

**Chilliwack Tennis Society 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**DRAFT minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday September 22nd 2021

**Time:** 7:05 pm

**Location:** ZOOM

**Present:** Chair—Phil Dacre

Gudrun Anderson, Charles Kattau, Lana Guthrie, Matt Ralph, Dave Robinson, Mark Turner, Patti Turner

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

D. Robinson /G. Anderson

That we adopt the agenda as distributed

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes from**

M. Ralph/L. Guthrie

That we adopt the minutes from the **September 23, 2020 AGM**

**CARRIED**

**3. Reports**

a. President's Report (*see Appendix A*)

b. Treasurer's Report

P. Turner /D. Robinson

*That we accept the financial statements as presented*

**CARRIED**

*(see appendix B for following reports)*

c. Membership

d. Summer Activities

e. Summer Tennis Camps & Lessons

f. Indoor racquet facility committee: Mark Turner reported that he has spoken to Ryan Mulligan (Director, Recreation and Culture, City of Chilliwack). They have been in communication with the architects, and will have a meeting with the CTS and the Squash Club.

g. Indoor Tennis

**4. Membership and other fees for 2022**

*P. Turner /D. Robinson*

***that the following be the CTS membership fees for 2022:***

***>19 Single: \$45***

***>19 Couple: \$65***

***<19: \$25***

***Family: (3 +) \$75***

**CARRIED**

*P. Turner / M. Turner*

***that we no longer allocate \$10 per member per year to be put into the "New Building Fund", and that we consider appropriate opportunities for using the funds collected thus far.***

**CARRIED**

**5. By-law amendment**

P. Turner/ D. Robinson

**That we amend By-law 58 by inserting the words “*electronically*” after “personally”**

As amended the by-law would read:

58 A notice may be given to a member, either personally, *electronically*, or by mail to the member at the member's registered address.

**CARRIED**

**6. Election of Directors for the 2021-2022 year** (All positions are elected for a one-year term)

**President:** Phil Dacre – *elected by acclamation*

**Vice President:** Gudrun Anderson – *elected by acclamation*

**Treasurer:** Mark Turner – *elected by acclamation*

**Secretary:** Patti Turner – *elected by acclamation*

**Members at Large:** Bryan Stephenson, Lana Guthrie, Charlie Kattau – *elected by acclamation*

**7. Other:** Dave Robinson thanked the executive for all their work, in getting us through the challenges of the past year and a half.

**8. Adjourned: 7:55**

## APPENDIX A

CTS AGM - September 22, 2021

President's Report

Thank you all for taking the time to join us here tonight.

- My role as President this year was definitely met with many new challenges but thanks to my amazing team of Directors I can confidently say I think we did a great job under the circumstances.
  - For the most part we were met by all members with great patience and understanding through all the new procedures and processes.
  - As you, we were learning as we went but at the end of the day all we wanted to ensure was that all our members were safe and were still able to play tennis to some capacity.
  - Serving with own balls, singles play only, no loitering around the Landing before and after sessions, groups creating their own "bubbles" for play were just some of the challenges that were met this year.
  - Despite the challenges, there were many new faces around the courts this year and many have joined the CTS. We welcome you all and look forward to many years of court time with all of you.
  - We will talk about the "indoor facility" a little more later but disappointing to say the least that the grant application was not approved. We are waiting to have another meeting with the city to see what the next steps will be. I want to take this opportunity to thank the indoor committee of Mark, Patti, Gudrun and Stephanie who worked tirelessly with the city to make sure the city of Chilliwack was going to receive the best facility possible.
  - I also want to take this opportunity to thank my directors, especially Patti for stepping up in a year where I was dealing with a lot of personal hardships and challenges. I think we can all agree unanimously that Patti's level of communication, commitment and attention to detail is beyond amazing and personally I could not have got through this year without her.
  - Special thanks to Jeff Frederick, Andrea Oke, and Matt Ralph, who are not continuing on the Executive this coming year. We thank them for their contributions and support.
  - Thank you to Mark as well for stringing dozens and dozens of member racquets as part of everyone's membership fees. I think the directors offering stringing and free coaching sessions was a great perk for members and was happy to see many take advantage of it.
  - Going forward into the new indoor season, I know we are continuing to meet COVID challenges but we have all been here before and we have an outstanding group of players that understand the importance and necessity of cooperating with all procedures and protocols so we can keep continuing playing this game we love. So thank you in advance.
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### **Summer Camps and Coaching**

- In regards to coaching, this has been by far the best year yet in regards to participation both young and old.
- My summer camps saw 91 kids enrolled. 43 girls and 48 boys.
- Adult lessons were also on demand this summer. At one point I had 15 private lessons going. Half of those were beginners.
- Fall lessons are almost completely booked and many kids that took lessons in the summer are continuing on!
- Not having a proper facility continues to be a hardship as I can only offer so many options through the fall and winter but is what it is at the moment.
- The likes of Felix and Leylah went through the same Tennis Canada program that I became certified in so keep look out for the next Canada superstar coming out of Chilliwack!! :)

## APPENDIX B

### Other Reports to 2021 AGM

1. **Membership:** We have had quite a few new members joining over the past year (most this summer)
2. We seem to be getting people finding our new website and filling in on-line registration forms
  - Total: 73
  - Returning members:61
  - New members: 12
3. **Summer survey** re outdoor tennis preferences:
  - Replies from members re outdoor tennis – April 24 – 25, 2021    13 women / 18 men
  - We can use these replies in looking at organizational options for next summer

	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
singles sessions			
doubles sessions			
ladies' sessions			
mixed sessions			
competitive sessions			
organized drop-ins			
non-game sessions			
book a court			

#### 4. **Outdoor events**

**2020** – nothing was organized due to COVID

**This summer –**

**Mixed Doubles Round Robin** (May 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>)

- 2 courts rented at each of Watson Glen and Kinsmen Park courts. (5 Thursday evenings).
- Thank you to Alex Grammatikos and Christine Goodman agreed to be co-coordinators, and did a great job of keeping things organized and running smoothly

**Singles Ladder:** (1<sup>st</sup> game – July 16<sup>th</sup>, last game September 2nd)

- 18 players in total, some absences,
- Final #1 position – Godwin Cheng
- Most games played: Besette Piorecky (11)
- total # of games played: 40

#### **Tournaments:**

Many thanks to Colleen & John Torsky for their experience in running Team Doubles Tournaments.

This allowed 24 players to play in a Round Robin Team style event, using only 3 courts.

We used this format for both summer tournaments.

- SEA-son opener: July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Portage Courts (3) 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, 24 participants  
Postponed once due to extreme heat
- Dream Teams Doubles: August 7<sup>th</sup> (same location & format as SEA-son opener)  
Postponed once due to excessive smoke from forest fires

## 5. Indoor tennis

The 2020-2021 season was interesting to say the least, trying to keep people playing and safe.

- Played doubles as normal till the beginning of December.
- Played singles only from January to March.  
People seemed to really enjoy the singles

This fall season has been a challenging season to organize, due to the recent Public Health Orders.

- We have filled all the regular spots
- Slight reduction in # of court rentals (Tuesday/Thursday mornings no longer having 2 full courts in the early session)
- Thursday evenings, 4 players are playing singles

### Fee Credit:

- People who paid for Oct. 2020 – Mar. 2021 had credit remaining from the cancelled doubles sessions.
- Some players applied that credit to playing singles
- A few players applied that credit towards their 2021 Membership Fee
- A few players requested refunds
- Players can now apply that credit to the Fall 2021 – Winter 2022 Season
- Those players who aren't signed up as regulars (for a wide variety of reasons) will be issued a refund (not advisable to carry funds forward for a second year)

### New this Season:

#### Session coordinators:

- Players will be expected to arrange for spares to replace them when they will be away and notify the Session Coordinator, and the CTS via email (so we can track the Spare Fees owed)

#### COVID safety protocols

- As expected, the City is requiring "event organizers" (in this case the CTS) to ensure current Public Health Orders are being followed.
- Players will need to bring their Vaccine Card to their first session. We'll record the fact that that proof of vaccination has been provided. Players won't have to bring their Vaccine Card to future sessions.
- All players will again need to wear masks while inside the Landing, but not when playing

#### Safety Ambassadors

- The City is again requiring each group *to have a "Covid Safety Ambassador" to supervise the group, provide access to authorized individuals, enforce Covid protocols required by the Public Health Officer (ie masking or Vaccination requirements), and ensure that occupancy limits have not been exceeded.*
- *Session Coordinators will be given this role*
- *Last year our players were all VERY conscientious about making sure they were masked as required, and tried not to overlap arrival/departure times.*