

Minutes of Aldershot Tennis Club Board Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2017

The meeting was held at ATC Clubhouse

Present: John Korosi, Gerry Blake, Dot Knight, Oliver Barkovic, Chris Duque, Susanne Reimer, Hilda Cirotto

Regrets: Jackie Smalec, Malcolm Harris, Steve Gray

Items discussed:

- **Update from John:**
 - Renovation:
 - i. John is no further ahead with the City. The permit Department stated that the bubble must be 3 metres away from the building. The architect has the ball now and is working with the City. They are going back and forth. The drawings need to be adjusted and submitted before tendering can take place.
 - ii. It will be at least another 2½ months before we get another update.
 - We may be able to apply for another Trillium Grant. John wrote to our MPP and has had conversations with her. The CEO from Trillium contacted John. We still have options.
 - Our water consumption is down. We are waiting for the reimbursement from the overcharge on our water bill due to the water leak.
- **Hydro Bills**
 - Compare Jan/Feb 2016 with Jan/Feb 2017
 - Our bill from Jan 12, 2016 to Feb 9, 2016 for 28 days showed consumption of 35335 kW
 - Our bill from Jan 10, 2017 to Feb 9, 2017 for 30 days showed consumption of 15753 kW
 - That is a difference of 19582 kW. The \$ difference was about \$3000
 - We will wait a few more months before communicating results to members. At this rate, we will have paid off the new lights at the end of 2017 with the hydro savings.

- **Craig Lomas' retirement gift**
 - i. It was agreed that we will present Craig with a life-time membership at ATC as well as a bottle of high quality liquor and a bucket of beer. Susanne will find out what his favourite is and purchase it (budget \$250). Dot will make a poster for members to sign.

Financials

- Jackie had kindly submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. They were accepted as-is.
- Gerry suggested that revenue from the Ball Machine should be a separate line item on the detailed financials. The current 2017 revenue is \$350.

Maintenance – Gerry:

- Revenue from guest fees continues to rise, however, there are some issues which Gerry is addressing such as the same visitor playing for more than the 5-time maximum allowed.
- **Susanne, please send a communique re no shows, guests and no pets.**
- Gerry spoke to Jesse from Commercial Air about the temperature inside the bubble. The setting is currently 65 degrees Fahrenheit and the blower is running continually. Gerry will investigate further as to our options and alternatives to get the temperature higher.
- **Bubble-Down - April 22nd (rain date April 23rd).**
 - Gerry will be looking for volunteers to assist with Bubble Down. A message will be sent out to all members and signup sheets posted at the ATC clubhouse. The notices will indicate timeframe and tasks to be accomplished by volunteers.
 - Gerry is not available the weekend of April 29th.
 - Gerry was given a \$5,000 advance to cover Bubble Down expenses. Actual costs will be reported and any balance refunded before the next meeting.
- **Hilda:**
 - Board members using their annual allotment for banquet are Oliver, Dot, Gerry and John.
 - i. Hilda will purchase gift certificates from Just Tennis for the balance as well as for the remaining board members.

- **Policy for sending sympathy cards &/or flowers**
 - i. It was decided that the board will look at each individual case. Hilda (or whomever hears about a situation) to send an email to board members and we will vote via email case by case.
- **Hilda will begin to compile a detailed list of volunteer opportunities and break it down into categories – e.g. water flowers, etc. and post it in the Clubhouse.**
- **Online registration for leagues needs tweaking**
 - i. **Send Susanne screen shots of what needs to be changed. e.g. for the Tuesday ladies league, we require A1, A2 and B categories.**

Susanne:

- Recommends mapping out a strategy and preparing a mandate for Peter's Head Pro position so that Peter is aligned with keeping the club vibrant for juniors.
 - i. **John will speak with Peter about this.**
 - ii. **John will announce at banquet that Peter has agreed to take on the Head Pro position – and we still ironing out his contract.**
- Summer camps were not popular last year due to the limited washrooms and parents looking for a full day program.
 - i. Next year we should talk to Pierre Lamarche at ACE to see if he wants to run ACE programs at ATC.
 - ii. The junior programs at ATC were successful last year and should be kept the same this year.
- **2nd Team for Lakeshore League**
 - Susanne put forth a motion to add a Division 5 team on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 pm.
 - Oliver seconded
 - All agreed.
 - **Susanne to send a communique out announcing this. Captains will set up tryouts.**
- **Program Director Report – Malcolm:**
 - **2016/2017 Winter Programs** – We have had a very successful Fall & Winter schedule thanks to the ongoing efforts of our Program Coordinators and a high level of Membership engagement. Programs will be coming to an end week of April 17.

- **2017 Summer Programs** – Requests have been sent to the 2016 Summer Co-ordinators asking if they would be interested in the Role for the Summer 2017 session. I have had a few responses and will be sending out a reminder in the next week or so.

2017 Winter Singles Tournament – Sadly only two women signed up so we did not meet the minimum required for a women’s draw. We did however have 10 members participate in the 60 + Men’s Draw and 16 Members in the Men’s Draw. Using frugal spending policies, prizes were “small” and limited in nature but still well received and refreshments were minimal resulting in after expenses, an un-audited **\$170.14 PROFIT**. These funds will be turned over to Jackie/Jeannie in the next few days. Thanks to Gerry who arrived just in time to take care of the Saturday flood on court #2 and to Peter who helped create the draws, stood in for me Saturday Sunday mornings and listened to my ongoing rant about lack of Member respect for what we the volunteers do for them.

- **Congratulations to:**

Men's Draw: Champion - Jacob Nease, Finalist - Andrea Pavesi

Men's Draw Consolation: Winner - Damien Larkin, Finalist - John Marshall

Men's Draw 60+: Champion - Peter Galinis, Finalist - Ron Mauro

Men's Draw 60+ Consolation: Winner - Paul Martin, Finalist - Dale Sutherland

- **2017 Summer Court Blocking** – Will be taken care of as soon as we have coordinators identified.
- Our next meeting will be held – May 15th. Location TBD.

A message from Aldershot Tennis Club Board of Directors

As Aldershot Tennis Club enters into our next phase of operations, we must implement changes aimed at ensuring the viability and sustainability of our tennis facility. The ATC Board of Directors has been planning a much needed renovation to the clubhouse, which would continue to ensure that existing members receive the value they have come to expect from our club. The Board recently received approval from our members to proceed, and the Board is currently working to schedule the required changes, which will take some time, and require us to utilize most of our reserve funds.

Our reserve funds are critical to ensure that we can maintain the courts, bubble, blower/backup, lights, and cover any emergency that may arise. After the renovations are complete, our main priority is to re-build these reserves.

The Board has decided to institute a new \$100 initiation fee for all **new adult** members, effective September 1, 2017.

This fee will not impact Juniors, Students or Summer-only members.

The Board strives to support changes that will ensure ATC continues to be a respected and affordable full-year tennis facility in the Burlington area.

- The meeting was adjourned.

Discussions for future meetings:

- Job Descriptions and positions needed:
 - All job descriptions for each person on the Board need to be placed on the website. Those on the website <http://www.aldershottennis.ca/ATC-bylaws.htm>
 - Dot has some written documents we need to review to ensure we have one for each position needed at the club. This topic will be discussed a future meeting.
- Need to clarify: Consider replacing Davis Cup with a mixed doubles league on Saturday or Sunday night; and create a Doubles ladder. Organizing a League will require a Convener who is willing to tackle the problems encountered with the Davis Cup or establish a new format. (Friday night drop-in to remain as-is but any Social events should be moved/incorporated to the weekend).