

# MARKHAM PICKLEBALL CLUB

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 30, 2025  
Time: 7:00pm (Rouge River Community Centre)

Present: Peter Milovanovic, President, Chairperson and Director  
Doris Tardibuono, Vice-President and Director  
Helen Lau, Vice-President and Director  
Ben Seto, Treasurer and Director  
Deanna Gottschalk, Secretary and Director  
Andrew Ng, Director  
Cita Wong, Director  
Shama Ratansi, Director  
Robert Seccareccia, Director  
Ilene Hoang, Director  
Regrets: Juliana Sin, Director

Members/Proxies:

Members present in person: 58  
Members represented by proxy: 65

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The President and Chairperson of Markham Pickleball Club ("MPC"), Peter Milovanovic, opened the meeting at 7:10pm on April 30, 2025 by welcoming all members of MPC to the fifth Annual General Meeting ("AGM").

### 2. QUORUM

The Treasurer informed that we have 58 members present and 65 represented by proxy. Current membership is at 670. The requirement is to have 10% of the membership present to have quorum of 67. We have met quorum and will proceed with the AGM.

### 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Each member of MPC received a link to access the meeting package in advance of tonight's meeting. The meeting Agenda was included in this package. The Annual General Meeting has a very specific purpose that is outlined in legislation and the By-laws of the Club. The meeting Agenda includes all of the matters that are required to be discussed at an Annual General Meeting. A change was made to the Agenda. The Treasurer's Report was moved to Item 6 and the President's Report was moved to Item 5. With no objections and other business to be added to the Agenda, a motion to adopt the meeting Agenda was moved by Helen Lau and seconded by Doris Tardibuono. With no further questions or discussion, the

Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2024 AGM**

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on May 1, 2024 were also pre-circulated to all members of MPC. A motion to waive the reading of the previous AGM meeting minutes was moved by Chuck Mitchell and seconded by Cita Wong. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the motion carried unanimously. A motion was then made to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2024 AGM by Deanna Gottschalk and seconded by Shama Ratansi. The Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Peter Milovanovic, the President, reviewed in detail all the successful events that occurred in 2024. These events included the following:

- Unionville Festival - June 1-2 and Parade
- Canada Day Festivities (Red/White Tournament, Ice Cream, Key Chain making and Vendor displays)
- Club Tournament - August 17 was retained out and held indoors at Milliken Arena
- Pickleball for Possibilities Fundraiser Tournament - September 14-15 (\$21,000 raised for Holland Bloorview Rehabilitation Hospital and Markham Food Bank)
- Halloween Event (Costumes, prizes)
- Ladder League (Friday and Saturday evenings)
- Coaching staff (many new members getting certified)
- Coaching Clinics (many clinics were conducted at Cornell Park, Rouge Park and Civic Centre)

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 2025 is currently at 670 Basic memberships, of which 499 are Outdoor. We have 429 full members and 70 are Weekday members. This year, daily passes are being offered to members who have Basic Memberships only. These passes are purchased online for weekday play only and are capped at 10 passes per day.

The court schedule has had some adjustments for the 2025 season. Each year the City of Markham and MPC meet to review the hours schedule for the upcoming season. Due to the popularity of our sport, the City has agreed to re-open the outdoor parking lot courts at the Civic Centre. These courts are open for all members of the public.

A large storage bunker will be installed on the west side of our courts. This will allow us to store all our equipment including tents. The permanent shade structure that we have requested should begin construction in 2026.

The courts will be divided with four courts being used for recreation play and four courts for competitive play. Court hosts will alter court distribution if the need arises.

There will be a Ladder program in place for Saturday evenings and an Inter-club program for Sunday evenings. Further details to follow once the programs are finalized.

A Junior Skill Development program will be introduced this season. It will run in July for 4 weeks. More details to follow once the program is finalized.

Some new indoor play spaces were acquired this year at Unionville Badminton Club and the Bridge Church. KSSC indoor play sessions continued with great success.

Our club hired a consulting team in 2024 which compiled a Business Plan to enable MPC to actively seek indoor opportunities for our Club. The Plan was presented to the City of Markham and is an ongoing project in the initial stages that we are actively pursuing.

Each member of the board of directors from 2024 was thanked individually in detail for all their contributions for the 2024 season as well as all the volunteers.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Financial Statements, Statement of Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for 2024 and proposed budget for 2025 were presented in the meeting and were reviewed in detail by the Treasurer, Ben Seto.

In accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, a motion was made by Ben Seto and seconded by Rob Seccareccia to, approve waiving an audit or review engagement of the 2025 financials.

In accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, a motion was made by Chuck Mitchell to appoint Impact CPA's LLP to provide a Compilation Report for 2025. The motion was seconded by Doug Dey. With no further questions or discussion, the Chairperson put the motion to vote on a show of hands and declared the motion carried unanimously. Ben Seto abstained from the voting.

## **7. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ben Seto, Treasurer, reported the recommendations of the Nominations Committee for election to the Board 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 2025. One (1) director who was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in November 2024. Of the six (6) directors, two (2) are retiring from the Board and not seeking re-election. There are five (5) director positions open for a 2 year term and one (1) director position open for a 1 year term.

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

Helen Lau  
Peter Milovanovic  
Andrew Ng  
Doris Tardibuono

In November 2024, Ilene Hoang was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board and is standing for election.

We have two (2) new candidates who expressed their willingness to stand for election. In alphabetic order, they are:

Dane Gomez  
Chuck Mitchell

The candidates acknowledged their willingness to stand for nomination.

The President asked if there were any furtherer nominations from the floor? Seeing none, he asked for a motion to close nominations. The motion to close the nominations was moved by Mario Dela Cruz and seconded by Shama Ratansi. At the first board meeting, the board of directors will decide which elected director will hold the 1 year term.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Volunteers***

All members are encouraged to volunteer their time to participate in any way they can. A list of Committees and volunteer duties will be compiled and communicated to members.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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