

WESTACRES TENNIS CLUB

October 30, 2021 at 11:00am
Location: Westacres Tennis Courts

Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

In Attendance: Aaron Bacchus, Justin Juda, Richard Ponsonby, Alison Juda, Linda Wild, Jamie Hiscox, Fred Bergen, (Michelle Del Maschio, Frank Del Maschio – Virtual).
Secretary declared that quorum was met.

Notice of AGM and how to participate was posted on Westacres website and Westacres Facebook page 21 days in advance of meeting. The City of Mississauga was advised of the AGM date.

Opening Remarks

Justin Juda on behalf of Westacres Tennis Court, acknowledged and thanked the City of Mississauga for their continued support and guidance through the reconstruction of the courts along with the managing of the courts during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Opportunity was provided for any member or non-member to discuss any concerns or issues. No issues or concerns were raised.

- Apologies & Regrets
- Approval of 2020 AGM minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- 2022 Season
- Election of Board of Directors
- Meeting close

Apologies & Regrets

- Murray Pinto, the Club pro, was unable to attend

Approval of the 2019 AGM minutes

- Minutes of the AGM held November 2020 were posted on the Westacres Tennis Club website. These minutes were Approved by Justin Juda and seconded by Aaron Bacchus. All others in attendance were in favour.

Presidents Report/Discussion

- Acknowledged that Westacres Tennis Club committed to re-engage with the City of Mississauga for an additional five years (Expiry Nov 30, 2025) for the management and operations of the court as outlined in the "Tennis Club Management and Operations Agreement"

- Discussed the impacts of renovations and Covid-19 on our club. As construction was delayed, the court did not open until June 20, 2021. As such the spring camps were not offered this year. Our plan is to run them next year 2022, as long as the City of Mississauga permits, and respecting any guidelines that might be in effect related to the pandemic.
- The courts were completely reconstructed, new chain link fence and poles, new power outlet, new nets and poles and new completely reconstructed courts with new colour scheme.
- Cost for the construction was \$96,050.
- City contractors moved the Club's equipment shed into the park in order to conduct construction. The City did not move it back onto the courts after, which creates a security issue for equipment. The Club hasn't been notified when the City will rectify this.
- We also changed the gates on the courts, in order to have the entrance away from the kids park and to allow for accessibility, if and when a new paved path is put in place to connect with the existing path that runs north/south in the park. This way the courts and all of Westacres park can be fully accessible.
- Westacres Tennis Club had one of their best years to date. Although the courts were delayed and we were dealing with the current pandemic, the membership and financials increased.
- Website and Facebook has been positive for messaging this year. Will continue this next season.
- Due to the pandemic, Westacres Tennis Club was advised to have at least 2 public open houses, instead of the 5 each year. The club and members decided to host 4 instead. Two on the weekday and two on the weekend. Will go back to 5 with City's permission in 2022.
- Pickle ball.
 - There was some chatter on social media platforms regarding Pickle ball, by a few community members (not club members), we reached out to them to meet, discuss and ask them to join the club, however that was not a productive meeting. Justin shared that he had a meeting with Councillor Dasko, and 3 additional individuals from the City of Mississauga regarding the matter of Pickle ball. The meeting was very productive and was concluded that the board of Westacres Tennis Club will manage and run the Club as per the agreement and the paying member's needs and requirements. No members at this time have expressed any interest in Pickle ball.

Membership:

- Membership and revenue was the highest it has been in the past 10 years. Could be because of the new courts along with the limited access to sports because of Covid pandemic, however this growth is a trend which precedes the pandemic indicating good ambassadorship to the community by existing members.
- Total members for the 2021 season was 218 (58 families), an increase from the 2020 season which was 140 members (34 families). This in turn was an increase from 2019 with 125 members.
- Kids Camp: 16 participants in July, 32 participants in August. First time that we did two back to back August camps.
- Updated the "Code of Conduct" not allowing individual members to perform coaching or provide lessons to other members and non-members without approval from executive.
- Discussed freezing membership fees for next year.

Tennis Programs:

- Kids Camps did not run in May 2021. The intention is to bring back the early May camps for 2022.
- July camp was sold out. Intention is to have 2 camps in July 2022.
- August camp – had two camps to meet demand. Hope to continue this as well.
- Adult Camps will be run on a pay up front basis, through etransfer/cheques.
- Community can sign up for these programs but pays a premium if not a member
- Discussion on future of programs. Hope to continue running these for both adult and children.
- Murray Pinto, current club pro, is agreeing to come back next year!

Treasurers Report:

- Discussed the revenue standings for the year 2021.
- Had an increase in revenue, with no additional advertising costs.
- Expenses went up slightly but were in line for the past 3 previous years.
- Purchased bill board, squeegee, new balls.
- Fees: Board increased fees this year but prorated price as courts opened late.
- Will keep membership fees the same as 2021. Costs are posted on website.
- Possibility of increasing fee for the Camps and Lessons this year, will discuss in next AGM.
- Revenue from registration, camps and lessons increased from last year as follows: (\$9000 in 2021, \$8270 in 2020 vs \$6690 in 2019)
- Westacres started accepting e-transfer payments for all programs which has been convenient for members both new and renewing.
- Expecting to pay a portion to the City for reconstruction Cost of \$96 050, have not yet received a final invoice.
- Closing cash balance for 2021 is \$54K

Voted on and passed financial statement by the board. Linda Wild motioned to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Justin Juda.

Membership Drive and Programs for 2022:

- Thanks to Coach Murray Pinto for another great year. Highly successful. Murray provided both lessons and camps in 2021 and had agreed to come back for another year at Westacres. Coach Murray continues to increase interest in our club from his exceptional teaching and lessons. Great feedback regarding his camps, adult nights and lessons.
- Courts were busier this year and Murray wants to work with the board to have set times that can be posted when he coaches our club's clients, camps and adult nights for the 2022 season. (This season he had Tuesday and Thursday allotted times for private lessons which were posted on the website and Facebook)
- Discussion on fundraising for the 2022 season. Will discuss at Winter meeting
- Membership fees will remain the same as 2021 for the 2022 season.

- Member and community ambassadorship will continue. Discussed potentially having a presence at the June Fair, Westacres BBQ, intention to continue with Facebook updates, keep website updated, and phone past members.

Election of Committee Members for 2022:

- For the 2022 Committee Members, the positions of, President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership were discussed.
- No new candidates presented their interest, and as all executive members agreed to stay in the current positions, there was no ballot voting. All positions held by the current members were approved by the members and committee that was present.

President: Justin Juda nominated by Richard and 2nd by Aaron

Vice President: Linda Wild nominated by Michelle and 2nd by Frank

Treasurer: Aaron Bacchus nominated by Jamie and 2nd by Justin

Membership Coordinator: Frank Del Maschio nominated by Justin and 2nd by Aaron

Secretary: Michelle Del Maschio nominated by Justin and 2nd by Jamie

The Board will meet in winter to discuss several issues such as advertising, creation of survey to members to see if there is a demand for new programs, camps, lessons, interest in pickle ball, potential of subcommittees, and reopening of the 2022 season.

Meeting called to a close by Justin Juda at 11:49am.