

Salt Spring Tennis Association
AGM Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2020

Confirmation of a Quorum

A quorum of 24 was confirmed. 10 additional members participated by Zoom

Approval of the Agenda

Colin Ross proposed a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by John LaPointe;
CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes from previous General Meeting held on Oct 17, 2019

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CARRIED

President's Remarks

Mafalda asked if anyone objected to the proceedings being recorded on Zoom. There were no objections so recording commenced.

Mafalda welcomed all members in attendance and those on Zoom. She gave a special welcome to new members in attendance.

Mafalda went on to give a brief summary of her president's report below.

We have had a very interesting year. June 2019 brought an unexpected tax bill of \$10,000.00 which luckily we were able to pay. This played havoc with our budget. Knowing that this tax bill will be an annual expense, in October we held a special meeting. At this meeting it was decided that we would increase the annual membership fees to \$50 per year per adult. The \$20 increase would be ear

marked to pay down debt. At that time we roughly had active membership of 200 members. So this would give us \$4000 per year to be applied to the debt. We also decided to create a volunteer list and asked that each member please give a minimum of 4 hours per year. Helping with work parties, grocery bagging, court cleaning, bathrooms, and the list goes on Then Covid-19 hit and we had to close the doors of our tennis facility on March 17, 2020. This pandemic caused the loss of three months revenue for our club. We are able to meet our all of our financial obligations, lease payment, interest on debt hydro etc. However we were not able to pay down on the principal of debt. Our beautiful facility is now reopened to members only and I would encourage you to book a time to play. The summer fees are \$16 per hour for June, July, August & September. SO much is done in the background to keep our club running smoothly, I am sorry that I am unable to thank ALL the people that pitch in and help. Here are just a few ... A special Thank You to: Mary Grove, Marnie Naphtali, and Blair Carley – for taking on the management of the volunteer list and for recruiting so many new volunteers Bay Hale – membership list, helping with leagues and more Suzie Gagnon – court cleaning team Karen Mouat – bathroom cleaning team Murray Coates – outdoor maintenance Bob Gibson – Saturday Morning Drop-In I would also like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the current Executive: Erica Ross – VP & investors rep Dave Naphtali – Secretary Dave Blizzard – ITF Facility Treasurer Betty McArthur Acting ITF Facility Treasurer since January 2020 Diana Lundine – Club Treasurer Betty McArthur – Acting Club Treasurer since January 2020 Rebecca Chidley – Socials Michael Powel – Website Marianne Banman – Tournament's and Inter-club Peter McAllister – Maintenance Bob Gibson – Leagues Jan Coates – Acting Leagues since September 2019 Chris Marshall – Communications What a Team our Club has!

Questions:

1. Peter Parker posed a question from the floor with regard to the \$10,000 property tax bill. Mafalda and Betty provided a full explanation of why the funds were being kept in reserve.

New Business

1. **Treasurers Report:** Betty MacArthur presented the club and ITF financial reports which are attached to the minutes. She explained the difficulty of forecasting revenue under the COVID uncertainties. She

mentioned that we were fortunate to have built up solid revenue and that we were able to cover essential expenditures and that all expenditures were being zero based.

Questions:

1. Blair Carley suggested that the tennis should participate in the golf club's filing of exemption from property tax because of SSTA's greater financial interest. Mafalda agreed to look at that possibility.

2. Blair also suggested that financial statements could be posted on the website.

3. Peter Parker asked Betty for a further explanation of zero based budgeting. Betty explained that all expenditures are being reviewed and funds only approved for expenditures deemed essential to the safe operation of the ITF.

4. Peter Parker requested that SSTA track previous forecast for 2020 so that we could measure impact of COVID.

5. Peter Parker suggested we approach Country Grocer for a donation based on previous year's tapes since they had temporarily suspended the tape program.

6. Marjorie Blackwood asked what percentage of revenue was coming from coaching programs. Betty did not have the number off-hand but said she would look into it.

2. Approval of court fees

Mary Richardson proposed a motion to maintain court fees at \$28.00 per hour with Executive Board discretion to discount rates relating to block bookings, leagues, junior programs and non-peak times. During the discussion Peter Parker suggest an increase to recover some of the lost revenue during COVID. Mafalda indicated that usage was the priority. The motion was seconded by Jody Hawley; CARRIED,

3. Approval of annual membership fees for Adult, Junior and Social Members

– Mary Richardson proposed a motion to maintain the Adult Membership at \$50.00 per year and Junior and Social Membership at \$15.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Jody Hawley. CARRIED

4. Recycling Tennis Balls

As Mary Richardson had the floor, she reported on the SSTA's recycling program for tennis balls. The previous recycler is no longer doing it so Mary found another in Vermont, USA. She was impressed with their program and proposed that we continue the program for our balls with them at a slight increase in cost. The change was approved.

5. Director's Reports

The Director's reports were circulated to the membership in advance of the meeting and are attached for the record.

There were no questions.

6. Trophy Awards

The list of trophy winners was read out by Mafalda Hoogerdyk with SSTA's congratulations.

**List will be inserted into final draft

Mafalda congratulated Marianne on running a profitable Gulf Island's Open last year.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

April Wright put forward the nominations for each of the positions on the executive board. She asked for nominations from the floor twice. There were no further nominations and all positions were filled by acclamation

Mafalda Hoogerdyk – President

Erica Ross – Vice-President/Investor’s Representative

Betty MacArthur – Treasurer Club and ITF.

David Naphtali – Secretary

Babette Arnoldus – Social

Blair Carley – Tournament Director

Bay Hale - Director at Large - Membership

Forest Adam – Director at Large - Maintenance

Jan Coates – Leagues

Chris Marshall – Communications

Michael Powell - Webmaster

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was proposed by April Wright and seconded by Marjorie Blackwood; CARRIED