

Maple Leaf Tennis Executive Agenda
Minutes
November 22, 2021
1:30 PM
896 York Trail

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Attendance: Irene Stich President; Jack Harney, Vice President; Murray Knights, Past President; Greg Freeman, Financial; Heather Reid, Social; Peter Murphy, Membership; Naz Meghji, Communications; Kate Lilley, Women's Liaison; Keith McGruer, Men's Liaison; Becky Thompson; Secretary Richard Wood, Strawberry Festival; John Casey, Tournaments. Keith McGruer arrives 1:44.
3. Approval of the Minutes of October 19th, 2021. Moved to approve. Peter Seconded by Jack. Approved.
4. New Meeting Dates: Thursday 4 pm. Next meeting Dec 16th.

5. Liaison Reports:

A) Mens: Keith McGruer

The League is in full operation, however there are lots of make-up matches going on. The standings are incomplete because a home team can only report scores when all three courts have been played. Most of the Maple Leaf teams have played, however the B5 team has only five players at the moment. The Captain is looking into getting a few subs from the 75+ team until a few more players can be recruited. I have emailed to the League Executive about a need to clarify rules for subbing **into** 75+ and subbing **out** of the 75+. Concerning the latter, current rules do not make allowance for players aging and becoming less mobile. A player might have come to 75+ from a B3 team four years ago, but is now not able to compete at that level.

Now that it is clearer as to which players are here or coming, we will likely be looking at some player shifts in the near future.

B) Ladies: Kate Lilley

All 6 of our ladies teams are back playing League in some type of form. Three of our teams are back playing league inside and outside of our park. One team only has 2 players until December and have starting playing one court. The two remaining teams are playing league games in our park but only have a few that will play out if the park at this time.

Each team is handling their own Covid protocols to their own team's comfort levels. We have 5 lessons with Tony on Mondays and will be adding a sixth in January. We have lost a few lady team members and have some on medical. We will be reevaluating the number of teams for next season in January. Numbers are down and we are hoping on recruiting new members after Christmas and will reevaluate team placements for next year. Some teams are missing members. Some teams only have 7 members.

A committee will be formed a subcommittee to discuss lesson taking by teams. Jack will form it.

6. . Taste of Tennis Update: Keith McGruer

We have 14 people signed up for Taste of Tennis, a good number! It was to be held Saturday the 20th but the rain cancelled it. It will now be held on Tuesday, November 23rd at 3:00 pm at the CanAm Courts. The series of five lessons will follow on Saturdays and Tuesdays. The executive will start researching continuing Tennis lessons for its graduates after Christmas. In the past the graduates requested continued lessons.

Another Taste of Tennis is planned for January 8th.

7. Membership: Peter Murphy

After going through the last 19 months, we are back and doing well. Members have been dropping off dues and at the Wine and Cheese party.

Our membership has gone from a high of 258 in 2014 to a low in 2019/2020 of 224.

As of November 21, 2021 we have a total of 124; 67 men 57 women 14 associate 1 Honorary

Many people have not arrived yet.

I will wait until January to purge the list Also their are members that have not added a spouse as an associate this year I will remove them shortly.

If anyone has any info on members that are not returning please advise. Currently there are 84 past members who have not registered. There are at least 6 new members this year.

8.. Tournaments: John Casey

We had an awesome turn out for the Mixed Doubles tournament. We had 13 B flight teams and 14 A flight teams. The Winners of the B Flight were Greg Freeman and Arlis Wood and second place winners Sue McConnell and Bruce Neff. The winners of the A flight were John Casey and Sydney Schaefer, runners up were Drew Robertson and Chris Kupraty.

I had a great team that was very supportive. Before the final matches it was decided by the team (I was not included as I was in the finals) that if it started to rain and play could not continue then the highest point teams would be the winners.

I will be posting the sign up sheet for the women's triples on Monday November 22 with the tournament taking place on December 4th. LaNell Burgsteden has joined the tournament team.

I would like to thank Mike and Sue Page, Mike Pitz, Ron Logel, Ken Morris, Kate Lilly, Wendy, Hope Croskey, Lorette Pinto and last, but not least, Becky Thompson who worked hard to get the schedule for the day prepared.

The Pro Am Feb 20th. Discussion over whether to have a celebration after. It was felt that we can do it keeping in mind COVID restrictions and individual masked servers. The Country Club was mentioned. Rules should be written and posted before each tournament.

9.. Social: Heather Reid

The wine and Cheese was lovely however I hope next year we will be able to have better food

Janet Robertson has retired from the lead for the Wine and Cheese and the AGM however Sue Lawson has agreed to take on the role. Thanks Sue

A discussion was had over whether to hold the President dinner. The Country club could be asked to cater it at the Queensway. Becky will be find out the budget and discuss with the staff at the Country Club.

Robert and Wolfie have been reserved this night.

Heather Reid arrives.

The importance of detailed binders with details including set up, purchases, successes and misses was discussed. Irene will be working with Ann Wick to help set up a template to ensure this occurs. Leads of each event will be contacted to ensure this occurs.

Kate leaves 2:31.

10. Strawberry Festival: Richard Wood

First meeting will be next week. Mark and Dana Johnson have volunteered to be the purchasing agents.

Peter leaves 2:44.

11. Communication: Naz Meghji

Website:

Ongoing Website Updates with current activities. Photographs will be updated as received.

Accents:

Submissions were sent and published.

Broadcasts:

Sent to membership as needed. Although these are done promptly, **I am requesting Directors to give me 24 hours' notice.**

Many thanks to Ken Morris, Nick VanLeeuwen and Ken Anderson for all their dedicated work on the Tennis Club Website.

12. Financial: Greg Freeman

Cash Balance - \$33,600 on hand

Certificate of Deposit Rates are still very low – have not invested any cash in CD's yet

Wine and Cheese – will come in on budget – Food and beverage invoices have been submitted --still waiting for some incidentals to be submitted for payment.

Membership - \$5270.00 deposited this past week

-there are still a number of residents up north who are planning on coming down over the next couple of months.

- 69.3% of our projected budget

Cheque Reimbursement

Expenses for Social Events should be submitted through the head convenor for the event along with the recap of the event with suggestions for improvements for the following year, etc. There will be less opportunity to lose receipts and miss payments for items.

Please put receipts in an envelope along with the description of the expense and the name of person who will receive the cheque. This will be included in the templates.

Strawberry Festival

-not held in 2021 – we donated \$1300 last spring to the Woodworkers and Communications. Strawberry Festival will be reported as a loss for the year.

13. Past President: Murray Knights

Each director has be asked to review their job descriptions on the web site and decide whether they are current. If not, updates should be made.

Can we post the schedule of the ladies and men's home games on the web site?

14. Vice President: Jack Harney

As a carryover from last month's report, with the great assistance of both our liaisons, Kate Lilley and Keith Mc Gruer, and Lorette Pinto, and the cooperation of our Pro, Tony, we managed to get a fairly complicated set of Lessons and Skills and Drills finally worked out. Part of that process included an hour break midday on Tuesdays for Tony to get a lunch and out of the sun in what is a long 9 hours on the courts for him. He had to admit, in his words, he ain't no spring chicken any more. Proposal that Tony will have a rolling two year contract. From our stand point we have a commitment from Tony and we also have a year warning that Tony will be retiring. Tony has indicated that he will aid us in finding a replacement. It is recommended that we hire someone that is a member of the USPTA..

Tony is available to Maple Leaf for individual lessons. Price is to be determined. Contact Tony directly.

As to court equipment, a number of replacements were in order as in past years, like sun protecting umbrellas that were torn by Mother Nature, a large windscreen, the large clock over the bulletin board at Charlotte and other such things. Using a suggestion made to me by Murray, I also made sure we have some items backed up should they fail, like one of the reel assemblies that hold up our nets. In a previous report, a late spring Improvement Committee agreed that when courts are wet on various event days and needed in a hurry, the best method to allow the sun and wind to do their magic is to spread the water out with the available carpets and brooms. New brooms will soon be installed at all the courts. However, on one recent occasion, maintenance showed up with blowers and rescued us, but may not always be available.

Once again, I want to recognize Tim Llewellen who has now taken on the task of windscreens ups and downs, nets ups and downs, and other court issues like replacing umbrellas. We worked together with a good group of volunteers and he did a great job leading these tasks. Sherm Stubbart, who more or less retired from these responsibilities can't help himself and continues to jump in and help.

We do need to discuss our continued support for Tony as our designated Professional for team lessons at today's meeting.

Activities Expo: Jack is responsible. Brochure is to be made and Taste of Tennis will be highlighted. Jack will be meet with his team and will bring more information on Dec 16.
Richard leaves 3:31

Adjournment 3:41

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Thompson