



Date of Meeting *January 18, 2023 (Paulgaard residence)*
Attendance: *Ken Clement, Riley Danroth, Linda Norris, Rose Paulgaard, Lyle Garrecht, Noel Thomas, CoraLee Riehl*
Next Meeting: *TBC*

Meeting opened by Riley Danroth at 7:15 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Added adoption of minutes from previous meeting to agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE: Linda Norris, seconded by Noel Thomas. Carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 26, 2022)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Riley Danroth, seconded by Noel Thomas, Carried.

III. TREASURER REPORT (Linda Norris)

- No updates at this time, working on year end with plans to review with Murray.

IV. 2023 CASINO – April 29 / 30 (Ken Clement)

- April 29 & 30 (Saturday/Sunday)
- Need to fill 16 shifts + count room supervisors
- Will be doing a call out for volunteers for the following times:
 - i. April 29: 3 – 8:30 p.m. / 8 p.m. – 2 a.m.
 - ii. April 30: 3 – 8 p.m. / 7:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

V. CLUB OPERATIONS

2023 Club Schedule (Ken Clement)

- Club league and event dates are now set (see attachment).
- The City of MH is looking to revive demo days at BMGC in March, date to be confirmed. When previously offered, this event was a valuable registration activity for MHTC to attract new juniors/families.
- Members Welcome Social. Discussion was had around the timing of this event, it was noted that Monday is a tough night for attendance. It was also agreed that delaying it too far into the season defeats the intent of the event which is to make new members feel welcome and connected to the club environment.

ACTIONS:

- **Rose to update web calendar with 2023 dates**
- **Tentatively schedule Friday, June 9 at 6:30- or 7 p.m. for the members' social event.**

Junior Program (Linda Norris)

- Elite Program: Waiting to hear from Calvin Heller on his willingness to lead this program in Spring 2023.
- Novice Program: Waiting to hear from Dannan and Quinlan on availability to lead Saturday lesson program. Was noted we need to have a backup plan.
- Junior Singles Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 10
- Registration will open early February 2023, will push through school newsletters as in past years.

Communications (Rose Paulgaard)

- Rose noted a need to refresh the current web template for better display on mobile devices and will also prep posters and social posts in advance to better prepare for the upcoming season.
- Kristen Norris will be given an orientation to the website to provide back up support, in addition to monitoring social media.

ACTIONS:

- ***Rose to set meeting with Kristen in January***
- ***Update website with new template, calendar info and online registration forms***
- ***Prepare poster templates and social media posts in Canva***

Leagues/Lessons (Ken Clement)

- Based on the success of the winter tournament, discussion was had about reviving a mixed league or cross over night, in addition to the traditional men's, women's and singles leagues.
- Players sign up as a team. Anything goes – mixed, women's and men's team could all play against each other. Due to the nature of this event, it was noted that it was not suitable for those new to tennis.

ACTIONS:

- ***Establish Sunday afternoon doubles event twice a month.***
- ***First dates are June 11 and 25 at 1:30 p.m.***
- ***Name of league to be determined***

Adult Novice Lessons

- Waiting to hear from Calvin Heller on his availability to instruct. His preference is to have longer lessons, condensed in a shorter amount of days. Will confirm on Friday.
- Larry Dickhaut has already agreed to instruct one of the groups (hour long sessions)

Tournaments (Ken Clement)

- See attached schedule for 2023 dates.
- Tennis Alberta has put out a player code of conduct, not all is applicable but there is guidance for some issues we encounter. Executive to review document and post rules that are applicable to MHTC. Also waiting to hear from Tennis Alberta regarding seeding discussion. Topic is tabled until the next meeting.
- Ken shared an information sheet used at a Calgary club tournament and suggested implementing something similar for MHTC tournaments to support governance and enforcement of rules. Discussion was had around what this would look like for MHTC.
- Noel shared concerns that intermediate matches were not getting new balls. It was noted tournament fees were raised by \$5 to ensure every match gets new balls. Noel

suggested new balls get sold after tournaments, but it was determined the club needs used balls on an ongoing basis for lessons and the ball machine.

Barrie Shave Tennis Classic

- **Donations.** It was suggested at the October meeting that the club consider supporting different charities with this event, especially those with a local connection. It was agreed that we would maintain the option to donate to MHTC and limit support to one additional external cause each year. Not wanting to lose the connection to cancer support, it was agreed that we would keep donations local through the Margery E Yuill Cancer Clinic at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital for 2023. Future options include the Root Cellar/Food Bank.

ACTION: Ken will send a letter to the Canadian Cancer Society, notifying them we are focusing our fundraising efforts on the local cancer centre.

- **Raffle.** Discussion was had about other ways to raise money beyond the traditional tennis package raffle. While wanting to continue with a tennis themed prize, it was acknowledged that selling raffle tickets for tennis items beyond the tennis community had limited appeal. Using money typically donated by River Dental for the tennis prize pack, or a portion of tournament registration fees, it was proposed that we offer two prizes:
 - #1: \$300 Costco Card
 - #2: \$200 cash

60 books, or 1200 tickets will be available for sale with the raffle. This is the limited number of tickets we can offer without having to get a raffle license from AGLC.

A third prize (\$100 SportChek GC?) will also be drawn. Each registered player automatically gets one ticket for this draw, and the ticket sellers also get one ticket for every book sold (approx. 125 tickets).

Maintenance & Capital Projects (Noel Thomas/Ken Clement)

- Co-op Community Spaces Grant. After approaching South Country Co-op for possible support, MHTC was directed to their Community Spaces Grant as an option to fund light upgrades. Ken noted this is not a matching grant like CFEP, the application period is Feb 1 – March 1, 2023. Project estimates are:
 - \$38,000 to install LED lights on Courts 6&7
 - \$9,000 to add heads on Courts 4&5
- Courts 6&7 resurfacing with Tomko is tentatively scheduled for the spring. It must be done in the next few months to comply with grant criteria.

ACTIONS:

- ***Ken will submit a grant application to South Country Co-op before the deadline and confirm utility price increases with the city based on the light upgrades.***
- ***Noel will repaint the clubhouse floor before season opening.***
- ***Noel will investigate a deadbolt option for the gate between Courts 6&7 to eliminate the need for a key to retrieve balls outside of the compound.***
- ***Install new windscreen on Courts 4&5***

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Try Tennis Event (Tentative date: April 15, with Apr. 22/29 as backups)

- In an effort to attract new members ages 20-40, it is proposed MHTC host a tennis/social event to introduce the sport to potential players.
- The club would provide racquets, use orange dot balls and run various skill stations or mini tennis activities.
- The tennis portion of the event would run from 1-3 p.m. with the social & snacks to follow.
- Childcare would be provided, club will approach junior players for support.
- **Tennis Bootcamp, Intermediate.** Calvin Heller has expressed interest in offering tennis bootcamp for intermediate to advanced players, as well as running another level of lessons for beginner players who have taken the adult novice lessons.
- **Executive resignation.** Riley confirmed Sean Miller has resigned as vice-president and noted Messele Fentabil is willing to assume the position.
 - *MOTION: To accept Sean Miller's resignation as vice-president, and willingness to continue serving MHTC as a director at large.*
 - *Approved, Ken Clement, seconded by CoraLee Riehl*
 - *MOTION: To nominate Messele Fentabil as the new vice-president of MHTC.*
 - *Approved: CoraLee Riehl, seconded by Linda Norris*
- **Sponsorship.** MHTC received a donation request from Loni Nickel, a former junior player. Loni is preparing for a research internship in the UK and looking for monetary support for her education. It was decided that, while we would love to support all our juniors in their educational pursuits, we cannot entertain this type of request as it would not be fair to or sustainable to all junior program alumni.
- **Club Fees.** Membership fees will remain at 2022 rates for the upcoming season, recognizing that budgets may be tight due to inflation/post-pandemic environment.

VII. NEXT MEETING - TBD

Meeting Adjourned 9:11 p.m.