

MAPLE LEAF TENNIS EXECUTIVE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday January 6, 2020

Charlotte Center

1 PM

1. Call to Order: 1:02
2. Attendance; Drew Robertson, President, Murray Knights, Vice President, Greg Freeman, Finance, Jeff Papiez, Mens Liaison, Jack Harney, (leaves 1:45) Strawberry Festival, Peter Murphy, membership, Glenn Houghton, Past President, Kate Lilley, Woman's Liaisons, Becky Thompson, Secretary, Heather Reid, Social Director (1:04), Susan Page Tournament Directors.
3. Approval of the Minutes of Dec 2, 2019 Moved by Glenn Houghton Seconded by Jeff Papiez
4. Correspondence: None
5. League Liaison Reports:
 - A. Kate Lilley
Everything is running smoothly with the ladies teams at this point. All teams are doing well and are in competitive positions
3.5+ team is in 1st place
3.5B team is tied for 3rd place
3.0+ team is in 2nd place
3.0 team is in 3rd place
2.5. team is in 1st by 11 points
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 - B. Jeff Papiez
All is progressing well.
Peace River League Maple Leaf Men's Team Standings @ 8/21 Games
Team:
75+ Purple 1st place @ 12 points out of 5 teams in this division
A1 Red Tied in third place @ 7 points out of 5 teams
A4 Blue Tied in 4th place @ 11 points out of 8 teams
B1 Green 5th place @ 10 points out of 6 teams
B2 Gold 1st place @ 18 points out of 6 teams
B3Crimson 1st place @ 20 points out of 8 teams
B4 Platinum Tied in 3rd place @ 8 points out of 8 teams

B5 Orange 5th place @ 7 points out of 6 teams

6. **Tournament Reports: Sue and Mike Page**

After a great Christmas Season we are gearing up for a busy January tennis tournament time.

This Saturday January 11 @ 8am the Men's Triples Tournament is scheduled. To date approx 26 men are signed up.

Saturday January 25 @ 8am the Ladies Doubles Tournament is scheduled.

We are anticipating running the new Seniors Tournament in early February. Details to be discussed.

7. **Strawberry Festival Report: Jack Harney Oksana Hopkalo**

Our Committee held its second monthly meeting on 1 - 4. Since we are still more than 2 months away from the event, we concentrated on the preliminary items that needed immediate attention. We also reviewed suggestions that were made last year that might improve the 2020 experience.

Most notable was the acceptance of Ann Wick to take over the decorating of the Can Am on Festival date since Janet Oliver and her husband, who was responsible for it last year, will be moving on the 16th of this month. Janet came to our meeting with a friend, a newcomer to Maple Leaf, Denise Wilson, who has volunteered to help Ann. Janet took Ann and Denise to the storage shed and the Can Am to show them the "ropes."

We're still assessing how much additional tenting we'll need as we discuss different ideas to achieve it.

We'll have more to report next month as the committee's activity level will be much greater.

8. **Social Report: Heather Reid**

Christmas Social

Total costs: \$390.47

The Snowbirds did a great job on the food at a cost of \$232.29

They have made a couple of recommendations for the event next year; one was to have Christmas Music.

Champagne and orange juice cost \$158.12. One bottle of champagne was left and it is being kept for a future draw prize. Five bottles of orange juice were given to the servers. Harold recommended less orange juice and to add a bottle of ginger ale.

The Triples Tennis was great and the courts were busy until 12:30

Thanks to the Ladies Snowbirds and the Men's B2 Gold Teams for making this event a success.

Thanks to Loretta Pinto, as well, for leading this event.

Pot Luck Dinner

At the present time we have 153 people signed up to attend this event. I have met with the Lynn Jenkins and Mike Rooney regarding their responsibility and schedule for the dinner. Everyone is aware of what needs to be done to make it a success

The cost of the ham will be higher this year; \$179/lb. was the best price we could get compared to \$1.29 last year. I have spoken to the Joe Gaydos from the Sell-outs and they will arrive at 6:00pm to start to play at 6:30. I have arranged for a cheque to pay them.

President's Dinner

Hurricane Charley's will cater the event.

Betty and I have decided on a theme of Paris in the Spring. Her son has made another backdrop for our pictures.

I am looking for 2 people to take pictures during the evening.

Here are some volunteers, but I need more.

Sue Page for Sponsorship

Karen VanLeeuwen

Betty Staples:

Sue Lawson: Ticket sales

Brenda Scott: Decorating

I plan to meet with the volunteers soon.

9. Membership Report: Peter Murphy

Our current membership has 170 playing and 31 associate members paid. We also have 3 honorary memberships for a grand total of 205.

At the end of last season, we had 202 members - 175 playing & 27 associate so our membership is down

We will have a few more people joining in the new year.

The Google sheets are working great. If there are information changes or additions or deletions the system is seamless. The Membership listing is almost 100%

A spouse, relation(s) or friend of a tennis member may attend a tennis function at a cost of \$5.00.

I want to keep our membership listing as up to date as possible. As of Jan 01, 2020, any member listed but not paid was be deleted from the membership list.

There have been a few members that were not getting email from the club. After checking, the main reason was a wrong email address. If I get a request to change information it is done within 24 hours

There is a sort by name that was added to the master sheet.

More discussion was had on adding emails to the tennis email list. Discussion versus cash boxes was had and either purchasing money boxes or finding them in the shed.

10. Financial Report: Greg Freeman
April 1, 2019 - Dec 31, 2019

Revenue \$8 152.28

-Membership (90%) and Party in the Park (145%) - **95% of Budget**

**** Strawberry Festival (\$6 000) - will be in 2020 budget

Expenses

Total \$5 265.09

Budget \$ 5 700.00

Opening Wine and Cheese -120% of budget \$600.22

Christmas Morning -64% of budget \$366.38

President's Dinner/Dance -Caterer Deposit \$700.00

Tournaments -131 % of budget -

Events Remaining - 2020 Expenses - but approved at 2019 AGM

Pot Luck \$ 400.00

President's Dinner/Dance \$ 1 300.00 budget \$2K loss

Maple Leaf Cup \$ 500.00

AGM \$. 500.00

Pro Invitational -no individual budget line (Other) \$300.00

*** 4 Tournaments and awards - Will be over budget - will need to increase for 2020

*** Court Improvements/Operations - budget line combined TOTAL \$ 4 750/yr

A discussion on how to treat donations in the future. This particular method will be shared with all the teams which may have donations involved in their event.

An audit will take place in the near future as the books are closed on January 1, 2020.

11. Past President: Glenn Houghton

The final report for Party in the Park is now complete and will be given to next years chair person.

A nominating committee for the March 25th AGM was been established with Sue Rowan, Mike Rooney and myself. All current executives should confirm if they wish to continue in their current position.

12. Vice President Report: Murray Knights

New net and straps purchased to replace spare net that was recently used.

New court numbering signs installed at each court.

Micro fibre cloths placed at player's benches on all courts to dry benches when required. Hopefully this will stop persons from taking cushions to the player's benches and later forgetting to put them away.

All programs are up and running with the exception of intermediate tennis lessons which begins on January 10th by Peter Trivett and Greg Giles.

Request exec approval to order a new windscreen with the ML logo on it to replace the defective screen currently in place on the back of the spectator viewing stands at Charlotte courts. New screen will be higher and from end to end to provide more shade for spectators. Approximate cost \$800.00. Since then, a recommendation has been made to extend the entire seating area. This idea has been put on hold until this expansion has been considered by the Court Improvement Committee.

Preparation and updating of all executive position job descriptions is now underway. Lindsay Brannen will be working with each of us to coordinate. We would like to complete this activity by mid-February. Please contact him at your convenience.

Other items as listed in the Tennis Court Improvement Committee update attached.

Online Court Booking: a recommendation has been made to look into this. Some thought has previously been put into it, but then this project fell into the wayside. Some advantages are that the user wouldn't have to go to the courts, would be able to view the courts, and make a move towards a paperless schedule.

Disadvantages are that user won't be able to figure out open time when they are on court, it is not helpful to nonmembers and guests, and its felt it could cost between 300-600\$. The current schedule system seems to working well. Based on these premises, it's felt that online booking is not feasible at this time. The committee has Karen VanLeeuwen, Brian Johnson and Murray Knights are on the Committee. There are not a lot of pending concerns right now.

13. President Report: Drew Robertson

The season is going very well. All of the comments I get about the club are positive from both members and non-members.

There is a committee looking at the future use of the Rampart Land. I don't envision the Tennis Club requiring more space (courts) but would like to discuss it. Our membership peaked in 2014 at 258 and then declined slightly until this year, where we are seeing a slight growth. Last year we had 219 members. Our 5 courts are currently highly utilized but not 100%. Therefore I don't think we are going to have a need of a 6th tennis court or more space for anything else in the near future.

There have been a couple of questions about the court booking rules this month. Specifically whether one person can book 2 courts at the same time. Last year we documented the process for booking a court. At the time we discussed and intentionally allowed people to sign up for 2 courts at the same time but only one time slot per day. This was specifically done for the ladies teams that go over Sunday morning to book the two CanAm courts for their extra practice on Wednesday mornings. We decided that it was unnecessary for them to send 2 people on Sunday morning to book the two courts. So we now allow one person to book two courts.

14. New Business:

A. Court Scheduling Sign Up Procedure: This was answered in the President's report.

B. Membership Email List Update: It has been updated and a system is in place regarding how to monitor and establish new contacts, delete and change old ones.

Motion to create a position for communication director, Moved by Kate Lilley
Seconded by Sue Page. All in favour.

15. Adjournment: 2:40 Moved by Kate Lilley, Seconded by Peter Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Thompson