

**Medicine Hat Tennis Club**  
**Executive Meeting**  
**February 24, 2025**  
**Agenda**

Attendance: Riley Danroth, Ken Clement, Linda Norris, CoraLee Riehl, Calvin Heller, Sandy McIntosh, Messele Fentabil, Murray Trollope, Craig Weich

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: CoraLee                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Craig                      Carried

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Casino Account: \$19,250.26

General Account: \$30,829.96

Motion: CoraLee                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Messele                      Carried

**3. Club Calendar**

- Try Tennis will be held April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Novice Night will start at the beginning of June and will run on Mondays
- Summer Mixed Doubles date has been changed to July 18-20<sup>th</sup>

**4. Casino Q4 – 2025**

- The next casino will be between October 2025 and December 30, 2025
- Murray will co-ordinate again

**5. Fundraising**

- Tournament Sponsorship
  - We are looking for sponsorships for our tournaments. Target is \$1000-\$1500 and if they could commit to five years that would be beneficial. If the company is interested in a lesser donation that would also be acceptable.

- Court Sponsorship
  - The ask for a court sponsor is \$1000. Calvin has secured four court sponsorships to date.
- Methanex Grant
  - Methanex has three grant opportunities available. Riley will look into these grants and see if we would qualify to help with the Junior Program.
- Draft Letter
  - Riley has put together a draft letter to give to potential sponsors.
- Legacy Fund
  - The Tennis Club does not qualify for the Community Foundation Endowment Fund so Murray brought up the possibility of creating our own Legacy Fund. More discussion will take place at a future meeting.

## **6. Juniors Program – Rose**

- Junior program registration opened via email to returning players on Sunday, Feb. 16, with the social media announcement following later in the week. Additional outreach will be done through school communications in the coming days to promote the program to new players. The positive response from returning players in this first week is very encouraging, as are the connections with new families who are reaching out.
- To date, 23 of the 60 spots have been filled with 17 of those players returning from last year. Ages are currently well balanced across the various age categories but we will adjust accordingly based on final numbers and levels while supporting family requests as best we can. The majority of registrations are confirmed with payment.
- Cal has been very helpful in connecting with coaches early on - thank you! Given the high numbers at drop-in sessions last year, I hope to have some additional conversation around structure for these events so we can best support our volunteers and players. I'm also open to discussion for our older/advanced players to give them more opportunities to engage. Maybe a single or multiple-day camp option in the summer or some role in our adult tournaments that connects them to the larger club community?
- If you have any questions or other ideas to support our junior program, please let me know.

## **7. Tournaments**

- Fathers Day Classic Name
  - The new name for this tournament will be Summer Doubles Showdown with the possibility of adding a sponsor name in the front.
- Fathers Day Classic format/meal
  - We will be including the cost of Saturday night supper into the entry fee
  - A Seniors division will be added to the tournament.
  - Talk of adding an Umpire and four ball retrievers for the final games. The ball retrievers could be from the Junior Program.

## **8. Membership Fees**

- We may consider raising the membership fees for next year

## **9. Filling vacant Executive Position**

- Treasurer – CoraLee will be taking over the Treasurer position so that leaves a vacant spot for a director position. If you know of anyone that may be interested, let Riley know.

## **10. New Business**

- Coach certification course

Motion was made to cover the cost of the Coaching Certification Course for Loni Nickel.

Motion: Craig

2<sup>nd</sup>: CoraLee

Carried

- Loni Nickel has been approved by the executive to take the Coaching Certification Course. The Tennis Club will pay her course fee and Loni will reimburse the club by donating her time this summer by helping coach and perhaps running a couple of camps. Good luck Loni.

**ADJOURNED: 9:40 p.m.**