

MARKHAM PICKLEBALL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 1, 2024
Time: 7:00pm (Rouge River Community Centre)

Present: Peter Milovanovic, President, Chairperson and Director
Doris Tardibuono, Vice-President and Director
Ben Seto, Treasurer and Director
Deanna Gottschalk, Secretary and Director
Helen Lau, Director
Andrew Ng, Director
Cita Wong, Director
Shama Ratansi, Director

Regrets: Mike Wang, Director

Members/Proxies:

Members present in person: 23
Members represented by proxy: 59

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President and Chairperson of Markham Pickleball Club (“MPC”), Peter Milovanovic, opened the meeting at 7:20pm on May 1, 2024 by welcoming all members of MPC to the fourth Annual General Meeting (“AGM”).

2. QUORUM

The Treasurer informed that we have 23 members present and 59 represented by proxy. The requirement is to have 10% of the membership present to have quorum of 65. We have met quorum and will proceed with the AGM.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Each member of MPC received a meeting package in advance of the meeting, which included the meeting Agenda. With no other business to be added to the Agenda, a motion to adopt the meeting Agenda was moved by Helen Lau and seconded by Chris Prefontaine. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2023 AGM

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on May 17, 2023 were also pre-circulated to all members of MPC. A motion to waive the reading of the previous AGM meeting minutes was moved by Andrew Ng and seconded by Cita Wong. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and

declared the same carried unanimously. A motion was then made to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 AGM by Deanna Gottschalk and seconded by Shama Ratansi. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Financial Statements, Statement of Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for 2023 and proposed budget for 2024 were presented in the meeting and were reviewed in detail by Ben Seto, Treasurer.

According to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, members of a Corporation can waive appointing an auditor and to not have an audit or a review engagement in respect of the corporation's financial year if the corporation had annual revenue in that financial year of \$250,000 or less or such other prescribed amount. A motion to approve waiving the audit or review engagement for the 2024 financials was moved by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Doug Dey. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

7. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Peter Milovanovic, the President, reviewed in detail all the successful events that occurred in 2023. These events included the following:

- ✦ Opening Day Ice Cream Social
- ✦ the official Opening Day in July with the Mayor and several Markham Councillors along with lion dancing and food/refreshments
- ✦ First MPC Inter-club Tournament in August which unfortunately got rained out on Day 2 causing some events to be postponed
- ✦ Completion of the postponed events successfully commenced in October
- ✦ Pickleball for Possibilities (Bloorview Children's Hospital) fundraising event. Although original tournament was cancelled, a new inter-club tournament was created in one-week's time to raise money for the charity - \$6,650 was raised
- ✦ Halloween social with costumes, prizes and food
- ✦ Lifetime Membership Presentation
- ✦ Advanced pay sessions
- ✦ Ladder Events
- ✦ Coaching Clinics and private sessions

All these events were a huge success due to the hard work of the Board of Directors, coaches and all the MPC volunteers who donate their time.

The membership for 2024 has been filled with 650 Basic memberships, of which 460 are Outdoor full members and 50 are Weekday members. There are currently 50-60 people on a waitlist for the Basic membership.

The court schedule has had some adjustments for the 2024 season. The shared court situation with the public has been eliminated. MPC has given up Wednesday and Sunday evenings to full public hours and has gained hours during the days on Saturday and Sunday (6 hour sessions from 9:00am-3:00pm). There are also shared times during the weekday afternoons.

Advanced play has been removed from Monday evenings. As an alternative, the courts will be divided on an ongoing basis with four courts being used for recreation play and four courts for competitive. Court host will alter court distribution if the need arises.

There will be a Ladder program in place for one of the evenings, details still to be determined.

The City has recognized the demand for more pickleball courts and has agreed to open the Civic Centre parking lot for drop-in play by the public. Six nets have been donated by MPC for use by the public. Several tennis courts throughout the City have been lined for pickleball use. The Bayview Reservoir and Ada McKenzie park will provide outdoor dedicated pickleball courts in the fall of 2024.

MCP will be participating this year in the Unionville Festival on June 1-2 and will be seeking volunteers to participate in the opening day parade, running an MPC booth and will be conducting pickleball demonstrations, etc.

Each member of the board of directors from 2023 were thanked individually in detail for all their contributions for the 2023 season as well as all the volunteers.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Approval of By-law Revisions

The amendments to the By-laws were circulated in the meeting package and were reviewed in detail by the Treasurer, Ben Seto.

Proposal #1, To increase the executive committee from four (4) to five (5) by creating a second Vice-President position,

Vice-President - The Vice-President shall be a Director. If the President is absent or is unable or refuses to act, the Vice-President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Members.

Proposal #2, To add requirement to be a director,

Section 7.4 Qualifications - Each Director shall be an individual who is not less than eighteen (18) years of age. Each Director shall be a Member of MPC for a minimum of one (1) year.

A motion to adopt the amendments to the By-laws, was moved by Cita Wong and seconded by Mario De La Cruz. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.

9. REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE/ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Doris Tardibonou, Vice-President, conducted the election of Directors. The MPC board of directors is comprised of eleven (11) members, each elected for a 2 year term. Five (5) directors have their terms expiring in 2024. Of the remaining six (6) directors, two (2) have resigned due to work and family commitments. We have five (5) director positions open for a 2 year term and two (2) director positions open for a 1 year term. The Nomination Committee conducted a search and provided the following list of candidates to fill these positions.

In alphabetic order, are the returning board members seeking re-election:

Deanna Gottschalk
Peter Milovanovic
Shama Ratansi
Ben Seto
Mike Wang

In alphabetic order, profiles have been circulated for the new candidates:

Robert Seccareccia
Juliana Sin

The Vice-President asked if there were any nominations from the floor? Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations. This was moved by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Mario De La Cruz. At the first board meeting, the board of directors will decide which two (2) elected directors will hold the 1 year term.

10. MISCELLANEOUS OR SPECIAL BUSINESS

Club League

It was asked if we would be participating as a club to compete against other clubs. Although the interest is there, we cannot accommodate this due to lack of court availability. This would be a consideration in the future if we have more courts.

Markham Residency Requirement

A concern was raised as to whether or not MPC should be restricted to Markham residents only. We are going with the City's guidelines which is to be inclusive at this time.

Volunteers

The need for volunteers to run this club is crucial. All members are being asked to volunteer wherever possible.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the AGM was moved by Andrew Ng and seconded by Doug Dey. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the same carried unanimously.