

Maple Leaf Tennis Executive Meeting
Minutes
September 28, 2021
5 PM
Via Zoom

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; John Casey, Tournaments; Becky Thompson; Secretary
Absent: Richard Wood, Strawberry Festival
3. Approval of the Minutes of March 31, 2021. This was tabled as there is one unresolved item on the agenda which we will deal with next meeting.

4. League Reports

A) Kate Lilley

The Charlotte County 50+ Ladies have decided that they are going ahead with league play. All the teams will be on the schedule whether or not they have enough team players to play or not. We can field none to 3 courts. Any court that is not filled will be considered a forfeit.

Lessons:

The majority of the ladies are interested in taking lessons.

We are down in players due to players retiring or injuries and with the uncertainty of when the border is opening we are asking to go back to 5 hours of lessons starting at 8 am.

Some captains want some of the lessons to be more skills and drills orientated or at least part skills and part team play.

B) Keith McGruer

The Peace River Senior Men's League has yet to decide on whether the League will start in November or not. Four teams can field enough players.

There is considerable reluctance to be involved with players who may not be vaccinated. Concerns include playing in the Park with Maple Leaf players who have elected to play with outside teams. In fact, some do not want to play in-house tennis on a court with Maple Leaf players who have not been fully vaccinated.

Players have expressed a wish that the League insist on all players being fully vaccinated when play starts. Whether that can be done is a question.

There has been some communication between Jack Harney and Peace River encouraging them to follow the Charlotte Women's model of play. **Lessons.** It looks like we could fill up five lesson hours. Since Tuesday is the normal day for men's lessons, I hope the ladies teams will be able to revert to their usual Monday lessons. With more teams taking lessons, there should be less demand for the Skills and Drills sessions.

I have heard a desire for more emphasis on skills during lessons rather than team drills, perhaps half-and-half.

5. Social Events: Heather Reid

Events will be held outdoors as often as possible. Others, such as the Presidents Dinner will either be reorganized to be more suited to an outdoor event or cancelled.

6. Tournaments: John Casey

The opening Mixed Doubles, Triples and Maple Leaf Cup will be the tournaments held this year. The Pro Am will be held February 19th.

Jane and Jim Paul's have approached Irene to request permission to run a Mixed Doubles Championship similar to the current Members Championship. Permission has been given.

7. Membership Report: Peter Murphy

Membership fees will remain the same. The membership will be requested to pay them at the opening Wine and Cheese through the use of labeled envelopes and including any change if address or telephone number. A box will also be left at an appropriate spot for anyone who arrives after that date.

8. Communications: Naz Meghji

Thank you for the timely submissions for the September/October issue of the Accents. I will be requesting your submissions for the November issue soon.

9. Past Presidents Report: Murray Knights

Party in the Park: We have been asked to participate. It has been decided we will. Murray will canvass the membership for help. A sign mentioning that all servers are fully vaccinated will be posted.

10. Vice President's Report: Jack Harney

In a general sense, there are a number of small projects like painting benches, updating water control items on courts after a rain, etc. I'm prepared to begin to take care of when I return on October 10th.

Tim Llewellyn has taken over Sherman Stubert's court management roll. He will be contacting volunteers to help him with wind screens etc.

Ball Machine Balls: Apparently balls are hard to come by. We are trying to get a stockpile for the season.

The electrical outlets in the shed and on Court One aren't functional and Wade has been notified.

Lorette Pinto has agreed to manage Skills and Drills this coming season.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Thompson

Next Meeting: Oct 19 5 PM