



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION: at the courts in the David H. Clubhouse (1 Rennie Terrace)

DATE: October 29, 2019 at 7:00pm

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Simona Paraian, Bharat Pardasani, Marc Collins, Vera Grujic, Nemanja Grujic

MEMBERS PRESENT: Howard Chan, Friedrich Blase, Peter Burgess, Lisa Chang, Alex Correia, Diana Cucuz, Natascha Djelweh, Jim Gjata, Christine Hughes, Oleh Iwanyshyn, Joel Laceda, Lynn McKnight, Agie Mierzwa, Luke Morrow, Jeff Musson, Alex Neganov, German Piderit, Wanda Pluta, Robin Riko, Michael Schmidt.

Various members had various proxies in their name.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Armstrong, club professional

PROCEEDINGS:

1. President opens meeting at 7:05pm and appoint Friedrich Blase as acting chair for the meeting. Natascha Djelweh is taking the minutes.
 - a. Voter registration concern expressed by VP. VP says the process was not followed with respect to proxy and thus challenges all proxy votes issued.
 - b. Secretary states that is the president's job to call the meeting and the constitution says it is up to the president to proceed on the basis of the proxy votes.
 - c. VP challenges asking why is it not the board but the president who decides?
 - d. Secretary states that the meeting is chaired and called according to the constitution. The president does this according to the constitution. It is not an executive decision.
2. 2017-2019 Update on Court Reconstruction and Operations to Date
 - a. Lighting needs Tweaking at club's expense. City delivered what was specified and will not fund adjustments.



- b. Cracks on court 1 are a contentious issue as it is not clear if they are related to the city (underlying court construction) or the surface (contracted out by the club and have 5 year warranty).
 - i. President recommends letting the cracks further crack over winter and reinvestigate in the spring.
- c. Around the service gate posts, debris and sand is coming out suggesting that there is water under the court and underlying court construction may be the issue. Although we need to pay close attention to the issue, the city may not contribute to the solution (even if it is their fault).
 - i. Surface contractors were contacted and they did redo the lines but did not fix the cracks. Three members present when contractors said the lines were created from underlying base cracks.
- d. Drainage line at court 2 left by city.
- e. Windbreaks and gaps (extension) could have been ordered in June but will now be the responsibility of the 2020 board

3. Board Reports

a. President Report Summary

Full report posted online (under the AGM link)

- i. We need(ed) new board members. We made progress but there is a lot of remaining items, many of which should have been dealt with in the past year.

b. Treasurer Report Summary

- i. The Treasurer posted the club's financial statements online, namely the Profit and Loss for the past financial year, and the Balance Sheet per the end of the financial year (available under the AGM link online).
- ii. Revenue was up \$47,000 (2016) to \$54,000 (2019) mainly due to monthly membership revenue particularly adult and family which account for a \$12,000 increase, although juniors was down
- iii. Expenses were up \$12,000 due to depreciation of gate equipment and court surface expenses but overall we are in good financial health.



- iv. Cash \$134,000 of which \$130,000 is in a GIC at 2% with \$3,000 interest at 2020 maturity.
- v. New membership fees will create more cash beginning in February
We need to decide what to do with the Strategic Reserve Fund -
How much money should we have? If membership is up we can invest in programs. We can afford to increase capital items such as House league, court monitors, lighting. We do not need surplus so there is money to spend .
- vi. Resurfacing cost is \$57,000 which is depreciated over 5 years.
- vii. Reconstruction cost \$400K-500K (paid by city in past): Should we build to that and fund our own court restructuring instead of unknown wait time for city funding?
- viii. VP clarifies that City demands capital reserve fund and general reserve fund.
- ix. Junior programming revenues in past were higher (down \$30-40,000 this year) but we did better overall with lower revenue base. No financial downside to lower junior program revenues. We opened in April so parents had already made decisions.

c. Vice President Report

- i. Full report read to membership audience (to be posted online after meeting).

d. Membership Report Summary

- i. Low membership due to the late start this season.
- ii. Permit for 400 members but currently at 310
- iii. Price lowered July 15th to 100\$ / 200\$ family
- iv. Last operating year there were 300 members (permit max) plus a waitlist
- v. Renewal emails are usually sent out January/February with an incentive for early birds. Registration opens for existing members to renew first (while new members can put themselves on a waitlist) until registration opens for all about 2 weeks later. The club follows the city registration policy for returning vs new members.

e. Communications Report

Full report on new software and website read to membership audience (to be posted online after meeting).

4. 2020 Comprehensive Constitution Update Committee

- i. It is a problem that the constitution can only be updated at AGM. There are currently several debates and misunderstandings about how to interpret the constitution. It was proposed that a special Meeting for a redraft should happen before next year. Board should Strike a committee to do that with membership.
- ii. Last update was in 2014
- iii. VP proposed having other non board member positions.
 - 1. Tennis Director (non board member)
 - 2. Junior Program Developer (such as a member at the club with children) to work with marketing.
- iv. VP recommended including a hiring policy and outlining the voting and duties of Board of Directors.
- v. VP noted that the permit the club has for the courts and clubhouse is until October 31st. The club is officially closed after that.

5. Q&A

- a. Board Member Stipend of 1000\$ was suggested.
- b. Oleh should not have membership dues for the work he has done.
- c. Electronic Voting recommended as there is less than 10% voter turn out
- d. All positions on board are open. Even if current board members are not stepping down, a new board is voted on.

6. Election of the Board

- a. We vote to elect 12 members to the executive committee (from members at large willing to stand or being nominated or incumbent)



- b. Once executive committee created, they can find more people after the meeting and select officers among itself
 - c. Club needs more volunteers to lift some of the weight off the Board's shoulders.
 - d. 10 Candidates:
 - i. Friedrich Blase
 - ii. Michael Schmidt
 - iii. Howard Chan
 - iv. Valeria Erdely (called by Oleh Iwanyshyn)
 - v. Alex Correia
 - vi. Jeff Musson
 - vii. Peter Burgess
 - viii. Bharat Pardasani
 - ix. Marc Collins
 - x. Diana Cucuz
 - e. Voting on all members on block proposed. Seconded by Lynn McKnight.
 - f. The roster of 10 candidates was elected with all no desenting votes and two abstentions.
7. The president closed the meeting at 9:45pm.

Marc Collins *Friedrich Blase* *Natascha Djelweh*

Marc Collins
President

Friedrich Blase
Chair of Meeting

Natascha Djelweh
Recorder of Minutes