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Presidents Message...

In this, our first official newsletter, it is appropriate that we recognize the efforts of the early promoters of our sport. A big thank you goes out to Brian MacKenzie and Ruby Laughren for their individual and collective contributions.

December 19, 2014 is also of historical significance. It is the date on which Pickleball Manitoba Inc. became a legal entity. As we near our third anniversary as an organization, I have reflected on what we have accomplished and what we need to work on. A personal and organizational performance review, if you will. With any performance review there are positives and areas for improvement.

One of the areas for improvement is communication with our members. Over this past year have not done a good job in this regard.

I am pleased to announce that Doris McComb has come to our rescue. Doris's expertise and experience with newsletters will be of great benefit to PMI. Her willingness to take on the role of editor in chief is much appreciated and we look forward to her contributions.

As we have been negligent at member communication, we have much news to share with you.

After hitting the pause button on our assigned indoor league, the PMI Board of Directors approved the 2018 competition calendar at its October 24, 2017 meeting. Our competitive year runs from April 1 to March 31, and over that time we plan to operate our indoor and outdoor leagues, two age class tournaments and a skill level tournament. A challenging year lies ahead. We will need your help to undertake these events. In this newsletter there is an opportunity for involvement in PMI as a Tournament Director (page 4). I hope many of you will consider contributing in this role. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact me at dcable6@gmail.com

Planning is also underway for a major regional tournament in the fall of 2019. As tournament plans evolve, I will share the details with you.

The draft minutes of our Annual General Meeting are in this newsletter (page 6). A word of caution regarding these minutes; neither the PMI Board of Directors nor the members at large have approved them. Please have a look at them and let me know of any concerns.



Ask A Ref by Louis Allec

Answers are according to the USAPA Rule book.

Question:

A player is standing in the NVZ (no volley zone). Can he or she hit the ball?

Answer:

Rule 9.F. - A player may stay inside the NVZ to return balls that **BOUNCE**. That is, there is no violation if a player does not exit the NVZ after hitting a ball that **BOUNCES**.

Question:

If I serve the ball and it touches the net, and hits either player on the opposition, what's the call?

Answer:

Rule 4.F.3. - The served ball hits the net and strikes the receiver or the receiver's partner, it's a let. (re-play the serve)

Question:

If the serve hits the receiver's partner, what is the call?

Answer:

Rule 7.F. - In doubles, if the serve strikes the receiver's partner it is a point for the serving team. This rule also includes balls that appear to be hit out of bounds: during play, if you catch the ball or try to stop it from heading out of bounds, you lose the rally.

Three areas in which I think we have made good progress are our coaching/athlete development programs and our officials development program. Coaching development has been under the competent leadership of Jim Vincent. Using materials Jim has developed and tested, 8 coaches were trained. Currently, they are coaching players at the intermediate level over an 8-week trial period. This trial will be evaluated in December 2017, and adjustments made as necessary. The plan is to have the coaching/athlete development services available to all members beginning in the spring of 2018. Throughout 2018 Jim will continue work to advance this program.

Louis Allec, our Chief Official, is on his way to becoming one of the few, USPA trained and certified referees in Canada. A current certified USAPA referee has agreed to sponsor Louis through the training and certification process. No pressure Louis, but it sure would be nice to have a USAPA certified referee on hand for our tournaments.

As we close out 2017, a focus for the Board of Directors will be the finalization of our Policy on Tournament Sanctioning. When completed in December 2017 this information will be shared with the membership and with all parties that have an interest in staging a pickleball tournament.

Looking ahead to 2018, a priority for the Board of Directors will be completion of a new strategic plan for PMI. When completed there will be a consultative process to allow for the input of members and other stakeholders.

I am interested in your thoughts on our performance. Please let me know of any feedback you may have. In the spirit of continuous improvement, all feedback is welcomed and appreciated.

All the best.

Doug Cable
President



1. The Assigned Partner Indoor League will be held in the Spring and Fall, interest permitting. These two sections will be of equal length to the Assigned Partner Outdoor League. The total length of Assigned Partner Indoor and Outdoor League play is 20 weeks; 10 weeks for each component.
2. Assigned Partner means the League Convener assigns playing foursomes of similar ability or rank. Ability is determined using a formula that considers multiple factors to arrive at an individual's playing rank. Over time, your rank in league play is an indicator of your International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) rating level.
3. Playing location are now being arranged. Final locations for play, and dates of play are dependent on playing venues used and court time availability. Once this information is finalized it will be forwarded to PMI members.
4. Age Class - means tournament categories by age of 19+, 50+, 60+ and 70+
5. Skill Level - means tournament categories by IFP skill definition of 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 plus in each of Women's, Men's, and Mixed categories.
6. Open means - entrants may be members of PMI, or other PMI recognized pickleball associations and non-association members.

Competitive Year

April 1 to March 31 - 2018

Competition includes PMI leagues, PMI tournaments

Correlating notes 1 to 6 are in the grey panel to the left

Submitted by Alphonse Bernard - Competition Director

Competition Type	Eligible Players	Length	2018 Tentative Dates	Location	Time
Assigned Indoor League (Spring and Fall sections - (Notes 1 and 2)	PMI Members	10 weeks Spring: 6 weeks Fall: 4 weeks	April 9 to May 18	TBD	TBD
Outdoor League	PMI Members	10 weeks	June 11 to August 24	Multiple Locations	TBD
Indoor Provincial Age Class Championship	PMI Members	TBD -	TBD Note 3	TBD	TBD
Outdoor Provincial Age Class Championship (see Note 4)	PMI Members	TBD	TBD - see Note 3, target is after the Labour Day weekend.		
Indoor Skill Level Tournament (see Note 5)	Open: (Note 6)	TBD	Early to mid-October	TBD	TBD



Did You Know...

In a 2015 survey of pickleball players conducted by the USAPA (USA Pickleball Association), 91% of the respondents ranged in age from 50 - 79? Same for Canada? What do you think?

Pickleball growth across Canada has been explosive. In 2003, there were only 39 known places to play in North America.

Today there are more than 4,000 places to play, 12,668 courts and more than 2.46 million players.

To all players check out the Pickleball Channel at www.pickleballchannel.com

For quick tips and tournament watching.



PMI ASKS...

PMI asks that all members and non-members conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner always, both on and off the court.

PMI asks that all members and non-members err on the side of safety when on the court. Please make sure that you are healthy for physical play and if you are in doubt, please contact your health provider.

Tournament Directors Wanted

PMI knows it has talented and experienced members, who “in the day”, competently worked in their chosen field. Many of the skills that you developed during your career are applicable to the role of a Tournament Director.

We need several volunteers to take on the role of Tournament Director for our Indoor and Outdoor Age Class Tournaments and a sanctioned Skills Level Tournament planned for the fall of 2018.

In late March 2018, PMI will provide training for interested persons on the duties of Tournament Director (before, during and after a Tournament).

In summary, working with our Director of Competition (Alphonse Bernard) Tournament Directors will:

- ❖ Manage the tournament budget;
- ❖ Create and disseminate tournament publicity regarding registration process, cost, location, times, contact and other necessary tournament information;
- ❖ Solicit volunteers to aid with conduct of tournament;
- ❖ Receive entry forms and entry fees;
- ❖ Assist PMI in creation of tournament brackets;
- ❖ The day of: supervise tournament player check in and registration process;
- ❖ Ensure equipment is available and set up on tournament dates;
- ❖ Oversee smooth operation of tournament including submission of results to PMI for dissemination; and
- ❖ Celebrate success with volunteer team at post tournament function

If you are interested in taking on this role contact Doug Cable at dcabl6@gmail.com



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Please send us your Pickleball stories and pictures.

We would love to hear from you and highlight all Pickleball clubs in Manitoba.

Consider being a member of PMI. **JOIN TODAY.** Visit our website (listed above) for the registration form.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

ACCESS TO:

Skill development lessons;

Tournaments; and

League / Ladder play

OPPORTUNITIES TO:

Meet active people and develop friendships; and

“Give back to the sport” by volunteering your skills and abilities at PMI activities and events.

Eligible for reduced membership fees to Pickleball Canada.

Speaking with a unified voice to civic officials about courts and facilities.



Manitoba 55 Plus Games 2018

The Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries 55 Plus Games are in Glenboro for 2018. Just a ‘heads up’ the Pickleball event will be held in Carberry at the Carberry Plains Community Club (along with floor curling, carpet bowling and 5 pin bowling) and not in Glenboro.

Pickleball

Partner competition: 55+, 65+ (& 75+); Recreational & Competitive levels. For further information regarding the games please phone or email:

Phone: (204) 261-9257 or toll-free: 1-855-261-9257

Email: manitoba55plusgames@gmail.com



SHCC 55 Plus Games Medal Winners

You have received this newsletter because you are a member of Pickleball Manitoba.

If you no longer want to receive this newsletter, please submit your request to the Pickleball Manitoba website under the heading ‘Contact Us’ and request your name be removed from the e-mailing list.

DRAFT ONLY
Pickleball Manitoba Inc. (PMI)

Annual General Meeting (AGM), October 5, 2017

Crescentwood Site of Corydon Community Center (Hugo Room)

1170 Corydon Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba

1. Call to Order

D Cable called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. D Cable, President of PMI acted as the meeting moderator.

2. Introductions

None were deemed to be necessary.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Twenty-nine (29) members were in attendance, six (6) of which were Directors. As such, consistent with PMI by laws, D Cable declared a quorum existed and the meeting continued.

4. Appointment of Scrutineers

D Kropla and R Laughren volunteered.

5. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6. Approval of 2017 AGM Agenda

Motion made by M Gilchrist and seconded by B Hallas that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was carried unanimously.

7. Adoption of 2016 AGM Minutes

Moved by B Johnston, and seconded by J Coldwell, that the 2016 AGM minutes be approved as presented. Carried, unanimously.

8. Board Report

Finance Report

R Dunsford reported (as per the attached report, see page 9). Bank balance is \$5,541.67.

MINUTES ARE DRAFT ONLY

Membership Report

Tannis Calhoun noted that as of Oct 5, 2017, 351 persons were members in good standing with PMI.

Competition

D Cable noted that at the next meeting of the Directors of PMI, the major item of discussion would be “the PMI competitive calendar”. This was necessitated by the cancellation of the 2017 portion of the 2017-2018 Assigned Partner Indoor League. There was general discussion on the need of ranking and rating players for competition.

Coaching:

Fourteen PMI members took the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) April 22 and 23, 2017. Some of these people will be involved in an 8-week coaching program to start Oct 18, 2017.

Newsletter

D McComb has agreed to issue a newsletter for PMI. It has not yet been decided on the frequency of issues per year.

9. Election of Directors

Two Directors allowed their names to stand for an extension to their current term for an additional 2 years.

Ron Dunsford - currently Treasurer

Louis Allec- currently Vice President

Paul Aquin, Bill Johnstone, Brad Hallas, Lionel Piche and Linda Roberts let their names stand for the 5 vacant Director at Large positions. Paul Aquin would fill one of the two Directors positions allocated for rural representation on the Board.

D Cable mentioned that all nominated Directors met the knowledge, skills and abilities as stated in Section 4.3 of the PMI By Laws.

D Cable proposed acceptance of all Director of Large nominations knowing that acceptance of all 5 nominations is not in agreement with Sections 4.5 to 4.9 of the PMI Bylaws. The reason D Cable stated for acceptance of all 5 nominations was the large project work load facing the association.

MINUTES ARE DRAFT ONLY

D Cable noted that accountability for the non-compliance with the PMI By Laws was his and his alone.

Following considerable discussion on the pertinent sections of the PMI by Laws, and on the workload facing the association, the members present agreed:

1. to allow all 5 nominations to stand;
2. that PMI Board of Directors have eleven (11) Directors for a one-year period, to October 5, 2018; and
3. any procedural matters relating to meetings of Directors be resolved by the Directors at the initial meeting of the Directors.

Motion made by D Plouffe, seconded by B Johnston. Motion approved unanimously.

10. Approval of Annual Operational Plan and Budget

D Cable noted that PMI would continue to work on activities that were consistent with the associations 5 strategic initiatives and that over the course of the 2018 a new strategic plan would be developed.

11. Appointment of Auditors

D Cable noted that efforts to have a review of the limited number of PMI financial transactions by a qualified person had experienced an unexpected delay, as PMI was awaiting feedback from the Chartered Professional Accountants on the question of whether a retired accountant could perform such an undertaking.

D Cable noted that when a review of the PMI financial records was completed there would be a report to the Board and to all members via the PMI website and newsletter.

12. New Business

No new business was introduced or conducted.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by R Laughren, seconded by J Coldwell to adjourn the meeting. The AGM adjourned at 8 PM.

2017 AGM minutes recorded by: Tannis Calhoun

2017 AGM minutes reviewed by: D C

**PICKLEBALL MANITOBA INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT TOTAL YEAR 2017**

	<u>MEMBERSHIPS</u>	<u>SKILLS DEV.</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>TOURNAMENTS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	
OPENING BANK BALANCE-JANUARY 1, 2017						\$5,029.30
REVENUE/DEPOSITS						
JANUARY	240.00				240.00	
FEBRUARY					-	
MARCH					-	
APRIL	-	-	400.00		400.00	
MAY					-	
JUNE		200.00			200.00	
JULY	420.00	600.00	745.00		1,765.00	
AUGUST					-	
SEPTEMBER	460.00	270.00			730.00	
OCTOBER	460.00	450.00		180.00	1,090.00	Coaching Clinic
NOVEMBER		900.00			900.00	
DECEMBER					-	
TOTAL	1,580.00	2,420.00	1,145.00	180.00		\$5,325.00
EXPENSES:						
	<u>BANK FEES</u>	<u>SKILLS RENTAL</u>	<u>EQUIP/BALLS</u>	<u>MISC EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	
JANUARY	6.50		50.85	65.33	122.68	
FEBRUARY	5.00				5.00	
MARCH	5.00				5.00	
APRIL	3.50				3.50	
MAY	5.00	1,050.00		69.07	1,124.07	Coach Clinic Sports MB
JUNE	5.00	144.00	515.23	30.18	694.41	
JULY	5.00	144.00			149.00	
AUGUST	5.00			257.74	262.74	Website Renewal
SEPTEMBER	5.00			626.40	631.40	Insurance Policy
OCTOBER		222.50	265.44	144.70	632.64	
NOVEMBER		400.00			400.00	
DECEMBER					-	
TOTAL	45.00	1,960.50	831.52	1,193.42		\$4,030.44
ENDING BANK BALANCE NOVEMBER 1st, 2017						\$6,323.86