

MINUTES

PAO BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday May 12th, 2016 Time: 5.15 PM.

Location: RIM, Waterloo

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5.25 pm.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

On a motion by P. Archambault and seconded by R. Cammaert, the minutes of the Board Meeting held March 29, 2016 were approved as written.

3. Business Arising:

- 3.1 PAO Subcommittee structure review – deferred to next meeting
- 3.2 Membership survey draft questions circulated by M Homer and reviewed.
Action Item: feedback to M Homer by May 31, 2016
- 3.3. Tournament Manual: Not yet addressed **Action Item:** deferred to next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

4. President's Report

4.1. J Sikorski reminded the Board that membership renewal emails should be issued as per PAO Calendar. Action Item: BCA to provide sample emails to J Hale (completed). J Hale to issue asap separate from the next Newsletter.

4.2. Pending board vacancies were reviewed. A Krahn informed the Board that he has to resign his position on the Board due to personal reasons. The Board thanked him for his involvement to date
Action Items: Some updates were identified and BCA to update the list based on feedback from members and present at next meeting. S Phinney agreed to a draft role description for future Board members to ensure that the Board identifies appropriate skills and prospective Board members are aware of the commitment required.

4.3. J Sikorski reported that ONCA law changes has now been deferred by the Ontario Government so no further action would be required in next 2 years or so.

4.4. It was proposed that applications for Trillium grants be submitted (due Sept 2016 and/or Jan 2017). Topics for grant requests would include Referee certification related activities, development of Tournament software and the development/roll out of pickleball curriculum for schools. Professional support should be used for development of the submissions to ensure quality and well-focused submissions.

4.5. M Brandon has reported that he will not be available to assist in the administration of the 2016 tournament but has agreed to provide training to M French, Windsor, Noreen Clancy, London and other people interested in learning the system. M French has offered to assist with the tournament bracket management in September. Additionally, R Cammaert will also discuss possible interest with Norene.

Action Item: R Cammaert to follow up with N Clancy.

4.6. Joseline reported that following ongoing communication with PCO, our Canadian Association is redrafting their Bylaws to ensure adoption of a national focus with provincial involvement, representation and alliances. The revised Bylaws will be presented at the PCO AGM in July 2016. This is a major structural change where the provinces and PCO will work collaboratively to achieve the necessary requirements over the next 5-7 years to advance Pickleball as a "Recognized Sport" in Canada (NSO) sanctioned by Sports' Canada and as an (RSO/PSO) sanctioned by the respective Provincial Sports Ministries.

4.7. Additional Referee Clinics are being scheduled in London (P Singleton), Ottawa (D Leung May 23) and Markham (D Leung – 3rd week in July).

5. Treasurer's Report

M. Homer present the 3rd quarter financial report which were approved following a motion to approve as presented by BCA, seconded P Archambault.

The 2016 draft budget was reviewed and minor refinements recommended

The 2016-17 draft Operating budget was also presented and reviewed.

M Homer recognized the great work of B Gohn in his administration of the PAO finances.

Action Item: M Homer to revise and re-issue (**completed** and to be issued by BCA with Minutes)

6. Tournament Chair's Report

P. Archambault reported that the Pickleballtournaments.com site had been updated to correct the posted registration fees. However, the summary information has yet to be updated by the supplier. Service from the supplier has not been timely or satisfactory. Ongoing follow up has been initiated.

7. PAO review of Clubs using 7' line

A request had been received from London asking if the Board could collect information relating to the use of either a 6.5 ft or 7ft non-volley line by various provincial clubs. The Board agreed that BCA would approach clubs and establish what line was in use and how many players were involved in those clubs.

Action Item: BCA to approach larger clubs and establish what non-volley line was in use and how many players played at that site.

8. Other Business

None

9. Next meeting provisionally scheduled for Thursday June 23, 2016 in Markham at 2:30 PM.

Meeting location to be confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A MOTION BY R. CAMMAERT/ S PHINNEY AT 7.35 PM.

B Cook-Abbott, Secretary