete planning and drafting of announcement material.

Markham will approve a powerpoint deck containing information about the Pan Am centre, PAO Championship information, hotel information etc which can then be used as part of the advertizing strategy

6. PAO Board expansion

It was agreed that the PAO Board would continue to seek additional Board members.

7. Strategic Plan review – deferred to February meeting

8. AOB

8.1. P Archambault reported that a Premier Pickleball League was being created by KW. London, Hamilton and Brampton have expressed interest. It was reported that Markham was also interested in starting a similar league and suggested that further discussions should include that group.

8.2. J Hale presented some website usage stats.

8.3. The following dates were confirmed for the next 3 meetings:

Feb 23, Mar 29 and Apr 18

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY P. ARCHAMBAULT AT 8.21PM.

Secretary, B Cook-Abbott