

MINUTES  
MAPLE LEAF TENNIS CLUB – EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Monday, March 11, 2013, 2:00 p.m. at Charlotte Center

<b>1. Attendees</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy Sheehan, <i>President</i></li> <li>Mike Rooney, <i>Vice President</i></li> <li>Lindsay Brannen, <i>Past President</i></li> <li>Don McElroy, <i>Treasurer</i></li> <li>Chris Hemstead, <i>Secretary</i></li> <li>Glenn Houghton, <i>Strawberry Festival</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dale Van Houzen, <i>Publicity Director</i></li> <li>Madeleine Connell, <i>Social Director</i></li> <li>Ray Connell, <i>Tournament Director</i></li> <li>Phyllis Gessel, <i>League Liaison, Ladies</i></li> <li>Bruce Neff, <i>League Liaison, Men</i></li> </ul>
<b>2. Welcome &amp; Approval/Review of Minutes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy welcomed everyone to the meeting, all members being present.</li> <li>Minutes of the Executive meeting of February 11, 2013 were approved as written.</li> <li>Judy requested that "President's Remarks" be returned to the beginning of the agenda.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Presidents Remarks</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy described the meeting she and Mike held with John Bradley on March 5, 2013, highlighting the fact we were the only club mentioned by John at the recent home owners' meeting due to our contribution to court repainting. Chris was asked to advise ML Security they may be asked to deal with players using improper footwear on the courts.</li> <li>TOR for Strategic Planning have been finalized and passed to Keith McGruer who will chair the initiative. John Bradley approved our decision and will bring it to the ML board's attention as there is an existing Board-level SP initiative.</li> <li>Discussed and agreed honorary memberships to be given to Denis Paquette and Bob Binding (as ML President).</li> <li>Discussed and agreed donations will be made to Communications (\$200), Woodworkers (\$100) and to the ML Corporation (\$500) towards new bike racks at courts. A request was received to change Thursday Ladies booked time to Mondays, but it cannot be accommodated.</li> <li>The proposed AGM agenda was reviewed and final changes agreed upon.</li> <li>Status of Davis Cup was discussed; it was agreed that organizer reports to Tournament Director.</li> </ul>	Chris
<b>4. Correspondence</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris reported an email was sent to a member responding to questions about membership definitions, and another about court sharing during open booking sessions.</li> <li>Clair Anfossie, Slice Girls captain, has submitted a formal request to move the team up to the 3.5B level.</li> <li>A final review of the documents to be posted for the AGM was conducted, including the formal nomination committee report.</li> <li>Chris asked that the latest information on scheduling of social events and tournaments be provided to the Secretary for publication of the combined Draft Event Schedule before the end of April.</li> </ul>	Directors
<b>5. Treasurer Report</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don presented the preliminary annual Financial Statements separating Operations from Strawberry Festival. These will be made available to members at the AGM. He also showed us a separation of revenue and expenses for social events for the year. Membership is now up to 234, a new record, 20 more than last year. The year end bank balance is estimated to be about \$11,000.</li> <li>To ensure we will have sufficient funds to cover increased operational expenses and ongoing court maintenance, it was agreed to increase membership fees for next season. Don will present the new fees for approval at the AGM, he will also advise the details of our planned donations.</li> </ul>	Don
<b>6. Vice President Report</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike reported that tennis shed ramp repair is complete, and that bike racks acquisition may be delayed (our donation should expedite this). He mentioned that Denis Paquette's work on the new spectator cushions is planned for the fall.</li> <li>The Taste of Tennis program was reviewed; it was agreed that the program is very successful and that all arrangements should be kept the same for next year.</li> <li>Backup net requirements were discussed, it was agreed we should postpone acquiring new nets to the fall when the need will be clearer.</li> </ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor problem with court 1 scoreboard resolved. Mike stated that all repairs must be directed through the VP to Mike Trask.</li> <li>It was agreed that a plaque will be acquired for the new Men's Doubles competition winners. Presentation of all MLTC plaques should also be considered for inclusion in the AGM program.</li> <li>Following Bonnie Samuelson's resignation, Tony Geraci (the current men's coach) has been engaged on a trial basis; initial reports from the ladies is positive.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Social Report</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Madeleine mentioned she has assembled a collection of guides and posters for all social events, in electronic format, that in future can be handed to the organizer of each event. This creates a "Bible" that can be reused and updated, reducing our need to "reinvent the wheel" every year. Congratulations to Madeleine.</li> <li>We were reminded that Fire Club must be notified a week in advance when BBQs are to be used.</li> <li>Based on the previous decision to move the Pot Luck and Dinner/Dance to a Friday, Madeleine has submitted the necessary booking requests for next season, confirmation seems likely.</li> <li>Madeleine thanked all those who have helped her this year, and made a few recommendations for next year: the Social Director should assign one person to oversee supplies (to simplify acquisition and reduce waste); the list of events should be the same as this year; we should seek ways to "refresh" Fun Day, and involve Associate members more in activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Publicity Report</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dale reported he has worked on publicity for the Davis Cup, and for the keyboard concert.</li> <li>He was complimented on his continuing outstanding efforts to display our events on film.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Strawberry Festival</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glenn reported on his successful third full team meeting, all is ready; ticket sales up a little; weather guaranteed to be perfect!</li> <li>Advertizing for our four sponsor organizations is underway.</li> <li>Bruce suggested we consider use of Resident Directory advertizing as a criterion in choosing sponsors.</li> <li>Glenn reported John Bradley expressed appreciation for donation of tickets to the staff.</li> </ul>	
<b>10. Tournaments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ray reported on a successful season, with 8 tournaments and 292 participants, and expressed his thanks to his team and to Dale for all his support.</li> <li>Ray recommended the same program of tournaments for next year, with the possible reinstatement of Men's and Ladies Ghost Doubles, and that a budget of \$1500 be provided for next year.</li> <li>A member's suggestion to introduce tournament fees was considered; it was agreed to stay with the current trophy system.</li> <li>Dale Struthers' report on the Davis Cup was tabled. His recommendations should be considered by the incoming Executive / Tournament Director.</li> </ul>	TD
<b>11. Team Leagues</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phyllis reported that the ML Ladies League Social will be held at the Charlotte Center November 5, 2013. She presented the lesson schedule for next season, a review of individual team plans and the list of Captains and Cos. The addition of a new 2.5 team is being considered. She mentioned that Judy Simser and Wilma Ball have been working on finalizing the Ladies "Rules" for distribution and posting on the web site.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Men: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Captain's Committee met March 7, 2013 to draft the teams for next season, this will be fine tuned after final standings are known. All teams are doing well, some leading their division. General meeting of league players scheduled for Thursday, March 14.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>12. Business Arising From Minutes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy has verbally expressed our expectation that ML will be needing additional courts in the not too distant future, to the ML Board via John Bradley.</li> </ul>	
<b>13. New Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>14. Next Meeting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be set by incoming President.</li> </ul>	Pres