

Maple Leaf Tennis Executive Meeting
Minutes
December 16, 2021
4 PM
896 York Trail

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Attendance Irene Stitch, President; Jack Harney, Vice President, John Casey, Tournaments; Greg Freeman, Finance; Richard Wood, Strawberry Festival; Keith McGruer, Mens Liaison; Kate Lilley, Ladies Liaison; Murray Knights, Past President; , Naz Meghji, Communications, Becky Thompson, Secretary; Heather Reid via Zoom.
2. Approval of the Minutes of November 22, 2021. Moved by John Casey, Seconded by Greg Freeman. Approved.
3. Update Maple Leaf Court Schedule: The schedule needs to be edited. Tennis Club should be mentioned when Mens or Ladies Open is scheduled. **Short** term visitors are welcomed to this Open time slot.
4. Correspondence: A Maple Leaf resident has expressed concern over the loss of one hour of mens' open time. As the author is not a member of the tennis club it brought up three topics of discussion: Who may use prescheduled court times, court usage in general and the mandate of ensuring there is an appropriate amount of time for use by nonmembers and, finally, who has priority; league or open tennis. The consensus is that scheduled times should be used by members as the tennis club upkeep the tennis court. Maple Leaf members who consistently use the tennis courts are actually contributing to their upkeep, maintenance and the ongoing safety of the facility. There is ample time for non tennis members to sign up for individual games and League takes precedence over all other activities.

Jack will respond to the concerned Maple Leaf Resident.

5. Updating Tony Tony has indicated that he has not been made aware of changes in some peoples personal lives which will help him to better preform his job.. This was discussed and Keith and Kate will try their best to keep him updated.

6. Results of the Survey sent out re Presidents Dinner

The following questions were asked:

1. Are you interested in attending a President's Dinner and Dance in February?
- 2.
3. 50% Yes 50% No

2. Would you attend if the Tennis Club asked that all members attending be vaccinated for covid? 59% Yes 41% No

3. Would you attend if the Tennis Club held the event and used the ML guidelines for COVID protocols? (e.g. unvaccinated people wear masks when indoors)? 38% yes 62% No

4. Do we ask to see proof of Vaccination? 63% yes 37% No

Due to the outcome of the survey the Presidents Dinner is cancelled.

4. League Reports

A) Kate Lilley

We held our Captain's meeting on Tuesday Dec. 14/21.

We are encountering a shortage of players but hopefully we will have 6 teams playing 3 courts in January but 4 of the teams are down to 7 or 8 players instead of the normal 10. We are encountering restrictions of entering certain parks requiring that we need to be vaccinated to enter (Boca Grande and Emerald Point) We did a poll of our players and the response is that there is only one player that is not vaccinated. This is not causing a problem as she has been honest and cooperative with her teammates.

We are holding our First Ladies luncheon in the golf club on Wed Jan 29th.

B) Keith McGruer

We are still encountering a shortage of players, especially for this week and the matches on Dec. 30th.

Not including the matches of Dec. 16th, A1 is in 1st place, B1 Blue is in 2nd and B1 Green is 3rd, B2 Gold is 1st and B2 Crimson is 2nd, B4 is 11th, B5 is 1st, and 75+ is 5th.

So we are 1st in four Divisions and second in two Divisions!

This month we added Steve McMullen to B4 and Don McGahan to B5 which was a big help in strengthening these teams.

I am working on a recommended motion for the League Captains' Meeting in January to clarify the rules for subbing in and out of the 75+ teams. They are not clear and not properly in the League Rules.

Taste of Tennis Report

From the Taste of Tennis we had 10 players join the Club and take the series of five lessons, which were completed on December 12th.

Another Taste of Tennis is planned for January 8th. Considering the lack of social activities this season, we are suggesting that the membership fee for those new people opting to take the lessons in January be \$20. Keith Murray.

A discussion of the Mentor Program was had. There should be a check off list so that all mentors are aware of their duties; such as introduce the web site etc. Membership forms should also indicate whether the new member knows if the tennis club and people

in it or if they would like someone to help them.. It was decided that as we are not having a pot luck or Presidents Dance this year we will reduce the membership for January members. The vote will be tabled until we contact Peter.

5. Social Events: Heather Reid

A new social director is being introduced to the duties and responsibilities of the social director,

Due to health issues, the current lead of the Christmas Social will be stepping down. She has given Ann Wick, the social director in training, the information for her to review and to appoint a new Lead. Ann is also working on a template for a checklist of duties that need to be performed for this event and others

Christmas decorating of the CanAm was a little later this year, but the team decided to do it with wine and carols. Nice touch. Thanks Betty Staples and her team.

6. Tournaments: John Casey

The Ladies Triples Tournament went very well. John is mentoring a tournament replacement. Mens Triple Tournament is January 22nd and female volunteers are needed.

Greg leaves 5:01

Men are in charge of drinks and tennis on Christmas morning.

The Maple Leaf Cup is a large cup with winners names on it.

7. Membership Report: Peter Murphy

Our current membership is made up of 80 men 70 women 16 associate 4 monthly and 3 honorary

We have collected \$6440.00 in dues YTD

Currently there are 60 names that are in question by mid-January I will purge the list.

The registration system has worked very well. Members have been dropping off their dues at 324. There has been some follow up due to lack of information provided.

8. Communications: Naz Meghji

All is going well.

9. Strawberry Festival: Richard Wood

The Committee met and a discussion centred on concern due to the continued evolution of Covid. Discussion was had on how to ensure a quick flow of movement through buildings in case of many take outs. Old Tickets will be exchanged at the same time as new tickets are sold. Emphasis that take out is available will go out in the broadcasts.

10. Past Presidents Report: Murray Knights Job descriptions must be read and changes made so that they are accurate. Murray would like to look at the feasibility of an

online court sign up list. He will get a committee together. The goal is to take this to the AGM. Murray will prime it.

11. Vice President's Report: Jack Harney

Motion: Jack Harney

That for the 2021 through the 2023 seasons we execute an agreement with our Tennis Pro, Tony Geraci.

Elements of that agreement:

The agreement will take place prior to the beginning of each season, and will be for a period of two years. At the beginning of each year, a one-year extension will be approved by both the Club and Tony.

b. Tony agrees that should he choose to retire, or for any reason not to approve the one-year extension, within the following and last year of the agreement, he would assist the Maple Leaf Tennis Club in finding and recruiting another capable member of the United States Professional Tennis Association to replace him.

c. Tony will provide an updated proof of adequate bodily injury and property damage liability at the beginning of each season.

d. At the beginning of each season, in addition to the annual extension, an outline will be printed and initialed by both parties laying out the general commitments of time periods involved for the lessons Tony will provide and be available for, also listing any agreed time(s) off for that season. It will also include the end of the season player placement meetings for the women's and men's teams which will be determined.

Seconded by John Casey

Unanimous.

Activities Expo. Time change from 2-5. Committee has been set up and will be meeting early in the year. Pictures and other memorabilia are being collected.

12. President's Report: Irene Stich

a) A request has been made for funding to purchase Christmas decorations. Apparently the last ones have disappeared. There is funding available. \$200.00 these will not be stored in the shed but at Ramparts.

b) Wade has retired and will be missed. A letter will be written thanking him for his services. Becky will write it.

13. Adjournment: 5:37 Moved Jack Harney Seconded Irene Stich Passed

Next meeting: Jan 13th 4 PM