

## **Minutes for the Mount Pearl Tennis Club AGM - November 24th 2013**

- **Call to order** 7:05PM, November 24th 2013
- **Roll Call**: 10 members (Nathan Bessey, Dustin Cole, Mary Spurrell, Wayne Spurrell, Steve Cook, Meagan Condon, Mark Spurrell, Stefan Jones, Darroch Jones, Thomas Hawkins)
- **Welcome and overview of the 2012 AGM minutes**(Nov 18th 2012) - for details please see posted minutes online.
- Dustin read the **President's Report for 2013**

Highlights included a \$7000 profit for 2013, leaving us with a healthy balance in the bank.

Facility Rental - had another successful year with revenues of \$9085. The past two rental years have seen the highest revenues in the past 15 years.

Tournaments and Leagues - A successful year with 4 tournaments hosted by the club and 3 doubles leagues. A thank you to Thomas Hawkins, he broadcasted live tournament and league matches that were posted to the website. As well as a special thank you to Nathan Bessey for updating club rankings after each tournament. We would also like to thank Molson for sponsoring the tennis club for many years and supplying beer and prizes for our tournaments and leagues.

Coaches and Staffing - Kept the same staff from 2012, with two coaches and one staff - Lenny French, Stephanie Schwartz and Allison Pittman. We hope to see them back for the 2014 season. We are also hoping to acquire a senior level coach to teach the adult members for the upcoming season.

Membership - was slightly down with 76 members (37 adults and 39 juniors). We are hoping to offer two free memberships to local schools for the 2014 summer season.

Sport Alliance - Continued building this relationship with the help of Steve Cook who attended monthly board meetings.

Public Relations and Events - Support the Frosty Festival, Feb 8th-13th 2014. Thank you to Mary Spurrell, Reid Music and VOCCM who host the Variety Concert.

Thank you to Thomas Hawkins who set up and maintained the website for the tennis club.

Dustin has continued to address the issue of softballs/baseballs entering the tennis courts. We are still concerned as this poses a safety risk to our members but we have been told that the field should be de-commissioned next summer.

In September 2012 Dustin met with the City and Sport Alliance to discuss the poor condition of our courts and the replacement of some needed items. The lights on the St. David's side were repaired; we received new windscreens, nets and posts at the beginning of the 2013 season. We did not receive new court resurfacing nor did the lights get repaired on the Ruth Avenue side. There has been discussion

that the City may demolish the courts on the Ruth Avenue side and install two new courts on the St. David's side. The existing courts (4-7) would be resurfaced to match the new courts.

Mary and Dustin had a meeting with Blair Delaney who works with the City in early November to discuss the need to repair some items to the facility (please see attached). He has agreed to the repairs.

- **Treasurer's Report - Mark Spurrell**

Highlights included a surplus of \$6995, Grant contribution of \$8000 and Rental revenue of \$9085. We applied for a Federal government grant and we lucky to get accepted for two positions this year, as opposed to our typical one. We have a healthy balance of \$30,000 in the bank.

Mark put forth the idea of spending more money this coming spring and contributing these funds to try and increase membership. We had an open discussion with the attendees of the meeting on ideas to attract new members. Thomas mentioned having a staff member at the sports show at the Glacier as well as advertising to local areas such as southlands and the new newspaper.

Mary discussed the issue we had with snow clearing last winter. We are hoping to have this issue cleared up before the first snow fall of 2013.

- **See Attached Reports of Committees:** Facilities and Public Relations, Tournaments and Leagues, Sport Alliance. Allison Pittman and Stephanie Schwartz have also attached reports discussing their summer at the tennis club.
- **New Business**

There were no changes to the Constitution.

Dustin discussed having a night with the members at Greenbelt. We would need the commitment of 12 members and we plan to try and host the event sometime around January 10th 2014.

There was again general membership discussion on courts 1, 2, 3. We are going to pursue having courts 1-5 solely on the St. David's side. This will help with noise, lighting issues as well as traffic issues on the corner of St. David's Ave and Ruth Ave.

Mary Spurrell brought up the idea of having a tennis camp for children. Stefan suggested we bring the idea to Sport Alliance and try to integrate it with other sports in the summer and run a program with the other sports in the City.

- **Election of Officers**

Dustin read out the Executive Positions and Duties and called to nominate positions.

President - Dustin Cole

Vice President - Steve Cook

Treasurer - Mark Spurrell

No Past President

Secretary - Meagan Condon

Facilities Manager - Mary Spurrell

Public Relations and Membership - Stefan Jones

Steve Cook wanted to step down as the representative for Sport Alliance or share the duties. Thomas Hawkins agreed to take on the position in December.

Sport Alliance - Thomas Hawkins.

We will meet as the new executive in the New Year.

Conclusion of meeting and opened the floor for discussion.

Thomas mentioned that when the club is rented during the summer months we should inform the members (possibly via website) that they can use the back room to purchase food/drinks etc.

Meeting **Adjourned** at 800 pm.