

Maple Leaf Tennis Executive Meeting
Minutes
January 20, 2022
4 PM
896 York Trail

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Present: John Casey, Tournaments; Kate Lilley, Ladies Liaison; Greg Freema, Finance; Heather Reid, Social; Richard Wood, Strawberry Festival; Naz Meghji, Communications; Keith McGruer, Mens Liaison; Murray Knights, Past President; Jack Harney, Vice President; Peter Murphy, Membership; Becky Thompson, Secretary; Irene Stich, President (4:15)

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 16, 2021.

Moved: Jack Harney, Seconded by John Casey. Approved

3. Business Arising:

- A) On line Court Booking System: Ken, Ron and Peter will be videoconferencing tomorrow with two companies: Reserve Court and Giga Sports, both international. The priority is user friendliness to members, guests and visitors. Their fee structure and other services will be compared and one will be chosen. There will be in house administrator. An information sheet of the recommendations of the committee will be shared with the board before our next meeting. A final decision will hopefully be made next meeting. Peter was thanked for his efforts.
- B) Activities Expo: Huge thanks were given to Greg and Kate for helping put the tennis exhibition together. Many people came. The goal was to invite the newcomers to the Taste of Tennis and 4 more were recruited. The membership booklet was updated and the Mentoring program was refined.

We will be looking for men, women and couples to help for a two year period.

Overall the experience was thought to be very successful. A large number of people (94%) thought it was extremely helpful. Approximately the same amount thought it should be an every year event. Great thanks were given to Keith and Nancy McGruer for the idea and the follow thorough. Thanks were also extended to Denise Holland.

4. League Reports

- A) Kate Lilley: The ladies had their women league social. All teams are playing. There have been a few people who have voluntarily quarantined due to Covid, but so far no one appears to have caught it.

B) Keith McGruer

Our eight teams continue to do well, As of January 19th, five teams were in first place and one team is second. An unusual number of injuries and medical issues have affected all of the teams, some short term, too many longer term.

At the League Captains Meeting, Maple Leaf put forward a consolidated addition to the

Rules of Conduct and Play for the 75+ Division. A meeting of those captains adopted it, especially clarifying the subbing in and subbing out of 75+. It also included an amendment that a player must be 75 before stepping on a court to play in 75+, not “turning 75 this season”.

On January 19th, we held a Maple Leaf captains’ meeting. The team situations were reviewed and a discussion was held on possible changes to the Men’s Rules. This is not yet ready for distribution.

The meeting of the ML men team players is scheduled for March 10th at 3:00 pm.

TASTE OF TENNIS

The second round for this season was held on January 15th and the first lesson of the five was on January 18th. It looks like 8 or 9 players are participating (one to be clarified). Four of the participants were signed up at the Activities Expo. With the racquets donated by the families of Ron & Wilma Ball and John Wick, we had four of them re-strung and re-gripped. They will be used as loaners each season until the new players acquire their own racquets.

5. Social Events: Heather Reid

Christmas Social: 89 people signed up and about 75 actually came. Food and drinks were served and Triples was played. Mens teams are expected to aid in the triples and the serving of liquid refreshments. Positive comments were heard due to the serving of food outside.

Bands are being booked for the Pot Luck and the Presidents Dance. Heather is working on a schedule for next year. Tentative dates are Potluck Jan 13 and Presidents Dinner February 24th.

6. Tournaments: John Casey

Triples have 8 teams. Mike Pitz is running it.

Pro Invitational (Feb. 22) food : 75 food tickets will be sold for the deck with take out available. Price will be \$15.00.

7. Membership Report: Peter Murphy

We currently have 192 members with dues totalling \$6780. 150 are regular members, 16 associate, 23 are monthly and 3 are honorary. We should advise the membership what the new dues will be for next year.

8. Communications: Naz Meghji

The broadcasts (emails) sent to the membership from the ML Tennis Club are received by all subscribers. As mentioned previously, If there are email address changes, if they let me know directly, I can update these.

If there are new members who have paid their dues and are not receiving emails, I need to know.

Sometimes they are not receiving emails because these land into their junk/spam inboxes.

Mostly the problem lies at the users end and I can try and help as much as I can.

9. Strawberry Social: Richard Wood

Last meeting Jan 4 the tickets were designed. There will no indoor seating, and two lines will go through the building; one take out, one out to the deck. Final organization will be after the ticket sales. Smaller sponsors have dropped down. An inventory has been taken and all supplies are full. Diversity will be playing. Ticket sales will start mid Feb.

10. Financial Report: Greg Freeman

Fiscal Year End Financials ready for the auditor

January 01, 2022 Bank Balance = \$33 641.11

After reconciliation – Bank Balance = \$33 639.11

- Have looked for the \$2.00 and don't see where it went. I am suspecting that last year we were \$2.00 out and we didn't make an adjustment in the ledger.

Hi lights

REVENUE – membership 85% of target – which included NO January 2021 membership –

- No Party in the Park
- No Strawberry Festival
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EXPENSES

ADMIN EXP IS HIGH

- Microsoft annual fee -	\$ 69.99
-Printer Ink for schedules	\$ 68.47
-LMCU Cheques ***	\$194.14

COURT OPERATIONS

-on target

SOCIALS

-on target

TOURNAMENTS

-low – no awards last year and very few tournaments

***-we have been using the old Encore Bank cheques for the last 4 years and have not been forced to get new cheques. This year we ran out of cheques at the end of 2021 and we had to order cheques which came out of the Admin line

-I think we should have a higher admin expense and printer ink and annual fees will be ongoing.

11. Vice President's Report: Jack Harney

Court Maintenance: I think it's clear this year has been a bit unusual in terms of the needs to fill in this category. We started out replacing all five umbrellas due to age and wear and Mother Nature quickly destroyed two of them. Those have been replaced.

More than three times this season windscreens have been blown out loose and, as always, there has been plenty of volunteer help to get them reattached. Tim Llewellen has really stepped up in this area and helping me with all seven umbrella replacements.

I want to especially thank Lindsay Brannen for the extra work he did to repair some and reinforce all the scoreboards that were damaged in the freaky windstorm we had recently. They should be in even better shape than they were before. Also thanking Wayne Rose for producing a new set of red and black circles that slide up and down for scoring. The old ones are reaching the end of their life and Wayne has made wooden ones that can be glued to replace the plastic ones that have separated.

Scheduling: This continues to be a challenge because of both the different approaches teams took due to the pandemic, and on a positive note, the return of so many members back to Maple Leaf after almost two years of their absence. However, solutions have been worked out as best as they can be with most folks understanding not everybody's needs can always be fully met. Ron Miles has enthusiastically worked more than double time this season going over all the options that we've had to pursue.

Activity Expo: First, a big thank you to Kate and Greg for helping on the preparations for the event and being there for the required three hours. We met with quite a few newcomers and a primary goal for us was to successfully invite a good number to the Taste of Tennis program that was just beginning a couple of days later. We were able to do that.

There were also two areas where the preparation work produced some secondary positive results. We updated the membership booklet for one. However, that also led to a major restart of the Mentoring Program for new Tennis Club members. Both Kate and Greg created new facets to it, including a more reliable system to help keep it going for the future. I'll let them speak to the details at the meeting.

12. President's Report: Irene Stich

Pickle ball has approached the Tennis Community asking to use our courts. We will do research and we will receive a report back before making any decisions.

13. New Business:

- A) Tennis for late arrivals: People who arrive in January have no opportunities to play competitively against other people. Becky, Greg and Jack will look into it.
- B) Next year Membership Price: \$50.00

14. Adjournment 5:57 Peter Murphy, Seconded by John Casey. Approved
Respectfully submitted,
Becky Thompson