

# **Minutes of the Pickleball Association of Ontario Annual General Meeting**

**Held at Waterloo Inn, Waterloo Ontario on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## **1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

## **2. Reading of Notice of the Annual General Meeting**

The Chair advised that each Member of the Corporation was sent a Notice of the Meeting. The Chair called for a reading of the Notice unless there was a motion to dispense with the reading.

On a Motion made by J. Sikorski and seconded by J. Van Camp, it was resolved that:

**The reading of the Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Members be dispensed with.**

**The Motion was unanimously carried.**

## **3. Approval of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting August 14, 2013**

- Bill Gohn announced that the minutes had been circulated on August 10, 2014 with notice of this meeting. There being no questions, On a motion by Jim Van Camp and seconded by Melissa French, the minutes were accepted as distributed

## **4. Report of President**

- Bruce Doughty presented his report reviewing the accomplishments of the association.
  - Association membership has grown from 256 members at last year's meeting to 629 current members. A growth of 246%
  - PAO has arranged 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance with its insurer's for all Pickleball clubs with a 100% PAO membership.
  - Currently eight clubs with mandatory membership
    - Port Perry
    - St. Thomas
    - Little Current, Manitoulin Island
    - Oshawa – 3 groups playing out of YWCA
    - London
    - Thornbury
  - Enhancement of the Web Site to include an "Ask the Board" link. Whereby members can communicate directly with the Board of Directors. The link has generated about 100 queries throughout the year
  - PAO ran three Skills Development Workshops throughout the year (Oshawa, Newcastle and Cobourg) plus many Introduction Demonstrations
  - The Web site "Places to Play" has grown from 105 to 124 locations

## **5. Proposed Changes to the By-Laws**

- Bill Gohn advised the membership that the Board of Directors were recommending the creation of a “Members – Non-Voting” category for Pickleball Association of Ontario. This would allow non-residents of Ontario to apply to PAO for membership. Thus, allowing them to play in the PAO Pickleball tournament.

**On a Motion made by Dave Werry, seconded by Jim Van Camp, it was resolved that:**

All individual members in good standing who reside in the province of Ontario are eligible to be voting members of P.A.O.

All individual non-residents are eligible to be non-voting members of the P.A.O.

All members shall be included without discrimination.

Membership Dues. The P.A.O Board will establish the amount of the membership dues.

**The Motion was unanimously carried.**

## **6. Report of Treasurer**

- Bill Gohn reviewed the Financial Statements as prepared by the Accountants, Leggett & Associate, CPA Chartered Accountant. There being no questions, on a motion by Looey Tremblay and seconded by Bob Cook-Abbott, the PAO Financial Statements were accepted as previously distributed.

## **7. Report of Nomination Committee**

- Bruce Doughty advised that there were two Board Positions up for election at this meeting. The mandates of Russ French and Bill Gohn had been completed. The Board of Directors (acting as the Nomination Committee) were recommending Joseline Sikorski and Bob Cook-Abbott. The Board felt that both candidates had great qualifications to be applied to the working board. Bruce asked both candidates to stand for acknowledgement. As a result, the following nominees have been put forward:
  - Bruce Doughty (Whitby) ) returning member of the board
  - Peter Singleton (London) returning member of the board
  - Andy Hall (London) ) returning member of the board
  - Joseline Sikorski (Port Perry)
  - Bob Cook-Abbott Oshawa)
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## **8. Election of New Board Members**

- The floor was opened to further nominations but none came forward. A motion was made by Russ French seconded by Dave Werry to close nominations. The motion was approved. On a motion by Russ French,

seconded by Dave Werry the nominees were acclaimed to the 2014/54 Board; this was accepted by the members present.

#### **9. New Business**

- Bruce Doughty discussed the appreciation in volunteers to the Board of Directors. Bruce presented an award to Russ French and Bill Gohn as a token of the appreciation of the Board of Directors and membership at large.
- Bill Gohn introduced the evening's guest speakers, Bob Allen and Sandy MacLean of Investors group. Bill acknowledged Investors Group commitment to PAO over the past three years. Sandy and Bob gave a brief presentation to the membership

#### **10. Adjournment**

- There being no further new business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Bruce Doughty, Chair  
P.A.O. Annual General Meeting

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Date