



## **Sir Winston Churchill Park Tennis Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL PARK TENNIS CLUB ("the Club")

Held on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in person at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Members in attendance were registered and the meeting began at 5:28 pm. Jeannette Loakman, Club President, acted as chairperson with Jenn Mason, an independent minute taker, recording the meeting.

A copy of last year's minutes, the financial statements and nominees for the Board of Directors were presented to all in attendance. The rolling presentation that was running during the event was a result of the data dive and the survey. The full Data Dive will be available either via email or on the website.

### **2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2020 AGM MINUTES**

Jim Winslow made a motion that was seconded by Violetta Hofer to approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM held February 6<sup>th</sup>. No one opposed the motion.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Jeannette Loakman began by welcoming the attendees with an Indigenous land acknowledgement before presenting the 2022 President's report. She referenced the need to share and care for the land that we are on, and the land used by our club.

For 2022, the courts were in high demand with things returning to pre pandemic levels. There was a full roster of social events with round robins, socials and a year-end party.

The club fielded 11 interclub teams and Jeannette thanked all the captains for their hard work. The club also hosted a full club tournament, 3 OTA junior tournaments and a Tennis Toronto junior tournament. Next year's goals are to host an adult Tennis Toronto interclub social team.

The club has 4.6-star rating thanks to the staff and Elena, their clubhouse manager. This year new windscreens, squeegees and benches were purchased. The club now has a new TV as well as other amenities.

2022 was also a big year of coaching, and she thanked Ryan Chow and the whole coaching team. Jeannette reminded everyone that this is a volunteer run club and thanked all the volunteers especially the board of directors. Daniel Marchildon, was chosen as the recipient of the Newton Brown Award, given to the outstanding volunteer of the year.

Plans for 2023 include new tables and chairs for the club house, continued social engagement, focus on member development and continued support of the coaching staff.

The club spent more than it received in revenue this year and the board feels that it is time to raise the fees \$5 for all memberships. There will also be two levels of Junior memberships - \$35 for a camp/clinic membership and \$50 for court privileges.

One of the largest challenges is the size of the waitlist and the political pressure to let in more members. Preventing court congestion is a priority. The club already has more than the minimum number of members per court (over 1000). To address this the club will be experimenting with allowing non-members to book empty courts 2 hours in advance. The goal is to up court booking without affecting the member's ability to play. Jeannette once again thanks the current board for all their hard work.

Jeannette opened to questions for the President:

- If needed, would it be possible to get money from the city to ever help with renovating courts or adding more?
  - There is a large fund for anything needed - the club would never have a need to go to the city for renovations. As for adding more courts, the community and their councillor opposed this idea so it is highly unlikely they will ever get approval. In addition, since they are situated on the reservoir, it would cost a lot for renovations to add any courts.
- Is there a plan for the reserve fund?
  - There is a small amount in the restricted fund which is strictly for repair/resurfacing and the rest is for any unplanned issues that may arrive.
- Would it be possible to bubble any of the courts?
  - This was also investigated during the renovation. Because we are on top of the water reservoir the park cannot support the weight. Even if the weight wasn't an issue it would need community support which is unlikely based on past experience.
- What about a simple pickleball court?
  - The same restrictions to adding regular courts applies to pickleball courts.
- One thing missing from the club is our lack of commitment to social responsibility. Could this be part of our mission statement with a budget allocated to it?
  - The mandate of the club is to provide tennis to the community. However, this year the club did allocate donations to Out of the Cold through any groups that asked to rent the courts. Any excess food is sent to Sistering or Out of the Cold and we have offered our used balls to various causes.
  - Bill Gragnoli tabled a motion to make this a more formal part of the club's mandate: "To include in the mission statement of the club a formal socially responsible category which is included in the budget that will be monitored by one of the board members." Andrew Goldstein seconded the motion. A discussion followed around what this would look like and its benefit. Jeannette stated that she was happy to have the board investigate this more regardless of the outcome of the motion.

- A vote was put forward: 10 in favour 16 against. The motion was defeated.
- When we open in April is it possible to have the windscreens put up earlier?
  - The answer is no as the city has guidelines around the timing and doesn't want them up until May due to weather.

#### 4. PRESENTATION OF 2021-22 FINANCIAL REPORT

Rob Pauksens, Chartered Accountant presented his review. He explained the difference between a review and an audit – there isn't as deep a dive, but they do still execute a lot of data checks.

He presented a clean review opinion stating that the club was in good financial standing. The club changed their year-end to November in 2021 as this better aligned with the tennis season.

Questions:

- What is the rate of GICs?
  - The clubs GICs are quite complicated – there is a debt and equity portion. There are about 5 different GICs. They all have low interest rates. There is a Financial Statement Note that relates to this question for those who need to know more.
- How liquid are the GICs?
  - One is always cashable.
- Can our president comment on the vision for the financial statements for 5 years from now?
  - Jeannette said she did not have one as she can't predict what is to come. She reminds the attendees that it's a not-for-profit and that the goal is to run the club well and that is the focus.

Jeannette raised a motion to appoint Stavreff & Associates the auditors for 2023. Treasurer seconded. No one opposed.

#### 5. ELECTION OF 2023 EXECUTIVE

Jeannette called on Kaitlyn to run the election process. The following is the new Board of Directors:

POSITION	NAME
President	Jeannette Loakman
Vice President	Shannon Stewart
Secretary	Kirtana Angara
Treasurer	Kaitlyn Lee
Courts	Ian Uhlir
Membership	Kathy Flaxman

Clubhouse	Lotta Lindblom
Development	Kelli Leizer
Competition	Joanne Phoa
Social x 2	Josh Horowitz and Bob Silverberg
Communications	Anthony Antonelli
Directors at Large x 2	Violeta Hofer and Richard Lewis

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business called.

## 7. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **7:13pm**. Motion by Anne Mahoney and seconded by Kathy Flaxman. Motion was carried.

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Name     Jeannette Loakman  
Title:     President

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Name     Bob Silverberg  
Title:     Secretary