

MALTON TENNIS CLUB

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
on Court One
Paul Coffey Park, Mississauga**

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On motion duly made by Jenny Chin and seconded by Mary Shaw, it was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on September 25, 2019 be approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President, Raymond Mahadeo, prefaced his remarks with the following statement regarding racial discrimination both worldwide and closer to home. He continued that the events of the summer, with many reports of racism occurring, that it was important to comment that the Malton Tennis Club is an open and fair Club and everyone is welcome as a member. He continued that we are a multicultural Club and have added a Code of Conduct for executive and members to ensure that there are no issues.

Raymond stated that our long-time member and Junior Co-Ordinator, Clem Burrowes and his wife Helene who have been supporting the Club for a number of years with time spent with Juniors and grants from the Rotary Club, had been experiencing struggles of late and on behalf of the Club our best wishes were extended to them.

The President continued by stating his appreciation of the various functions performed by the Executive during the season. He acknowledged that it had not been easy to get protocols and safety issues in place prior to the late start of the season but as of June 1st we were an operating Club.

He continued by thanking Faith and Sandie for taking on the registration process under unusual circumstances, Mary for her work on updating the website, Jenny, Ana, Khamraj and Tony for their work installing windscreens and maintenance in general. The President also acknowledged the City of Mississauga personnel for providing us with Covid-19 guidelines and the support they provided before and during the Club opening process.

He concluded his report by stating that it had been an interesting year as we had achieved a milestone in the middle of a pandemic and were able to build our membership, part of which might have been because of the desire of people to be more active. It was noted that we were unable to offer organized programs such as House League, InterCounty, Junior Program, Tournaments or Open Houses and was hopeful that in 2021 we would continue to build our membership, however, we should expect some challenges moving forward with the loss of our existing site and the Clubhouse.

At this point in the meeting, players from Courts 3 and 4 joined the meeting.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Faith Shephard, presented the financial report.

It was noted that although the membership fee structure had been reduced to assist new and existing members who may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the increase in membership had raised the income level quite significantly. The Treasurer continued that total membership numbers amounted to 107 with 91 in the adult/senior/student/family category and 16 juniors

5. RELOCATION OF COURTS WITHIN PAUL COFFEY PARK

The President reported that Paul Coffey Park is in the process of being renovated as part of the City of Mississauga's master plan. City personnel had been looking at all areas and, in part, had determined that the tennis courts were on a flood plain so had decided to move the courts adjacent to the basketball courts. Very little information had been received from the City with respect to the relocation although a sign has been posted that the change was anticipated in September of 2020. However, because of COVID-19, all work was delayed. The latest update estimated that the new courts would be ready in June or July of 2021. Part of the relocation will entail the loss of our Clubhouse with no plans for a replacement. Location of winter storage of nets, windscreens, posts, chairs, etc. had also yet to be determined. The President continued that the City had sent preliminary plans for the park and a copy was available for members to view.

Adding to the loss of the Club House and other facilities the Club had enjoyed for many years was the fact that the closest washroom facilities would potentially be located at least a five-minute walk away. It was suggested that those wishing to use the facility would be better off getting in their cars and driving the one-way circuit through the upper area of the Park and back!

The President continued that in between the tennis courts is a Bocce court and also a multiuse court so he felt we could not have house leagues and intercounty matches without the use of washrooms in close proximity to the courts. It was anticipated that the 2021 season would start in the existing courts but would move mid-season (June/July or even later) to the new facility. The President considered there was no point in relocating halfway as the amount of time required to install the windscreens was appreciable and it was felt that we should stay where we are for the 2021 season and start afresh in 2022. He also continued that we would petition and see what could be done about the washroom facilities and perhaps a multi-use gazebo-type structure. There had been discussion about using the Arena for functions but no decision had been made as yet.

At this juncture, the President opened the floor for questions regarding the move. A great deal of discussion ensued and one suggestion was that the Club petition the City with signatures of members or initiate conversations with the politicians to see if anything could be done. The President stated that the park renovation had been approved by Council although it was noted that when the subject of the revitalization of the Park was introduced the local councillor had promised that we would have the same facilities we were enjoying at that time, i.e. a clubhouse, with washrooms, storage facilities etc.

The President suggested that he should send a message to the City expressing our dissatisfaction with the plans and stating that we required washroom facilities closer to the courts. It was suggested that if permanent facilities were not available that, as a last resort, portables could be installed in the land between the courts and the bocce courts as it was pointed out that many members spend several hours at the courts in any given day and facilities closer than several hundred metres were essential.

In answer to a question from a member, the President replied that the courts would be combination tennis and pickleball which it was felt would assist the Club as pickleball was becoming very popular and it was hoped would help increase membership.

It was noted that the new courts would run east/west. With respect to storage at new facility, this had been discussed in a prior conference call and we understood that the City will provide some form of storage on the site of the new courts, however, storage at the arena was also mentioned in a conference call.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2021

On motion duly made by Tony Scarlato, seconded by Avind Mittal and approved by members present, the current Board of Directors were reelected to office for the 2021 season. However, it was noted that due to Clement Burrowes inability to continue, there was a vacancy for the junior program coordinator. A Volunteer to fulfill this position was requested and proposed by Faith Shephard and seconded by Khamraj Balkissoon, Fontayne Buhong and Shane Buhong were jointly elected to undertake the position. They were warmly welcomed and will be offered assistance in the structure of the Junior program. On motion duly proposed and seconded, the following were unanimously elected to office for the upcoming season:

President	Raymond Mahadeo
Vice President	Jennifer Chin
Treasurer/Registrar	Faith Shephard
Secretary	Sandie Kilian
Directors	Ana Quintanilla, Mary Shaw

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that some new windscreens were required and the Club House needed to be decluttered pending demolition. It was also decided that the season would close on November 15, 2020. Volunteers would be solicited to assist with this event.

It was also considered that future Annual Meetings would be held outdoors to encourage membership participation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.