

**MEADOWVALE WEST TENNIS CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES – OCT 27, 2021**

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**Board Members Present:** Tarek Hassan, Tim Byford, Vito Casalino, Sachin Ahuja, Cheryl Rankin, Dave Sarin, Galina Korytek

**Board Members Absent:** Neil Huab

**Presiding Officer** – Cheryl Rankin, President

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**7:04 PM – Meeting called to order**

**Total members in good standing – 15**

It was established that a Quorum was present and the AGM may proceed

Tonight's Agenda

1. Approve minutes of previous AGM (2020)
  2. Treasurer's Report
  3. VP's Report
  4. Membership Director's Report
  5. Junior & Ladies Program Director's Report
  6. House League Director's Report
  7. Social Director's Report
  8. Tournament Director's Report
  9. President's Report
  10. Constitutional Changes
  11. Elections, Recognition & Other Business
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- The Chair requested that the Agenda for the 2021 AGM be approved. Agenda moved by Alfred and seconded by Sachin. Motion approved 15-0.
  - The Chair requested that the minutes of the 2020 AGM be approved. Motion to accept moved by Cheryl Rankin and seconded by Galina Korytek. Motion approved 15-0.

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## **Treasurer's Report**

Cheryl spoke to the Treasurer's Report in Neil's absence; 'thank-you' to Neil for jumping into the role in mid 2020 and for helping us out this year as well; Neil is very busy and has indicated that he won't be returning for 2022, so a huge thanks for his contributions.

Beginning Balance ( Jan 1, 2021) \$ 175,882.53

- Total Revenue \$ 35,451.00
- Total Expenses \$(10,895.05)
- Cash in the Bank (Oct 27, 2021) \$200,438.48
- Payables \$ (135,000.00)
- Remaining Balance \$ 65,438

As of Jan 1, we had a starting balance of \$175,882.53 in our account; revenue (including memberships/donations/caps) = \$35,451.00; Expenses = \$10,895.05 leaving us with \$200,438.48 in our account; we do have outstanding payables totalling \$135,000 – the biggest being the lights for the courts (our commitment required to secure the new courts); our remaining balance = \$65,438.00

The Chair requested that the 2021 Treasurer's report be approved. Motion moved by Yaar Razvi and seconded by Cheryl Rankin. Motion approved 15-0

### **VP's Report (Vito Casalino)**

- Courts were repaired and the waiting area was finished off
- We'll have to replace some of the screens for next season
- Timing of the lights were changed by the City
- Closure of courts for the season this coming Sat (weather permitting)
- Dave added the following comments:
  - There are a ton of 'operational' things being done daily by Vito, Vic, and Neil that many of us members do not see happening
  - Wanted to formally acknowledge Vito, Vic and Neil for the running the operations so smoothly, that we members often take it for granted the work that goes into it

The Chair requested that the 2021 VP's report be approved. Motion moved by Yaar Razvi and seconded by Trevor Devotta. Motion approved 15-0

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**Membership Director's Report (Tim Byford)**

- Seen a decline in female memberships for 2021 – 82 female members and 214 adult males
- Started out at approx.. 40% of members as females in 2009/2010...trended downwards to 27%; Junior members have moved upwards from 30% to 50% over the same period of time.
- Overall – 414 members ; waiting list of almost 260
- Recommend a staggered invitation for memberships in 2022, starting with previous members
- Cheryl acknowledged Tim for his 'behind the scenes' work
- Prakash – offered his thoughts on the declining female memberships (based on feedback) – many members have gone to other clubs because of the facilities – some have clubhouses with proper washroom facilities; we only have a porta potty – not an ideal facility for our female members to use; we need to consider better options

The Chair requested that the 2021 Membership Director's report be approved. Motion moved by Norm Cabrera and seconded by Paul Bergin. Motion approved 15-0

**Junior & Ladies Program Director's Report (Sachin Ahuja)**

- 2021 was positive year for us.
- Equal ratios of children – 49 female and 53 male members
- Ladies numbers were low (3) due to a drop in the ladies program

The Chair requested that the 2021 Junior & Ladies Program Report be approved. Motion moved by Galina Korytek and seconded by Vito Casalino. Motion approved 15-0

**House League Director's Report (Galina Korytek)**

- The Houseleague program was cancelled for the season due to concerns surrounding Covid
- Ladder – 71 members signed up for 3 leagues – Men/ Ladies/Juniors
  - Main (men & ladies) 52 players; 39 matches played; 36 players actively participated
  - Ladies – 5 players; 3 matches played; 4 players actively participated
  - Juniors – 19 players; No matches played
    - This has been a pattern for at least 3 years with Juniors – need to consider whether we should be offering this for Juniors
- Also consider offering a 'doubles ladder' as most people like to play doubles

The Chair requested that the 2021 Houseleague Director's Report be approved. Motion moved by Vito Casalino and seconded by Tim Byford. Motion approved 15-0

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**Social Director's Report (Vic)**

- As Vic had been Social Director for most of the season, Cheryl asked him to provide some comments
- Sent a plan to the City for the 'divided net' on court 1; awaiting word back from the City
- Tournaments – worked with Arnold on 5-6 tournaments that were highly successful
  - Participants were charged \$10 for entry...we were able to feed/drink and give out prizes to the participants within this budget
  - For the work that Arnold did for the club, we provided a gift certificate for \$50 from the LCBO; Vic asked for clarification on what expenses required Board approval
  - Dave provided some clarification as to what had been discussed amongst the Board as it pertained to expenses:
    - No Board members have had any issues with the nature of expenses to date
    - We collectively agreed that there needs to be 'consistency' in how the expenses are applied, in particular to tournament spending as there was inconsistencies/discrepancies in the distribution of expenses across the various tournaments throughout the season

The Chair requested that the 2021 Social Director's Report be approved. Motion moved by Sachin Ahuja and seconded by Paul Bergin. Motion approved 15-0

**Tournament Director's Report (Tarek Hassan)**

- Arnold stepped in during Tarek's absence and along with Vic's assistance, six tournaments were completed this season
- 36 females and 76 males competed
- Tarek suggested additional prizes to encourage further participation

The Chair requested that the 2021 Tournament Director's Report be approved. Motion moved by Paul Bergin and seconded by Sachin Ahuja. Motion approved 52-0

**President's Report (Cheryl Rankin)**

- We had a strong Board that jumped in and tried to figure out the current year (given the circumstances); we've had a successful year of tennis
- Focus is always looking forward to figuring out the next year
- Board's responsibility is to figure out how to continuously improve and find ways to encourage greater participation, whether it be women or juniors
- Thank you to the existing Board members that are willing to return next season
- Special thank you to Tim and Neil, who are stepping down from the Board
- Thanks to Norm and Yar for running the round robin
- Thanks to Stanley and Norm for running the IT side of the club

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The Chair requested that the 2021 President's Report be approved. Motion moved by Prakash Bansod and seconded by Galina Korytek. Motion approved 15-0

**Constitutional Changes (Dave Sarin)**

- We do review the Constitution on an annual basis
- There were no changes proposed for the year

**New Business**

- Prakash – we should be able to work with the City (and other clubs) to make sure that there is some form of washroom facilities within our park; this exists in other areas
  - We need to get others involved as the more attention we can bring to the matter, the more likely the City may consider
- Prakash – given the size of our club, there is a lack of training/coaching available. We should consider bringing on an additional club pro – Jeremy is doing a great job but he is 'overworked and too busy'

**Elections**

- Nominees were listed for those candidates – some are existing Board members, while others are new nominees
- The following individuals had expressed an interest in running for Treasurer:
  - Trevor Devotta
  - Siddarth Benjamin
  - Markus Agyeman (not present at AGM meeting)
- Jimmy Hamilton has put forth his name for Social Director, while a vacancy still remain for Membership Director
- Trevor and Siddarth each spent a minute to introduce themselves for the Treasurer position
- The Chair requested the attendees to put forth any other nominations that have not already been provided and listed
  - There were no additional names put forth, so the following positions were 'acclaimed' for 2022:
    - Cheryl Rankin, President
    - Vito Casalino, Vice President
    - Jimmy Hamilton, Social Director
    - Sachin Ahuja, Juniors & Ladies Program Director
    - Galina Korytek, Houseleague Director
    - Tarek Hassan, Tournament Director
    - Dave Sarin, Secretary

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- A vote was held for the Treasury position (amongst the 3 names submitted) and Trevor was elected as the Treasury Director
- Siddarth was persuaded to join the Board and fill the position of Membership Director
- The new Board of Directors for the 2022 season is as follows:
  - President – Cheryl Rankin
  - Vice President – Vito Casalino
  - Social Director – Jimmy Hamilton
  - Secretary – Dave Sarin
  - Membership Director – Siddarth Benjamin
  - Tournament Director – Tarek Hassan
  - Houseleague Director – Galina Korytek
  - Treasurer – Trevor Devotta
  - Juniors & Ladies Program Director – Sachin Ahuja

The Chair requested that the 2022 Board of Directors be approved. Motion moved by Norm Cabrera and seconded by Tim Byford. Motion approved 15-0

**Closing Remarks (Cheryl Rankin)**

- On behalf of the Board of Directors, Cheryl took a few minutes to recognize Tim Byford's contributions to the Board
  - A long-time member and Board member since 2002
  - Tim developed a membership application that registers members, accepts payments and produces reports that can be used for the Houseleague
  - He's been Membership Director, a former President and had maintained our website
  - The members 'thank' Tim for his contributions and have presented Tim with an honorary membership to the club.
- Cheryl also took a few minutes to acknowledge and thank the staff from the City. While we are still working out some of the 'kink's since our move, we've had a supportive relationship with the City
- A request was made to extend the season beyond the end of Sept – this would be an issue due to weather – once frost sets in, the net cables pull on the posts and over time this warps the posts.
  - While the tension on the nets can be 'slackened', enforcement of this would not be easy, as we are relying on every member to remember to do this.
  - Cheryl advised that this will be reviewed by the Operations committee (Vito /Vic) and we will leave things to their expertise and experience.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:35 PM