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CHESTER TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting - April 26, 2023

Attendees by Zoom: Suzi Fraser, Niki van Riel, Paul Hallett, Jane Mitchell, Guy Skipworth, Andrew Davis, Marcia Davis, David Williams, JoAnne Zed, Kerry Lynn Mercer, Cathy Wilkes, Susan Collins.

1. At 7:15 pm Suzi Fraser, as President, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.
2. On motion, the agenda, as previously circulated, was approved.

Business

3. On motion, Minutes of the Prior Annual General Meeting, previously circulated, were approved.
4. On motion, the 2022 Financial Statements, previously circulated were approved.
5. The meeting then dealt with the election of directors. Andrew Davis, as Secretary explained that, under the bylaws, directors held two year terms, after which they were deemed to resign at the annual general meeting. Accordingly, Suzi Fraser, Niki van Riel, and Andrew Davis, resigned, but stood for re-election. While other members could also run for election as directors, no names had been put forward, although, under the bylaws any member could run from the floor if nominated by two other members. Kerry Lynn Mercer enquired about the possibility of running and Andrew Davis explained that, in doing so, she would be seeking to displace one of the retiring directors who was running again and, in that light, she declined to pursue her interest for the time being. On motion, the retiring directors were re-elected for a second two year term.
6. The meeting then turned to the election of officers and, on motion, the existing officers, Suzi Fraser as President, Niki van Riel as Vice President, Andrew Davis as Secretary, and B J Dainard as Treasurer were re-elected.
7. On motion, the appointment of the following auditors for the 2023 fiscal year, were approved: Jo-Ann Grant and Robert Repietrafesa

New Business

8. The possibility of a pickle ball court was raised by Kerry Lynn Mercer and Suzi Fraser suggested that interested members might approach Church Memorial Park with regard to utilizing land adjacent to the club for that purpose.

9. Suzi Fraser reported that, with regard to a May after school junior programme, seventeen enquiries had been received. There is a question as to whether the pro, Michal Cizek would be willing to conduct this programme himself gratis. It was observed that all juniors residing in the municipality are automatic members of the club and, in that vein, ProKids will pay for those in need of financial assistance.h

10. The question of associate memberships with the Mahone Bay and Lunenburg Tennis Clubs was raised and the discussion reflected the feeling that while it would benefit doubles play, the lower fees charged by those clubs would likely detract from Chester's membership base. In that regard the observation was made that those clubs might increase their fees to match those of the Chester Tennis Club, as all clubs' fees are extremely reasonable in the greater scheme of things.

11. The club's junior program was discussed and Andrew Davis commented that he had met with the Lunenburg Club who have an over subscribed junior programme, despite doing no marketing in that connection. With regard to our junior programme, various suggestions were made, including circulating a school leaflet, an inclusion in the municipal recreation department summer brochure and approaching local Sea Cadet and Scout groups. It was observed that the Club has a good inventory of junior racquets available and that, once again, local juniors can join for free.

The meeting then adjourned.

Certified Correct
Andrew Davis
Secretary