

## Manotick Tennis Club

AGM – November 9, 2021 via Zoom

### Minutes

The President, Elliot Jackson called the meeting to Order at 7pm. Given that the meeting was conducted virtually, Lori Gadzala outlined a few housekeeping items on how the meeting was going to be conducted, and explained how to ask questions and vote.

At the outset of the meeting, there were at least 30 connections, and it was determined that the quorum of 23 participants had been met.

Elliot welcomed the members and expressed appreciation for members' collaboration throughout this challenging season, particularly with COVID protocols. All club members had been notified in advance of the meeting that meeting materials were available on the club website including: AGM 2020 Minutes; AGM 2021 presentation; and 2021 Financial Statement.

Paula Jokiel presented a quick overview of Minutes from last year's AGM

**MOTION: To approve 2020 AGM Minutes as presented. APPROVED**

#### President's Report:

1) Membership Stats – Membership was record high 651 members with 57% new members over previous year. President noted that Budget for next year is based on membership numbers of 500.

2) Court Bookings – No court booking issues despite increased membership.

3) Facilities Update – Elliot updated on the significant facility work conducted this year including: resurface and repaint of courts 1-4; 2 new tennis nets & new pickleball nets; backboard refurbishing; new flooring in clubhouse; new windscreens and court maintenance equipment. President noted the tremendous contribution of Conrad Zeransky and Mark Foto in facility upgrades. A gift of appreciation will be provided to them. Plans for facility work next year include fence repair, additional clubhouse refurbishment and a major court expansion.

4) MTC Expansion – President reminded members that Club had submitted a proposal to the City over a year and a half ago to add new pickleball courts to our club and return court 6 to tennis. This proposal had been developed in collaboration with Manotick Community Parks and Recreation Association.

President explained the approval from City was recently received and after we had shared the AGM presentation in advance of the meeting. A grant of \$150K has been approved in principle towards the estimated costs of \$300k for expanding the courts. There is a requirement from the City for the club to become incorporated as a not-for-profit.

Elliot provided an overview of the site and proposed plan. Members asked several questions related to site; incorporation status of club; community use of facility; and design of courts. Lori Gadzala will be leading community consultation process and Phil Johnson will lead the fundraising efforts. Members

were invited to participate in these Committees. Members requested to be informed as negotiations progress with the City on the model to allow community access to the new pickleball courts.

Financial Highlights:

Phil provided an overview of the financial situation and explained that the increased revenue was due to increased membership, strong community interest in junior and summer programs, and tournaments. The club invested \$27.6K in improvements during the year. Club is in a healthy financial situation with a year-end balance of \$51K. Financial Outlook for 2022 anticipated a conservative estimate of decreased membership and program revenue with no change in the member fee structure for 2022. There is a projected bank balance of \$61K at end of 2022 season.

**MOTION: To authorize the MTC Expansion plan to build six new pickleball courts and return court 6 to a tennis court. Building costs that exceed 20% above the current estimated cost will trigger a special members' meeting to re-evaluate commitment to project. Building may start as early as 2022 season.**

**APPROVED.**

**MOTION: To authorize the Club Executive to commit \$25K of our existing cash funds to a Capital Improvement Fund for MTC expansion. APPROVED**

Program Highlights:

Tennis Program - An overview of tennis activity in 2021 was provided. Strong interest from the community led to a doubling of revenue from junior lessons and camps (compliant with COVID protocols); late start to some programs, but clinics, year-end tournament and competitive leagues were provided. Manotick participated in the NCTA leagues with 3 teams. Manotick 'A' Team were 2021 League Champions. Two highly successful competitive junior tournaments were hosted by the club this year.

Club champions of Year End Tournament were announced. Thanks were extended to Tournament Director, Regina De La Campa and congratulations went to:

Ladies Singles – Regina De La Campa

Ladies Doubles – Regina De La Campa & Amanda Klowak

Men's Singles –James Hartley

Men's Doubles –James Hartley & Eamonn Garry

Mixed Doubles – Hannah Johnson and Nick Johnson

Pickleball Program – An overview of pickleball activity in 2021 was provided. Seven beginner and six intermediate clinics were offered free of charge to members. Thanks to Richard Foucault and Paul Leck for offering the clinics to over 120 members. Active beginner, intermediate and advanced leagues ran throughout the season. A successful Ottawa Open Pickleball Tournament & Pro Clinic was hosted at our club, with over 120 participants.

### COVID Response

Paula outlined the measures that the club had put in place to respond to COVID crisis and comply with City protocols including: safety plan; enhanced cleaning protocols; limited access to clubhouse; & track and trace protocol that was implemented.

### Proposed Executive for 2022

Executive Members up for re-election in 2022

President – Elliot Jackson

Treasurer –Regina De La Campa

Secretary –Debbie Cowan

Directors:

- Conrad Zeransky

- Amanda Klowak

Returning Executive Members entering Year 2 of current term:

Vice President – Phil Johnson

Directors: Diana Dowthwaite & Lori Gadzala

No other nominations were received.

**MOTION: To accept the proposed roster of Executive Members for 2022 APPROVED**

New Executive member Amanda Klowak, was welcomed to the Board, and Lori Gadzala thanked former Executive Member Paula Jokiel for her contributions to the Club over many years.

The formal meeting closed at 8:28pm followed by an informal Q & A session with members.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Paula Jokiel, Secretary