

# Manotick Tennis Club

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting October 13, 2022, 7 p.m. via Zoom

**Directors Present:** Elliot Jackson (president), Phil Johnson (vice-president), Regina De La Campa (treasurer), Debbie Cowan (Secretary), Lori Gadzala, Amanda Klowak, Diana Dowthwaite, Conrad Zeransky

**Members present:**

There were 42 connections to the meeting and it was determined the required 31 members for quorum was met.

Lori Gadzala outlined how the zoom meeting would be conducted and explained the process for voting and asking questions.

Elliot Jackson, President, called the meeting to order.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Members were notified prior to the meeting that the 2021 AGM minutes were available to review on the Club website.

**MOTION: To approve the 2021 AGM minutes as posted on the web site.  
APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED**

2. **President's Report**

- a. Membership

- Elliot explained that by mid-April we had already exceeded last year's record total of 650 registered members. A cap of 700 members was introduced at that time. After monitoring court usage, it was decided in June to open up membership to the 100+ people on the waitlist to a cap of 825.
- 50% of 2022 members were new to the club (57% in 2021) and 63% of 2021 members renewed (67% in previous year).
- Budget for 2023 based on 700 members

- b. Facilities

- Elliot gave a summary of the facilities improvements that were done this year including new windscreens and court maintenance equipment, pickleball nets, and reinforcement of the second floor clubhouse deck.
- Next year's improvement plan include purchasing of more court drying equipment, on-court score tracking tools, additional storage, and continue refurbishing the clubhouse.

- c. Court booking system evaluation

- Elliot explained to members that there is a plan to evaluate replacement of membership and court booking software over the off-season
- Objectives of the project include improving member experience, reducing technical issues and increasing user flexibility.

3. **Joyce Sorensen Award**

Elliot gave a brief history of the Joyce Sorensen Award for Sportsmanship. As of this year, the Joyce Sorensen Good Sportsmanship Award is for tennis and/or pickleball.

**This year's recipient of the award is : Paul Leck.** Congratulations were offered to Paul.

4. **MTC Expansion Project**

Lori Gadzala gave a summary of the extensive process undertaken to date to introduce pickleball to the club. As part of the grant application the club needed to incorporate, (which

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occurred in March), and to conduct community consultations (which were conducted in February). The consultation process highlighted concerns with noise and other issues in the surrounding residential areas. The City is looking to find a more appropriate and permanent solution for pickleball. Until that happens, the plan is for pickleball to remain at MTC for the 2023 season but with the possibility of some conditions attached to play.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

- Regina De La Campa, Treasurer, gave an overview of 2022 Financial Highlights.
- It was an exceptionally successful year with an operating surplus of \$68k. Revenue from membership, after-school and junior programs increased by 44%. Income from after-school program tripled. The bank balance at beginning of year was \$51k, and after committing \$25k to the Capital Improvement Fund (approved at last year AGM), the closing bank balance of 2022 is \$93k.
- The projected budget for next year is based on 700 members, no increase in membership fees, with funds earmarked for IT system upgrade, clubhouse improvements and new equipment. Projected bank balance of \$95k at end of year 2023 plus Capital Improvement Fund of \$60k if members vote to set aside a further \$35k to the Capital Improvement Fund (see motion).
- There were some questions related to this topic that were answered

**MOTION: To authorize the Club Executive to commit \$35k of existing cash funds in 2023 to the Capital Improvement Fund for MTC expansion.**

**APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED**

### 6. Program Updates

#### Tennis

- Phil Johnson gave an overview of the tennis program.
- Manotick fielded three NCTA teams. Team "A" was City Champion and Team "B" finished on top of Division 2. MTC also launched a team in the Men's Over 55's league for the first time in years – held our own in Division 1.
- Junior camps were very successful; record attendance and record revenue.
- Two OTA junior tournaments were hosted by the club this year.
- Usual clinics were held, as well as socials.
- Club champions of Year End Tournament were announced. Thanks were extended to Regina De La Campa and Mark Foto who organized the tournament and congratulations went to:
  - Ladies Singles – Ziba Heydarian
  - Ladies Doubles – Barb Nicoll and Erin Fitzpatrick
  - Men's Singles – James Hartley
  - Men's Doubles – James Hartley & Eamonn Garry
  - Mixed Doubles – Regina De La Campa and Mark Foto
- Next year we will be hosting an ITF tournament, U18

#### Pickleball

- Diana Dowthwaite gave an overview of the pickleball program.
- MTC offered 6 beginner 1, 6 beginner 2, 6 intermediate and 1 advanced clinic.
- Expanded the number of leagues at all levels. Diana commented how it was nice to see players level of play improve over the season.
- Introduced 3 drop-in session during the week that were very popular.
- Over 100 players joined a pre-Canada Day celebration social pickleball event.
- MTC hosted the second Ottawa Pickleball Open Tournament with 150 players. Pro clinics were offered in advance of the tournament.

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### 7. Volunteers

Special thanks were given to all of our volunteers:

Tennis: League captains: Regina, Chris Fisher, Mark Foto and Shawn McCleery  
Round robins: Brian Grant and Lorna Engel  
Tennis tournament and socials: Mark Foto and Neil Sinclair  
Pickleball: Clinics: Paul Leck, Richard Foucault, Erin Fitzpatrick, Kim Brent and Barb Kerr  
League coordinators: Karen Kurosky, Mary Lou Devine, Peter Garrett, Paula Hadden Jokiell, Karen Luker, William Dafoe and Tye Arbuckle

And thank you to the many others who have helped at the club this year and made the season such a success!

### 8. 2022 Member Survey

A recent survey was conducted with the member with the objective of aiding in planning for 2012. There was an excellent cross section of members who responded. The results will be analyzed and the survey results will be posted on the Club website.

### 9. Proposed Executive Members for 2023

Debbie Cowan, Secretary, presented the Directors who are for election/re-election  
Year 2 of 2-year Term

President –	Elliot Jackson
Treasurer –	Regina De La Campa
Secretary –	Debbie Cowan
Directors -	Conrad Zeransky Amanda Klowak

For Election / Re-election

Vice President -	Phil Johnson (re-election)
Directors -	Diana Dowthwaite (re-election) Lori Gadzala (re-election) Adrian Raghunandan (new)

Debbie confirmed that Adrian Raghunandan was in attendance.

**MOTION: To accept the proposed roster of Executive Members for 2023  
APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION: To adjourn 2022 AGM  
APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. and members were invited to stay for informal question and answer period.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Debbie Cowan, Secretary