



Date of Meeting *May 28, 2023 (MHTC clubhouse)*
Attendance: *Ken Clement, Riley Danroth, Messele Fentabil, Sean Miller, Linda Norris, Rose Paulgaard, Lyle Garrecht, Noel Thomas, CoraLee Riehl*
Next Meeting: *TBC*

Meeting opened by Riley Danroth at 7:01 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 3, 2023)

Thanks to CoraLee for taking minutes at April 3 meeting

ACTION: Rose to distribute minutes for review

III. TREASURER REPORT (Linda Norris)

- Memberships are coming in well, although there are still some owing. Deadline is June 1
- Club saw increase of 27 members from Try Tennis event, but noted a loss of some senior memberships
- Anticipating higher overall membership numbers for the 2023 season

IV. 2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Resurfacing Courts 6 & 7

- Tomco will start resurfacing Courts 6 & 7 on June 20, project expected to last two weeks
- Surface is plexicoat, well suited for heat (same surface that is used at Australian Open)
- Process includes stripping the surface and laying down fiberglass, then seven alternating layers of sand and rubber

Lights

- Ken submitted a application for Co-op Community Spaces Grant, feedback from Co-op rep indicated we stood a good chance of being successful
- Applied for \$40,000, which would cover the cost of new LEDs for Courts 6 & 7 and new heads for Courts 4 & 5
- Expect to hear back in the first week or two of June
- Ken has already talked to the light supplier in Calgary, it is realistic that we could have the lights in time for the MHTC Open

Windscreen

- Windscreen for Courts 4 & 5 has arrived
- Back fence between club and daycare is in need of repair, some conversation with the city about who is responsible for the work (City vs Daycare). City has agreed to cover the costs.

V. CLUB OPERATIONS

Junior Program (Linda Norris)

- Ran a full cohort for the Saturday lesson group, which wrapped up yesterday
- Coaches were impressed with groups
- Consensus is the condensed program of 4 days/1.5 hour length is preferred by coaches and families
- Many thanks to coaches and assistants for running a great program

ACTION: Consider a family BBQ night following July 26 drop-in session to reconnect with families, Rose to coordinate

Communications (Rose Paulgaard)

- No updates, just ongoing support with emails, web updates

Leagues/Lessons/Try Tennis (Ken Clement)

- Try Tennis was a huge success, will consider this an annual event on club calendar
- Discussion around next steps, maybe a follow up event mid-summer
- Leagues are going well, singles and doubles are full
- Consider a singles league for the new players coming out of Try Tennis, communicate with this group (20) with a target email
- Is there a way to connect new people with regular members? An idea was shared to create a list of members with contact info and level (with permission) and post in the clubhouse. Consider for future communications.

ACTION: Rose to draft email for new players, include Novice Night

Maintenance & Capital Projects (Noel Thomas)

- Moving the net on Court 1 to Court 5, installing new net on Court 1
- Will need to fence off access to Courts 6 & 7 when resurfacing starts
- Made some adjustments to front clubhouse door to improve closure
- A new cart was purchased for ball machine
- Noted the same key is used for compound gates, shed, lights
- See Capital Projects (above) for additional projects

Tournaments (Ken Clement)

Guidelines

- Tournament sheet is posted at the clubhouse which includes information about tournament committee and process
- Feedback from Tennis Alberta noted that by running non-sanctioned (recreational) tournaments, we have considerable leeway with seeding and how we structure our draws – rely on best judgement of tournament committee
- Additional discussion was had around tournament seeding, recognize the challenge but always strive for consistency and transparency. Committee can accept there is flexibility with 2,3,4 seeds.
- In all cases, it is essential that committee is seen as impartial

Other Tournament Notes

- Discussion around tournament structure, executive to consider a return to starting later in the week, include Sundays, to enhance the weekend atmosphere

- Idea to have ball kids for Barrie Shave, umpires for City Singles

ACTION: Keep photo record of results for year over year comparison for tournament committee

25th Barrie Shave

- Club will not be running Book for Barrie raffle. AGLC changed rules in recent years which requires a license for all raffle categories, making it cost prohibitive. Instead we will focus additional efforts on the silent auction to make up fundraising shortfall
- Silent Auction
 - Looking for possible businesses to approach
 - Binder of bid sheets will start circulating Thursday night
 - Will have minimum bids of 40-50%
- Shirts, instead of event specific shirt will have a grey generic shirt
- Name, consider a new name following 25th anniversary year
- Banquet
 - Mikes no longer an option that weekend, Regs is self prep/serve only
 - Skinny's will cater, menu includes brisket and smoked chicken and sides
 - \$25/head, had to bump up youth price to \$15
- Barb and Brian are coming

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Tennis Alberta is visiting MHTC on July 5.

- New ED, Alan Meckin, is excited to connect with community clubs and says he can provide support with:
 - Finding us coaches, pro, volunteers
 - Offering a tech course
 - Providing a travelling coach to run a day or two of lessons
 - Sharing info about the Rogers bubble program
- Tennis Alberta is also looking for board members to represent clubs outside of urban centres of Calgary and Edmonton

ACTION: Plan for tour, supper with Alan on July 5. Rose to organize supper at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Indoor Tennis

Stampede board has reached out to us regarding lower prices for indoor tennis to compete with BMGC

Succession Planning

- Ken and Linda have served MHTC as volunteers for 30 / 20 years respectively and will start the transition off the executive to end in December 2025
- Noel and Rose are also looking to step back from executive roles within this timeframe
- Recruitment of new volunteers needed to support transition and sustain MHTC into the future

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Noel Thomas, seconded by CoraLee Riehl. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 5