

2018 Annual General Meeting Lawrence Park Tennis Club

Saturday, December 8th, 2018 at 10:30 AM
Glenview Presbyterian Church, 1 Glenview Avenue, Toronto.

I: Call to order – Margot Willoughby

II: Confirmation of Quorum – Confirmed with proxies – Terry Shoffner

III: Reading and adoption of minutes of the previous Annual General
• Meeting - Deborah Hoffnung moved to accept; 2nd Jane Seed –
Approved

IV: Business arising out of the minutes – none

V: Treasurer's report of the 2018 Financial Statements
• John Mowat moved to accept report; 2nd by Wayne Snell –
Approved

VI: Business arising out of the Treasurer's report
• Question about taxes – LPTC pays no tax (or is refunded)
• Question re: donations – LPTC is not charity, so no tax receipts

VII: Appointment of the person conducting the Review Engagement for the
Club and authorization of the Board to fix compensation for the 2019 review
engagement.
• Karen Brown moved to accept; 2nd by Gwen Sutherland – Approved

VIII: Nomination and election of Directors
• Move to elect slate without any additions – Moved by David
Douglas; 2nd by Adrian Baldeo - Approved

IX: President's report and summary of Directors' reports
• David Douglas introduced Margot Willoughby with the presentation
of a gift of appreciation for her leadership, support for open process
and for her never ending help to all directors!

- **President 2018 Highlights** – Margot Willoughby
 - Club has come a long way from divisiveness of some past years to a welcoming place again.
 - Courts, Lighting, Sprinklers -Thanks to Mark Girdler for tremendous work with new lighting (in partnership with the City), new sprinkler system and for getting the courts in amazing shape, including ongoing maintenance.
 - We are grateful for the bequest made by the family in memory of a former member of the Club. We used the funds to purchase the 'Aussie' sweeps which work so well on our clay and Anita Strauss has been working on our commemoration of that contribution – which will be at the Clubhouse next season.
 - Part of the smooth operation of the Club and this AGM is due to the behind the scenes work of our Secretary, Terry Shoffner – retiring after volunteering for two years and leaving the Club in great shape.
 - Also retiring is our Junior Program Director, Farhad Hajkazmian, who helped move us to a new transformative contract structure for the Junior Program.
 - Financial health - Thanks to Karen Brown for all the work to delivery a healthy financial position for the Club including quarterbacking the financial relationship with the City on the lighting project.
 - Court monitor - acknowledgement of Stephen's help and gratitude that The Supreme Court reports that he will be returning in 2019.
 - Our on court programs – fabulous addition of a challenge ladder by Mark Rintoul; supper successfull house league - will require some assessment as to how to accommodate the greater number of players – survey this winter.
 - Online booking has been popular and we need to assess the balance of play slots allocated to that or to our historic tagging structure.
 - The relationship with The Supreme Court has been very valuable in supporting the Club and the Board
 - Head Pro Valerie has been secured for next year
 - Junior Program – to continue with The Supreme Court – 5 of our juniors went to Nationals – met the stated goal of 10% growth with 94 enrolled – revenue sharing

arrangement worked well for the Club and ensured the junior program covered its costs

- Management of court and clubhouse maintenance and scheduling service all provided by The Supreme Court
- We have 489 on the wait list and Molly Greenwood continues to work hard to make the system as user friendly and steam lined as possible.
- Thanks to Barbara Taylor (and all who helped including Anita Strauss); continue to encourage individual groups to propose ideas for fun ways to get together; Social Committee (needs volunteers) and will help.
- We're lucky to have such a charming Clubhouse at which to hold our events and Anna Caton works hard all season – but especially gearing up before we all show up and packing up after we all leave. This season it might have felt like she was Director of Toilets with all the plumbing problems. We're all so lucky she is coming back for another term.
- Huge thanks to Frank Nagy for beautiful photos through the year and to Deborah Hoffnung for keeping us all in touch through our newsletters and website.
- Looking towards the Board's winter work:
 - Early Birds – assess how to improve for all – will ask for input in a winter survey;
 - Court availability – when are our high demand and low demand times – will ask in the winter survey;
 - Booking online vs. tagging up – will ask in the winter survey;
 - City – work with them on maintenance issues (i.e. toilets, front gate);
 - City – Parks Department – stay on top of what is happening next door – with City Councillor, Jaye Robinson, and Neil Jacoby's help.
- Special thanks to David Douglas for stepping into the President role; we are in great hands.
- And welcome to our new Board members, Richard Tremblay and Wendy Moore. We're still looking for a Courts Director so please think about volunteering.

X: Member Q&A

Parks & Recreation – Land use (i.e. - Lawn Bowling)

Neil is exploring options with city and is in contact with council members regarding land use and plans to assure that LPTC is part of that conversation. Although this may be a hopeful opportunity, it appears to be a long process.

New Ball dispensation – timing?

Several members questioned the timing for new ball distribution – Board to study and assess timing and cost.

House League – Too popular - Increased number of players reduced individual play time.

Board to study alternatives and will survey participants in the winter.

Teams – As a result of InterCounty C moving up, and A possibly moving down, there is uncertainty of team makeup.

The goal is to have teams that reflect member preferences; not to manipulate membership to support a defined team structure; Games Director assesses demand at tryouts each year.

Early Birds – Notification in the event of rain?

Possible tech solutions to be explored with Court Monitor and Early Bird leads.

XI: Other Business:

Proposal - instructor's ability to secure courts for lessons.

Fiona Miller has proposed that LPTC look at alternative ways to accommodate the booking of lessons by the club pro. Discussion and ideas put forward:

- Survey
- Understand time periods (explore times of higher / lower court usage)
- Find times when courts are underutilized
- We are a 3 court club
- Currently 24 teaching hours per month
- Look at other clubs
- Objection that 'paying extra' (for lesson) provides priority access to courts.

XII: Adjournment