

Date of Meeting *September 23, 2023 (MHTC clubhouse)*
Attendance: *Ken Clement, Lauren Danroth, Riley Danroth, Larry Dickhaut, Messele Fentabil, Lyle Garrecht, Sandy McIntosh, Christina Miller, Sean Miller, Linda Norris, Geoff Paulgaard, Rose Paulgaard, Noel Thomas, Marco Turcotte-Savard, Richie Van Wert*
Next Meeting: *TBD*

Meeting opened by Riley Danroth at 4:10 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE: Noel Thomas, seconded by Rose Paulgaard. Carried.

II. TREASURER REPORT (Linda Norris)

- Report notable mentions:
 - Club bank balances total across three accounts is \$62,495
 - General Operating Account: \$29,929.24
 - Casino AGLC Account: \$21,599.20
 - CMH Trust Account: \$10,967.44
 - Expenses are estimated at \$7,000 between now and year end on Dec. 31, 2023.
 - Was noted that the club offsets extra costs associated with Barrie Shave tournament (e.g. Grand Rental chairs and tables and shirts for donors)
 - Casino account can pay for utilities, windscreen, equipment, Tennis Alberta membership and capital projects. AGLC has allowed us to stockpile casino money over several years to support planned capital projects, but it should be used within two years of the last casino.
 - Paid memberships for the 2023 season were 214 (\$21,855 revenue), which is up slightly over last year. Membership fees cover day-to-day operating expenses for the club.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Treasurer's Report as presented, made by Sean Miller, seconded Noel Thomas. Carried.

III. CLUB OPERATIONS

- Junior Program (Linda Norris)
 - MHTC's Saturday junior program ran at full capacity and was very successful. Registration opened February 1st and was full by the end of March. Feedback from parents was very positive and MHTC extends a special thank you to all coaches and volunteers! We hope to have Dannan back leading the program next year if she and Quinlan are back in Medicine Hat for the summer.
 - Elite Program. It was noted that overall caliber and commitment is less than what has been seen in years past. Program was scaled back for the 2023 season and club will look at additional options for next year (e.g. Encourage booking of private lessons for those interested or organizing a singles ladder for juniors looking to further develop their game).
- Communications (Rose Paulgaard)
 - Wix annual bill to be paid.
 - Website renewal planned for the winter months.

- Tournaments (Riley/Ken)
 - Player participation in 2023 tournaments was up slightly.
 - Discussion was had around:
 - The MHTC Open and whether it should remain a one week combined tournament or split into two events.
 - Starting the Open later in the week and running until Sunday, rather than ending Saturday night.
 - No final decisions made on Open structure, will look to club membership for input prior to the 2024 season.
- Leagues/Lessons/Try Tennis (Ken Clement)
 - Singles league was very successful this season, with 40+ players signed up on a monthly basis. It was noted that a solid novice group participated in the ladder with some moving up as their skills improved.
 - Men's doubles remains strong.
 - Ladies doubles is a challenge as the club is not seeing the number and variety of players out on a regular basis. Several variations of ladies doubles have been tried over the years and it was recognized that the flexibility of the current format is valued but there is an ongoing struggle to encourage more participation.
 - *ACTION: Linda/Sandy/Rose/Lauren – brainstorm ways to pull more women into Thursday league*
 - Novices
 - Four novice lesson sessions ran in the spring - 2 with Cal, 1 with Larry, 1 with Riley – thank you coaches!
 - Given the success of the novice lessons, Monday novice nights have been well attended all season and are still going strong in September which is a first for the program.
 - Club acknowledged Doug McLeod's support of our novice players and recognized Richie van Wert who also connected with a new novice member and offered encouragement. It was noted that the welcoming atmosphere at the club helps to make new members feel at home.
- Maintenance (Noel Thomas)
 - Club is in good shape. Routine fixing and painting projects occurred over the 2023 season, with low expenses. New windscreen was installed and two nets were changed.
 - It was noted that the back gate is still vulnerable and might need some work.
 - Discussion was had about installing a gate in the back corner of Court 3, but at a cost of \$1400, it was not seen as a necessity at this time.
 - Some deck furniture needs to retire or be replaced. May need to consider higher quality items for future purchases as many of the current chairs are not very durable.
 - Special thanks to Gary Laurent and other volunteers who support Noel and the club's maintenance needs.
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IV. 2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS

- LED Lights on Courts 4&5 and 6&7
 - i. Cost of the lights is \$45,000
 - ii. Project will see Courts 6 & 7 move to LED lights, a third head will be added to the lights on Courts 4 & 5
 - iii. City of MH will pay \$4,500 to support lights on Courts 4 & 5.
 - iv. MHTC attempted to secure funding for the project through the Co-op Community Spaces Grant, but this was unsuccessful, so Ken applied through

CFEP (Community Facility Enhancement Program). We expect to hear back in March.

V. **ELECTIONS**

The following members have agreed to let their names stand for the following executive positions:

- Riley Danroth - President
- Messele Fentabil – Vice-President
- Linda Norris - Treasurer
- Sandy McIntosh - secretary
- Rose Paulgaard - Juniors
- Erin Ferris - Communications
- Noel Thomas – Maintenance
- Murray Trollope- Director
- Lyle Garrecht - Director
- CoraLee Riehl – Director

MOTION TO APPROVE: MHTC executive as presented made by Noel Thomas, seconded by Larry Dickhaut. Carried.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Transition of club organization
 - i. Linda Norris and Ken Clement gave notice earlier this season that they will slowly transition out of executive roles over the next two years.
 - ii. They are preparing detailed documentation showing the organization of the club, including volunteer positions. This will help reduce responsibilities of the manager's role which is unsustainable in its current form and tasking will need to be shared.
 - iii. Additional volunteers will be needed to ensure club continues to run in similar capacity following transition.
- *ACTION: Executive to encourage members to consider opportunities to get involved.*

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Larry Dickhaut, seconded by Noel Thomas. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00 p.m.