

**PAO AGM 2021, 7:00pm, September 16, 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday September 16th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Location: ZOOM**

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Present: Fiona MacGregor Vice-President, Acting President

Gail Prior Treasurer

Stephen Ahad Secretary

Junior Bent Director-at-Large

Anne Evans Director-at-Large

Karen Hill Director-at-Large

Sara McInnes Director-at-Large

Gail Prior Director-at-Large

Joseline Sikorski Director-at-Large

1. **Welcome and call to order: Fiona**

Fiona welcomed everyone to the 2021 PAO AGM and thanked everyone for taking time to join us this evening.

Gail Prior provided some tips on using Zoom, and the online voting system used for the meeting. (Gail provided tips and tricks and best practices).

The 2021 PAO AGM was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

21 people were in attendance at this time, plus the PAO Board members.

Susan Jurbala also attended this evening. Susan has been working with the PAO Board on the creation of the coaching modules with funding provided by the Ontario Trillium Fund. Welcome Susan.

**2 - Introduction of the Board: Fiona**

Fiona MacGregor was chair for tonight’s meeting. She introduced the 2020-2021 PAO Board.

The PAO Board currently consists of:

Steve Ahad

Junior Bent

Anne Evans

Karen Hill

Pam Joslin

Sara McInnis

Joseline Sikorski

Gail Prior

**3 - Call for Nominations: Fiona**

At this time I would like to call for any nominations to the PAO Board from the floor.

Karen Hill nominates Daphne Reid. She accepted the nomination.

Voting occurs later in the agenda

Nominations are now closed. The voting will occur later in the meeting as per the agenda.

**4 - Approval of Agenda: Fiona**

Fiona brought a motion for approval of the agenda. The agenda vote was put on screen

**Motion to approve the 2021 AGM agenda made by Gail Prior and seconded by Annette Happel**

All those in favour: 23

All those opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

**The Motion is carried**

**5 - Approval of Minutes: Fiona**

**Motion to approve the 2020 PAO AGM minutes made by Fiona and seconded by Karen Hill.**

Vote results

All those in favour: 21

All those opposed: 0

Abstentions: 5

**The motion is carried**

**6 - Volunteer Awards: Fiona and Pam**

Pickleball Ontario has the most comprehensive volunteer awards program in Canada for the sport of pickleball. This program was initiated four years ago. Even during the difficult times of a pandemic, many pickleball volunteers have continued to help grow our wonderful sport.

On behalf of the PAO, Pam would like to acknowledge four special volunteers tonight.

Our first winner is the Community Award winner for 2021. Please join me us in congratulating Chuck Burgoyne.

Our second winner is the Merrie Lee Ambassador Award winner for 2021,

Congratulations to Brian Bell.

Our third winner is the Wayne Roswell Builder Award winner

Congratulations to Jeff Morton.

Our final winner is the Officials award winner

Congratulations Daphne Micallef Reid.

A board member will be presenting these awards personally to all recipients in the next few weeks.

On behalf of Pickleball Ontario, we thank all the dedicated volunteers, the nominated volunteers, and the four volunteer award winners. All of these amazing volunteers make pickleball a fun and growing sport in our communities.

We also thank all the ambassadors, clubs’ directors, refs and all the unnamed volunteers for giving their time and energy, especially Gil Metcalf, who takes care of Places to Play and is stepping down to focus on other commitments.

**7 - Treasurer’s Report: Gail**

The following documents were included in the AGM Agenda:

1. 2020-2021 Financial Results

2. Budget 2021-21

Gail: The board decided to give members a break on renewal for 2020-21 due to Covid and charge no membership for returning members. We are expecting an increase in members as things open up

As province opens up, the Board will need to revise strategic plan to address things that weren’t done during COVID.

**A motion was made by Gail Prior, that the Pickleball Ontario 2022 Budget and Unaudited Financial Statements of June 30th, 2021 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen Hill.**

Gail posted the voting form on Zoom.

(Before the vote, there was a point of order from the floor. Ben Seto asked why there isn’t an auditor, as per the by-law and Trillium requirements. He suggested that someone propose a motion have the audit requirement waived. Gail noted that this issue has been brought up at previous board meetings, and can be addressed under a different motion)

Vote on the motion:

Those in favour - 16

Those opposed- 0

Abstentions - 8

**The motion was carried**

**Karen Hill then brought motion to waive the requirement for audited financial statements for the 2020-21 fiscal. The motion was seconded by Annette Happel**

Those in favour - 16

Those opposed- 0

Abstentions - 8

**The motion was carried**

**8 - President’s Report: Fiona**

A copy of the President’s Report was distributed last week. There were no questions from the floor.

**9 - National System: Gail (and Pam)**

This has been a big task. Interesting year with everything shut down. Migrating all the members into the system was especially big (all different provinces had different systems). The National System has lightened the administrative load for a lot of clubs. Very positive innovation for pickleball.

**10 - Marketing: Junior**

Junior submitted the Marketing report, which was distributed last week. There were no questions from the floor.

**11 - Election of Directors: Fiona**

We will now move to the Election of the Directors. We will ask for a vote on the slate first. This is followed by a vote on the nominations from the floor.

1. Slate of Directors

* In the vote on the slate of Directors who were up for election, which included Junior Bent, Pam Joslin, Gail Prior, Anne Evans, and Bryan Merritt, 18 people voted yes, with 3 people abstaining. The slate was therefore duly elected to the Board.

1. Nominations from the floor

- Karen Hill nominated Kelli McRobert, who declined the nomination

- Karen Hill nominated Daphne Reid, who accepted the nomination. Daphne is from Windsor and has been on the board of the Windsor-Essex pickleball club for 7 years. She also serves as a regional ambassador. She wants to grow the game across province and among young.

* In the vote to elect Daphne Reid to the Board, 20 voted yes with 4 abstaining. Daphne Reid was therefore duly elected to the Board.

**12 - New Business: Fiona**

There was no new business raised.

**13 - Adjournment: Fiona**

Fiona thanked the 2020 PAO Board of Directors for all of their dedication and hard work.

All the best to the new 2021 Pickleball Association of Ontario Board!

Gail acknowledged and thanked to Fiona for her leadership during a very trying year

A motion to adjourn the AGM was made by Karen Hill and seconded by Karen Hill. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.