

# **MINUTES PAO BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday March 29th, 2016

**Time:** 8.25 PM.

**Location:** via Skype Teleconference

Present: J. Sikorski (President)  
A. Krahn (Vice President)  
M. Homer (Treasurer)  
P. Archambault  
R. Cammaert  
J. Hale  
S. Phinney

Regrets: B. Cook-Abbott (Secretary)

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8.00 pm.

## **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING**

On a motion by P. Archambault and seconded by M. Homer, the minutes of the Board Meeting held February 24th, 2016 were approved as written.

## **3. Business Arising:**

- 3.1 J. Sikorski to update tournament volunteer role (completed).
- 3.2. BCA to circulate USAPA referee handbook and score sheet (completed).
- 3.3. BCA to update and circulate Strategic Plan (completed).  
Timeline goals and designated board lead to be finalized.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. President's Report**

J. Sikorski highlighted that in March, a couple of board and four other Durham PAO members, accepted an invitation to introduce the fundamentals of Pickleball to 150 participants at a Whitby elementary school. PAO members residing in the Markham/Scarborough area are also participating in the Markham Pan Am Centre RBC grant to introduce physical literacy using Pickleball as the sports medium, in selected Markham area schools.

Of note, the PAO Membership enrolment status as of mid March is 834.

J Sikorski also advised the board that PAO has received confirmation of its' accepted registration with the Trillium Foundation. The next step would be an application for consideration to receive project seed funds. The Trillium Capital Grant stream is currently on hold while waiting for new/revised Ministry guidelines. As well, the closing date for an application to receive an RBC project grant focusing on physical literacy as applied to a possible PAO Pickleball project is May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Going forward, this will be the final grant offering by RBC for such projects.

- J. Sikorski circulated the PAO Operational Timeline Schedule for monthly responsibilities until the end of September.

Also noted is a March Referee Clinic being organized and led by D. Leung our Chief Referee for the September Championship Tournament. The Markham Pan Am Centre will be supporting this initiative by making additional courts available for the clinic. Enrollment has surpassed expectations.

Information received via a USAPA Rules Chair, is that the new Jug ball will be available in approximately 8 weeks. The final acceptable date for all ball modifications is Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. At this time, the **projected** three tournament indoor balls that will meet the new standard are: the NEW Jugs ball, the RiverStyks ball and the NEW Onyx indoor ball.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

M. Homer will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report at the next meeting. The 2016-17 Operating budget discussions will follow.

## **6. Tournament Chair's Report**

- P. Archambault noted that Wilson sports will not be sponsoring any further tournaments until the issue with their tournament ball is resolved.
- Registrations are being accepted. However, tournament registration payments will not be processed until the technical issues, around using the PAO waiver is resolved by the program vendor.
- P. Archambault reported that the scheduling details advising interested members of the computerized Registration system tutorial will be circulated in June.
- P. Archambault also advised that the next version of the draft Tournament Manual for board review will be circulated within the next week.

## **7. Membership Survey Update**

M. Homer provided a status update and sought input on possible questionnaire content. J. Hale will assist with the project. Draft information will be provided at the May board meeting.

## **8. Other Business**

J. Hale highlighted that the next newsletter will be issued in April and also noted that the web domain hosting fee is now due for renewal. A proposed standard three year renewal plan received board approval.

J. Hale also advised that the renewal and migration to a more integrated membership management system will be pursued next year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY J. HALE AT 10:10 PM.

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Recorder, J. Sikorski