



CTS 2022 Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022, 7:15 pm  
The Clover Room - Landing Sports Centre

Minutes

**Present:** chair— Phil Dacre  
Gudrun Anderson, Brent Bowker, Lana Guthrie, Jennifer Nip, Besette & Stan Piorecky,  
Dave Robinson, Mark Turner, Patti Turner

**Call to order: 7: 15**

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

P.Turner/ Anderson

***That we adopt the agenda***

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of the minutes**

Nip/ Bowker

***That we adopt the minutes of the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 AGM***

**CARRIED**

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

M. Turner/Robinson

***That we accept the President's report***

**CARRIED**

a. Tennis BC and Tennis Canada Awards

Many thanks to Phil for all his efforts to support new and young players and put Chilliwack on the provincial and national tennis maps!

Congratulations to Phil for the following awards he received in October:

**Tennis BC Excellence Awards:**

**Community Coach of the Year**

**Tennis Canada:**

**Distinguished Service Award**

**4. Financial Report**

a. Realignment of Fiscal and Membership years.

Robinson / Anderson

***That we realign our fiscal and membership years to run from August 1 – July 31, starting August 1, 2022.***

**CARRIED**

Rationale: *The bulk of our club activities take place between October – March, and carry over two calendar/fiscal years, making accounting procedures more complicated than necessary. Realigning our fiscal year from August 1 – July 31 will mean our major expenses (indoor court rental fees) and revenues (membership and players' fees) will occur within the same fiscal year.*

b. Financial Statements (See Appendix B)

M. Turner/Anderson

***That we accept the January 2021 - July 31 2022 Financial Statements as presented***

CARRIED

**5. 2023 Membership fees**

Bowker / Nip

***That CTS membership fees be waived until August 1, 2023***

Rationale: Our bank accounts have a healthy balance at this time. Rather than collect a partial fee to cover January 1 – July 31 2023, we will waive the Membership fees for all current members till the beginning of our next fiscal and membership year – August 31, 2023. New members joining before August 1 will pay a partial year fee (see note in #6 below)

CARRIED

**6. 2023-24 Membership fees (August 1 2023 – July 31 2024)**

M. Turner/Dacre

***That the membership fees remain the same as they were in 2022.***

CARRIED

<19	\$25
>19 singles	\$45
>19 couples	\$65
Family (3+)	\$75

**Note:** Membership Fees for partial years

*The Executive will discuss and implement a temporary, partial-year fee schedule for new members joining between **January 1 – July 31 2023.***

*The Executive will bring forward formal recommendations for subsequent years to the 2023 AGM.*

**7. Election of CTS Directors for 2022-2023**

*(All positions are elected for a one-year term)*

- President: Phil Dacre – elected by acclamation
- Vice President: there were 2 nominees – Lana Guthrie and Gudrun Anderson  
Elected – Lana Guthrie
- Treasurer: Mark Turner elected by acclamation
- Secretary: Patti Turner elected by acclamation
- Members at Large: Jennifer Nip, Stephanie Key, Brent Bowker, Gudrun Anderson,  
and Dave Robinson elected by acclamation

**8. Future plans**

Dave R. will look into the possibility/logistics of renting an information booth at the Annual Chilliwack Agricultural Fair in July. This would provide a great opportunity to build awareness of tennis opportunities in Chilliwack for adults and youth.

**9. Date for 2023 AGM**

P. Turner/Dacre

***That the 2023 AGM be held on Wednesday September 13, 2023***

CARRIED

**10. Adjourned at 8:44**

## **Appendix A – President’s Report**

I’d like to start by thanking my executive for all their hard work and dedication. I’d like to especially thank Patti. She does so much for us I don’t even know where to start, but I would be lost without her! So, from me and on behalf of everyone – Thank you!

My report basically recaps the year and summarizes:

- Membership Report
- Indoor Tennis Updates
- Indoor racquet facility
- Coaching
- Summer 2022 Activities

I may jump all over the place here – so please bear with me.

### **Membership:**

Despite all our struggles and challenges finding court time, inside and out, our membership numbers have remained steady. The best part is we have welcomed many new faces to the group.

Current membership – 73

New members in 2022 – 17

As part of the membership fees this year, we added some Member Benefits – 1 free racquet stringing and 1 free coaching session (with Phil Dacre). I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Mark very much for taking on the stringing. He does an amazing job and has strung a lot of racquets.

It’s hard to grow our membership numbers without having a proper facility. I know pickleball is almost at 500 members now, but unlike us, they can fit a hundred people into the Landing at one time – we can only accommodate 16! This makes it tricky, and with the limited number of rental times available, severely limits how many players can play each week.

### **Indoor Tennis**

I will get back to discussing the Indoor Facility shortly, but I want to talk about our indoor sessions for a minute.

First and foremost, let’s put our hands together to thank Patti, Besette, Rafa and Amr for being amazing Session Coordinators. Thank you also to all the players for contacting their own spares. This makes the Coordinators’ jobs MUCH easier.

Between October 2021 and May 2022, the total # of times spares replaced regular players was 189 – quite a few!

Last season, Monday evening and Tuesday and Thursday morning sessions ran from October through the end of May. Thursday evening and Saturday morning sessions ran from October through March.

### **Indoor Racquet Facility:**

At the moment we don’t have tons to report. I personally feel momentum will pick back up regarding this in the new year. Patti, Mark, and I recently had an informal sit down with one of the city counsellors., which I felt was hopeful and optimistic. The manager of Parks and Recreation that we have been dealing with for the last 5-6 years is retiring soon. So, this will also bring a new face and hopefully insight to help move things along.

With my coaching I have made several connections with Tennis BC and Tennis Canada that I will be keeping on top of to have their support as well.

I know it's been a long hard battle, but we have to keep fighting for a facility and as I said earlier, I'm hopeful for some new outcomes in 2023.

### **Coaching:**

#### **I LOVE MY JOB! Being a tennis coach is the best!**

My indoor sessions have grown and my Winter/Spring/Fall sessions saw about 60 kids in each session (25 boys, 35 girls) and 84 kiddos participated in my summer camps! GREAT TURNOUTS!

I have 2 kiddos that competed in several tournaments throughout the year. We went to Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Lake Country and Richmond.

The lack of any extra available time at the Landing makes it hard to get them any extra time to practice. Also, given the court surface at the Landing, it puts them at a disadvantage when having to compete on "regular" tennis courts. This is all part of the puzzle for needing a dedicated facility for indoor tennis.

I also started coaching beginner adults this year. It was well received and many of them have stuck with it. Again, because of lack of court time, they have not played as much as they would have liked, but I think I may have snagged a time slot in the new year for them.

It's been a busy year, but a great year and I'm looking forward to continuing my work with all the kids and adults.

### **Summer 2022 Activities**

This summer also saw our first Youth Tournament. We had 8 kids from all levels compete and fun was had by all.

I was also approached by Tennis Canada to start running Rookie Tour Tournaments here in Chilliwack. We were supposed to hold one in September but got smoked out. Because of the court surface and all the pickleball lines in the Landing, we have to hold any "sanctioned" events on outside courts. Tennis Canada just confirmed with me that we will be hosting Rookie Tour Tournaments in Spring and Summer 2023, so that's exciting!

We finally held our "**Teams Tennis Tournament**" in August at Portage. After getting rained out twice in July we finally made it onto the courts. It was lots of fun, with lots of great tennis being played. Thank you to Lana and Patti for sticking it out to make it happen for us!

*Phewf! – Prez Report – done!*