

Pickleball Ontario Minutes for the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Date: April 7th, 2026

Time: 7PM

Venue: Webcast via ICASPRO Platform - <https://www.icastpro.ca/w9mbtn>

The Pickleball Ontario 2025 Annual General Meeting was held on April 7th, 2026 at 7pm.

A pre-registration link was sent to the membership and an individual access code and link to join the meeting was sent to each person that registered.

1. Attendees

Board of Directors:

- Deanna Christie (President)
- Jonathon Moody (Vice-President)
- Ben Seto (Treasurer)
- Kelley Gray (Secretary)
- Christine Kelly (Director)
- Ken Haggert (Director)
- Peter Milovanovic (Director)
- Tyler Goldsack (Director)

iCastPro staff:

- Taylor Doherty

Voting Delegates:

- See Appendix A

Members without voting privileges:

- See Appendix A

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Deanna Christie at 7:02pm.

3. Report on Quorum

Director Ken Haggert indicated that there were 39 delegates registered and 32 delegates were present. A quorum was confirmed. There were 49 attendees viewing when the meeting began.

4. Introductions of the 2025 Board of Directors

Deanna Christie , current President introduced the Pickleball Ontario Board of Directors.

Current Pickleball Ontario Board Members			
Deanna	Christie	Kingston Pickleball Club	President
Jonathon	Moody	Ottawa Pickleball Association	Vice-President
Ben	Seto	Markham Pickleball Club	Treasurer
Kelley	Gray	Mississauga League Pickleball	Secretary
Ken	Haggert	Kawartha Lakes Pickleball Association	Director
Peter	Milovanovic	Markham Pickleball Club	Director
Christine	Kelly	Burlington Pickleball Association	Director
Tyler	Goldsack	London Pickleball	Director

5. Conflicts of Interest

President, Deanna Christie called for declarations of conflicts of interest. There were no such declarations as noted by Director, Ken Haggert .

6. Submission of Questions

President, Deanna Christie called for questions to be submitted via the chat platform at this time.

MOTION A: Approval of Agenda - Pickleball Ontario 2025 AGM Meeting

Motion:

That the agenda of the 2025 Pickleball Ontario Annual General Meeting be approved.

(Motion: Lorie Cooper / Second: Robin Eddington)

There were no questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION B: Waive Reading of 2024 AGM Minutes

Motion:

That the reading of the 2024 Pickleball Ontario Annual General Meeting is waived, be approved.

(Motion: Linda Marasco / Second: Michelle Cundari)

There were no questions.

The motion passed with 94% approving, 6% abstaining.

7. President's Report

Deanna Christie delivered her first president's report on behalf of Pickleball Ontario. She began by expressing her sincere appreciation to Ian Campbell and Ben Seto. Stepping into the role of president provided her a deeper understanding of the commitment, resilience, and steady leadership required to guide this organization, especially during challenging times. Ian and Ben provided exactly that. Their willingness to confront difficult realities, stabilize our operations, and rebuild trust created the foundation we are standing on today. We're all benefiting from the work they and the interim board put in, and I want to acknowledge that with genuine gratitude.

This past year has truly been a rebuilding year for Pickleball Ontario. Rebuilding trust, rebuilding relationships, rebuilding processes, and importantly, rebuilding our vision for what this organization can and should be for players, clubs, and communities across the province. Rebuilding isn't glamorous work. It's deliberate, sometimes slow, and often requires us to revisit assumptions, tighten systems, and make decisions that favour long-term health over short-term convenience. But it's also energizing. It gives the opportunity to reset, modernize, and ensure that the structure we put in place today will support the growth we know is coming tomorrow.

A major part of the work over the last year has been rebuilding relationships with our member clubs. Listening has been central to that effort, so is transparency. So, while there's still work ahead, the tone of our conversations and the willingness of so many to re-engage tells me we're moving forward in the right direction.

Over the past year, we've strengthened communication with club presidents. We've conducted a province-wide needs assessment. We've consulted with clubs to revise our mission statement. We've improved the appearance and content of our website. And we launched the love of the game webinar series featuring topics and speakers of immediate relevance to our clubs. These initiatives reflect our commitment to supporting clubs with practical tools, timely information, and meaningful opportunities to connect.

This year also marks an important step forward in competitive play across Ontario. We will deliver the provincial championships along with four regional tournaments. Each one's showcasing the depth of talent, sportsmanship, and community spirit that define pickleball in our province. These events will not only provide meaningful competitive opportunities, but also strengthen local engagement and create pathways for players at all levels.

They will also serve as valuable training grounds for officials. With 40 41 certified level one and level two referees and 47 verified trainees, Ontario continues to build a strong officiating pipeline. Our tournaments offer practical hands-on opportunities to referees to gain experience, receive mentorship, and work towards certification.

When we're looking ahead, our priorities remain clear. Continue strengthening organizational stability. Support clubs with practical tools and consistent communication. Build a development pathway that serves players at all levels. Foster a culture of collaboration, respect, and shared purpose. This is a pivotal moment for Pickleball Ontario. We are no longer simply reacting to growth. We're preparing to lead it. With the board we are building, the volunteers who give so much of their time, and the passion of our members, I'm confident that we are ready for what comes next.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year, your patience, your feedback, your commitment, and your belief in what this organization can become. We are grateful for the trust you've placed in us, and we are excited for the work ahead. I want to close by sharing our updated mission statement developed in consultation with the clubs. Pickleball Ontario promotes the growth of clubs across the province by delivering tools, training, and collaborative support to build safe, inclusive programs that inspire lifelong participation in the sport. Together, we will continue to grow and support Ontario's thriving pickleball community.

Deanna thanked everyone for listening, and invited questions, to be discussed at the end of the AGM.

8. Treasurer's Report

In the AGM packages, there were two sets of financial statements. The first set covered the year ended June 30th, 2025 period. At the last AGM which happened just before the end of June, the board presented an interim internal financial statement up to and including February 12th, 2025, the date of the special meeting. That statement showed significant losses primarily due to failures in generating tournament and sponsorship revenue, excessive tournament expenses and substantial legal issues.

The review engagement report of the June 30th, 2025 by MNP effectively confirmed those matters. The result was a net loss of \$162,617 in the period and the resulting deficit of \$89,002.

The treasurer shared the highlights for the June 30th year end statements. We had revenue of \$310,000, expenses of \$478,000 resulting in an overall loss of \$167,617.

Having a June year end created an accounting nightmare in terms of matching revenue and expenditures as the membership is on a calendar year basis. Tournaments for the most part run on a calendar year basis. A June year-end means that we end up with a lot of deferrals. When the interim board took over, we thought it best to change the year end from June 30th to December 31st which was also the recommendation of MNP. So we changed the year-end.

After this June 30th year end the board also decided to change the external accountants, so we went and solicited quotes. At the last AGM we made sure that we had that option available. The motion was made to defer the appointment or to delegate the appointment of external accountants to the board for the December 31st 2025, 6-month period end. In the six-month period that happened it was really a challenge to find out where we stood. We did run a successful provincial championship in August. The revenue was in excess of \$183,000 and we kept expenses to a barebones minimum of \$74,000 resulting in a quote profit or a surplus of \$108,000 that effectively wiped out the deficit from the period before and put us back at a starting point.

The external accounting firm was changed to **OUSELEY HANVEY CLIPSHAM DEEP LLP** and in their review engagement report for the six-month period ended December 31st, 2025. Effectively it's what we call a clean report.

The statements were approved by the board and presented to the membership. That ended the presentation of the financial reports for the last 18 months.

Ben invited questions, however none were asked.

MOTION C: Waive FY2026 Audit

Motion:

That the audit of the Pickleball Ontario 2026 financials be waived in favour of an engagement report, be approved.

(Motion: Robin Eddington / Second: Ron Mombourquette)

A question was asked after the vote and was reviewed toward the end of the meeting.

The motion passed with 70% approving, 30% abstaining.

MOTION D: Appointment of OUSELEY HANVEY CLIPSHAM DEEP LLP

Motion:

That the external accountants of OUSELEY HANVEY CLIPSHAM DEEP LLP be appointed to perform a review engagement report on the December 31, 2026 year-end financial statements, be approved.

(Motion: Lorie Cooper / Second: Robin Eddington)

A question was asked after the vote and was reviewed toward the end of the meeting.

The motion passed with 94% approving, 6% abstaining.

9. Nomination Committee's Report

On March 2nd, 2026, an email was sent to all registered members inviting those interested in running for the Pickleball Ontario Board of Directors to express their interest. There was a strong response from our members. We received 11 expressions of interest.

For this Annual General Meeting we have 5 vacancies. Four will be for three-year terms and one will be for a two-year replacing a director who has resigned.

Following the election, directors will be assigned two- or three-year terms in accordance with Pickleball Ontario's bylaws. These staggered terms will help ensure continuity and the effective transfer of corporate knowledge.

The Nomination Committee interviewed each of the candidates. The recommendations are based on the results of the documents submitted and an interview. A brief summary of the candidates' experience and credentials was included in the AGM package.

Nomination Committee recommends the following Tier 1 nominees:			
Nick	Carter	V-Club (Ottawa)	
Hao	Hong	Oakville Lynx Pickleball Club	
Sandra	Keon	Pembroke Pickleball Club	
Joyce	Telmo-Kanti	V-Club (Oakville)	
Frank	Yee	Peterborough Pickleball Association	

MOTION E: Nominations

Motion:

That the recommended Tier 1 nominees be elected to the Pickleball Ontario board of directors, be approved.

(Motion: Mike Ferguson / Second: Linda Marasco)

There were no questions relating to the nominations.

The motion passed with 97% approving, 3% abstaining.

10. Questions

What is the rationale for waiving the 2026 year-end audit?

Under the Ontario not-for-profit corporation act (ONCA) if the entity's revenue is under half a million dollars you do not need to have an audit done. In and around the 2023 AGM we suggested this to the board at the time. Now that we have a new board in place, we agreed to have the 6-month end period financials reviewed as an engagement report rather than a full audit. We put forward the motion to the membership to waive the audit and replace it with an engagement report so that it was clear to the membership. The primary reason for this is the cost as a full audit can cost up to \$12,000, and an engagement report is significantly less expensive.

Why was the accounting firm changed?

This was due to cost. MNP charged us over \$7,500 for the report in the first six-month period, and the new accounting firm charged us \$4,900 for the second six-month period. The goal of Pickleball Ontario is to pump the money back into the membership initiatives, and not administrative activities.

11. Adjournment of Meeting

There were no further questions or business. Deanna Christie adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Appendix A

The following **voting** members were present at the start of the meeting.

First Name	Last Name	Home Club Name	Member Club VOTING Delegate:
Karen	Alton	Pickleball Club of Grey Highlands	Yes
Michel	Bilodeau	Pickleball Brantford	Yes
Dennis	Chaupis	V-Club 01 - Southwest Ontario	Yes
Lorie	Cooper	Kingston Pickleball Club	Yes
Wayne	Corston	Huntsville Muskoka Pickleball	Yes
Michelle	Cundari	North Bay Pickleball Club	Yes
Michael	Daoust	Bath Pickleball Club	Yes
Sabrina	Davis	Leaside Pickleball Club	Yes
Lorraine	Doherty		Yes
Mike	Douglas	Manitoulin Pickleball Club	Yes
Robin	Eddington	ODAS Park Pickleball Club	Yes
Mike	Ferguson	St Marys Pickleball Association	Yes
Paolo	Giuliani	Quinte Pickleball Association	Yes
Brenda	Gray	Pickleball Timmins	Yes
Marylou	Hilliard	NIPA - Niagara Indoor Pickleball Association	Yes
Hao	Hong	Oakville Lynx Pickleball Club	Yes
Janice	Hoover	Thessalon Pickleball	Yes
Eric	Ireland	Brighton Pickleball Club (Ontario)	Yes
Brad	Lindner	Stratford Pickleball Association	Yes
Peter	Lindsay	Kawartha Lakes Pickleball Association	Yes
Greg	Lobb	Tobermory Pickleball	Yes
Dave	MacLeod		Yes
Linda	Marasco	Soo Pickleball	Yes
Gisele	McMurray	West Nipissing Ouest Pickleball Club	Yes
Allan	Mendelsohn	Wasaga Beach Pickleball Club	Yes
Chuck	Mitchell	Markham Pickleball Club	Yes
Shelley	Moloney	Peterborough Pickleball Association	Yes
Ron	Mombourquette	Sarnia Lambton Pickleball Club	Yes
James	Nguyen		Yes
Kim	Porter	Barrie Pickleball Club	Yes
Kelly	Sharp	Temiskaming Shores Pickleball Club	Yes
John	Singleton	Pickering Pickleball Club	Yes
Donna	Stokell	Pembroke Pickleball Club	Yes

The following **non-voting** members were present at the start of the meeting.

First Name	Last Name	Home Club Name	Member Club VOTING Delegate:
Gustavo	Bacca	Pickleball Timmins	No
Ian	Campbell	Mississauga Pickleball	No
Nick	Carter	V-Club 05 - Eastern Ontario	No
Taylor	Doherty		No
Tanya	Dumaresq	V-Club 05 - Eastern Ontario	No
Alan	Forde	V-Club 03 - Central Ontario	No
Sandra	Keon	Pembroke Pickleball Club	No
Angie	McCrea	Pickleball Guelph Association	No
Patricia	McIntosh		No
William	Murray	V-Club 04 - Central East Ontario	No
André	Neder		No
Sue	Pinto	Leaside Pickleball Club	No
Rocky	Poulin	Amherstburg Pickleball Association	No
Eric	Provost	Club PickleRock	No
Joyce	Telmo-Kanti	V-Club 01 - Southwest Ontario	No
A	Thompson	Grand Bend Pickleball Club	No
Monica	Wand	Newmarket Pickleball Club	No
Jacky	Xia	Newmarket Pickleball Club	No
Frank	Yee	Peterborough Pickleball Association	No