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Maple Leaf Tennis Club AGM Minutes March 24. 2021 Can Am Zoom and in person

1. Call to Order and verification of a Quorum

Drew Robertson, Past President called the meeting to order and a quorum was verified.

2. Approval of AGM Minutes of 2020 (A PowerPoint due to the Pandemic)

Moved Drew Robertson Seconded John Casey Carried

3. President's Report.....Murray Knights

This year's executive was introduced; Drew Robertson, Past President; Irene Stich, Vice President; Greg Freeman, Treasurer; Becky Thompson, Secretary; Heather Reid, Social Director; Communications Director, Naz Meghji, Tournament Director, Sue Page; Membership Director, Peter Murphy; Strawberry Festival Directors, Richard and Arlis Wood; Ladies League Liaison, Kate Lilley; and Men's League Liasion, Keith McGruer. In addition Judy Sheehan who was instrumental in reporting from Maple Leaf in the absence of many Executive Members. Thanks were extended towards the retiring Drew Robertson and Sue Page for their efforts on behalf of the Tennis Community.

All the players and participants were thanked for their patience, cooperation, continued participation and support in this unusual year. Many activities were run. Thanks were extended towards Judy Sheehan, Jacque Forsyth, Lorette Pinto, Ron Miles and the many others who contributed.

Our finances remain strong despite losing two Parties in the Park, two Strawberry Festivals and one year of membership dues.

Membership fees were waived this year. The fee structure will remain the same for next year for both playing (40\$) social (20\$) members. Our membership appears to be remaining stable between 225 and 250. Honorary memberships have been extended to both Keith and Nancy McGruer and Lorette Pinto for their continued efforts towards the betterment of the tennis club.

4. 30 Year Capital Plan Report.....Murray Knights

This was created two years ago and the Executive has monitored it throughout the years. Due to COVID, no capital expenditures were made this year. A hitting wall was planned for this year and 1500\$ was budgeted for it. For the year 2023 a bench and bleacher were planned for Court 5. The A2 team in memory of Dick Keller spearheaded a memorial fund which has now provided both a bleacher, a bench in Dick's memory and a bench in memory of Dale Van Houzen. These were welcomed, not only by the tennis club, but by the park. We are in good position financially and we base this on the statistics from the 30 year Capital plan.

5. Treasurers Report.....Greg Freeman

We only collected membership dues in the early months of 2020 and consequently we, as well as many other clubs etc have experienced due to the pandemic, a loss in revenue. Our bonds have become due and as interest rates are quite low we have not reinvested.

Many activities were not held this year, however activities that did run were run very frugally, keeping in mind our minimal finances. The tennis club recognizes and thanks the financial efforts made by the activity organizers.

Strawberry Festival tickets and sponsorship for 2021 helped keep our balances healthy despite it being cancelled. Jack Harvey will speak more on that topic.

A more thorough audit will be done by our auditor, Brian Morris in the fall.

Actual Expenses, Proposed Budget 2020 and a Proposed Budget for 2021 was presented. The proposed budget was prepared with the premise that the border would be open. We are looking at hoping to have all tournaments running with a loss of 3000\$ as usual for the Tennis Dinner Dance.

Greg Freeman moves to approve the proposed operating budget for 2021. Mike Page seconded. Carried.

6. Strawberry Festival Report.....Jack Harney

All the members of last year's Strawberry Festival were thanked for their tireless work: My cochair, Oksana Hopkalo, Sharon Ayotte, Barb Cynkar who was mentored by Sue Lawson, Jim Dunlop, Denise Holland, Lorette Pinto, Charlotte Shaw, Heather Reid, Marcia Vajcovec, Karen VanLeeuwen Anne Wick assisted by Deanna Wilson and Richard and Arlis Wood who will be next years Chairs.

Well over 100 volunteers are recruited to run this event.

Tickets that were sold will be honoured for next year. In 2021 a record number of tickets were sold, with 200 being reimbursed. The Strawberry Festival Committee was commended by Drew Robertson for being able to put on the brakes to the festival without spending any money.

7. Vice President's Report.....Irene Stich

The many people who helped keep the courts safe and in great shape during the year were thanked. Judy, Lorette and Jacque were thanked along with Ron Miles who so patiently scheduled the courts. The Tennis Improvement Committee is welcoming Ed Stich and the incoming VP Jack Harney to its team next year. Karen VanLeeuwen was thanked for her 3 year participation in the Tennis Improvement Committee. Brian Johnson will continue on the Committee.

The many coordinators who ran events were all publicly thanked.

8. Men's and Ladies' League.....Irene Stich

There was no league play this year. All teams will remain relatively the same as last years. Last minute changes will be made next fall when we hope league play will return to normal. Congratulations were extended to the 2019/2020 division winners; the 2.5 Alley Cats, the 3.0+ Uptown Girls, the B2 Men's Gold and the 75+ Men's Purple teams.

9. Communications.....Irene Stich

Naz Meghji is in charge of the website, Channel 95, and email blasts.

10. 2021/2022 Calendar of Events.....This was presented and can be found on the Maple Leaf Website.

11. 20/21 Activities.....Judy Sheehan

Thanks were given to the Executive for financially supporting the many activities that were planned, despite COVID: the opening wine and cheese, mixed doubles tournament, triples and Christmas social (all socially distanced and using prepackaged food), a mixed round robin, Monday night men's league, newly introduced women's championship play and Tony Geracci's Skills and Drills and team group

12. Report of the Nominating Committee.....Drew Robertson

Sue Lawson, Lindsay Brannon and Drew Robertson were the nominating committee. The following have been nominated:

President Irene Stich
Vice President Jack Harney
Past President Murray Knights
Treasurer Greg Freeman
Membership Director Peter Murphy
Social Director Heather Reid
Communications Naz Meghji
Secretary Strawberry Festival Richard and Arlis Wood
Men's Liaison Keith McGruer
Ladies Liaison Kate Lilley
Tournaments Open

Brian Morris has, once again, agreed to be our Auditor.

Moved to accept the New Executive Drew Robertson, seconded by Greg Freeman. Carried.

As no tournament director has come forward, the tennis Executive has made the following offer:

Reduce the amount of tournaments from 4-6.

The first tournament will get help from Judy Sheehan and Sue Page.

Numerous past directors will be available to help in any way.

We are hoping that someone will step up.

Motion that the Maple Leaf Tennis Club make a donation of 1000.00\$ to support the outfitting of the new Woodworking Facility. Moved by Drew Robertson Seconded by Becky Thompson. Carried.

14. Adjournment: Murray Knights thanked everyone for the cooperation and unity that was on the Executive and to the tennis club for their participation.

Motion to adjourn Murray and Drew.
Thanks given to Dave Zakikian for his help.
Adjourned: 3:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Thompson

Addendum: John Casey stepped forward during the Social to become Tournament Director.
The Tennis Executive extends their thanks to him.