



**CTS 2024 Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:15 pm**

**The Clover Room**  
*(main floor of the Landing Sports Centre)*

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

*Alex Alexeev, Brent Bowker, Harjot Grewal, Stephanie Key, Lauren Kang, Daphne Naces, Besette Piorecky, Amrinder Sandhu, Anant Sandhu, Anoop Sandhu, Dave Robinson, Susan Teschke, Mark Turner, Patti Turner*

**Call to Order: 7:30 pm**

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**  
**S. Key / B. Bowker**

**CARRIED**

- 2. Adoption of the AGM minutes:**  
**A. Alexeev / B. Piorecky**

**That we adopt the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 AGM**

**CARRIED**

- 3. President's report–** Synopsis of the year  
(See Appendix A following minutes)

**4. Finances**

- a. Annual Financial Statements *(see separate document)*

**S. Key /A. Alexeev**

***That we accept the 2023-2024 Financial Statements as presented***

**CARRIED**

**b. Amendment to By-law 6**

By-law 6 currently reads:

The amount of the first annual membership dues must be determined by the directors and after that the annual membership dues **must be determined at the annual general meeting of the society.**

***P. Turner / B. Bowker***

**“That By-law 6 be amended to read:**

The amount of the first annual membership dues must be determined by the directors and after that the annual membership dues ***may be determined by the majority of Directors at a Directors' meeting or at the annual general meeting of the society.***”

**CARRIED**

**RATIONALE:**

Currently our financial year end more than a month before our Annual General Meetings. This means membership dues are owed before the AGM has the ability to review and adjust dues as deemed appropriate. In the future the Directors can review the finances and adjust dues, if necessary, before August 1<sup>st</sup>. In the event of a recommended substantive fee increase, the decision regarding membership dues can be deferred to the Fall AGM.

**5. Election of CTS Directors for 2024-2025**

- President: elected by acclamation – Mark Turner
- Vice President: elected by acclamation – Brent Bowker
- Treasurer: elected by acclamation – Harjot Grewal
- Secretary: elected by acclamation – Patti Turner
- Members at Large: elected by acclamation – Amrinder Sandhu, Daphne Naces, Dave Robinson, Stephanie Key

*All positions are elected for a one-year term.*

**Signing officers for 2024-2025:**

Mark Turner (currently a signing officer)

Harjot Grewal & Dave Robinson need to be added as signing officers

Phil Dacre & Gudrun Anderson will need to be removed from the list of officers.

**6. 2025 AGM Meeting Date**

**Patti/Brent**

**That the date for the CTS 2025 AGM be Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**CARRIED**

**7. Member Recognition –**

Discussed several ideas (e.g. honorary lifetime membership, Tennis BC and Tennis Canada awards, plaques, etc.)

Will discuss further at a future Directors' meeting.

**8. Tennis Ladder stats for summer 2024–**

(See Appendix B following minutes)

**9. DOOR PRIZE DRAW: 1 free racquet stringing**

Winner of the prize draw: Stephanie Key

**Adjourned 8:25**

## **Appendix A President's Report - Spring/Summer 2024**

Post last year's meeting – Indoor sessions started with regular scheduled players for each day and time except Saturday morning. Since we did not have enough committed regulars the plan was initially to see if there was any interested youth from Phil's lessons who might use the available court. That didn't go but the Sandhu family eventually were able to use it.

We held a Christmas Potluck in the Landing Loft room. It was well attended and the food was amazing as usual.

The Monday night group held the first-ever Christmas tournament, ably hosted by Lauren and Matt. Judging by the pictures on the website they were having way too much fun. Apparently, the baking packages were amazing.

Through the Fall we were waiting to hear back from the City regarding the plans to build an indoor facility as part of a Squash/Tennis structure. On February 9 we were invited to a meeting where we were told there was no money for a tennis component but they would be going ahead to construct both squash and pickleball facilities. We were also told there were plans to resurface the Landing floor and improve the lighting for game play. Finally, it was hinted that we would be getting access to more session time and possibly even “club” space within the building.

Finished off the Indoor season with a scramble to accommodate Chilliwack staff wanting us to book the landing in May on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Fortunately Phil was able to use the time for his teaching but we were struggling to find additional club members still wanting to play indoors.

Attempted to connect with athletic directors at the three Chilliwack high schools to offer help with tennis equipment. Going through the Board office and the PE helping teacher did not yield the results I was after. Glen Krause has suggested going straight to the teachers themselves so I will try that when I get some time.

Approached Agassiz ESS athletic director and refurbished their tennis equipment including doing some court and net repair. Denise Fitzsimmons has asked for a supply of used tennis balls for their program and we have dropped off a container last week. We were discussing a tennis club - like a noon hour program for the month of September if the weather cooperates. She is also planning to find some money to replace their very tired nets one at a time.

Connected with Tennis BC looking for help with training people to work with beginners coming to the Drop-Ins. Spoke first with Darran Wrighton and then Jeannie Rohr and Rachel Gould to determine if the concept of a Community Tennis Assistant might be the best fit.

Met Jonathon Wornell and Serena Ly of Tennis BC at the Landing to discuss the state of an indoor facility in Chilliwack. Jonathon felt engaging someone like Larry Jurovich and taking a run at Council to provide the land might be worthwhile.

Patti and I attended Rogers First Set initiative training in Abbotsford with Rachel Gould.

Rented outdoor court space and began the two weekly Drop-In sessions at Portage and Watson.

The June 8 Mixed Doubles tournament was a huge success under sunny skies and saw some great doubles action from all teams. Kudos to Besette for some great organizing – and play!

Our outdoor Drop-In sessions began on June 11 and ran until August 29, for a total of 23. Fortunately for this area we were only rained out once during that time. We met lots of new people who contacted us through the website, Facebook, and word of mouth. Attendance ranged from 11 – 33 players (average # – 18)

The beginner-level newcomers at the Drop-Ins have required a lot of help to get them into the groove and start to identify as tennis players. We are going to have our first-ever beginner-level regular session starting with one court during the new late Thursday night time.

A Racquet Demo session with Carlos Branco of WorldofTennis.ca at the second Watson Drop-In. It was well attended and a number of people purchased racquets and shoes. Since that time a significant number of members have gone to him for a one-on-one consultation.

Our final session at Watson on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August was reserved for Live Ball and we ended up having 19 participants and a whole bunch of fun. Thanks to Patti for suggesting that.

Spoke with Dmitri Penchev, formerly the principal behind a Junior Academy at the Peoples Court in Coquitlam

He is convinced that we could attract investors if we can pry the land free to place a bubble at Watson. The question is whether that space has been allocated to something else yet or is possibly available.

Spoke with Darran Wrighton of Tennis BC about trying to facilitate a CTA course for some of our members. He feels it very much fits with the Tennis BC declared direction and is eager to make it happen. He plans to have a course outline to us by the end of this week. From there it will be up to us to secure a time at the Landing that would work.

Took part in the August 17 Teams tournament. Very lucky to have the weather turn out the way it did and Portage was great to play at that day. One feature was it gave us an opportunity to have some of our brand new members take part. The teams format seems to be really great to connect our long-time members with new recruits. Thanks to Patti for all her efforts organizing and all the helping hands that brought snacks and helped with score keeping.

A few noteworthy things about this year:

The CTS is now on Facebook and Instagram – moderated by digital guru Matt Collingwood. It has been a source of connection for “wired” club members and a few new people have learned about the CTS and joined us via that avenue.

Since June 19, 2023 we've had 23 contact us forms and 59 membership enquiries through the website efforts of Patti Turner, our secretary. If you don't get to the website very often, it sports some dynamic content and is full of photos showing what's going on in the CTS world. Patti is looking for ideas for implementing a “members only” section if anyone has ideas what might be a good fit in that category.

The relationship with Carlos at worldoftennis.ca continues to grow as more and more of our members take advantage of the opportunity to demo racquets that no one is selling at this end of the Valley

17 "new" CTS members have taken advantage of the free stringing offer since August 1, 2023.

Finally, and certainly most important, at last year's meeting I said it was my goal to foster a culture of volunteering in the CTS. What I've found is that it's already alive, well, and growing. I would like to thank the outgoing Executive of Gudrun, Stephanie, Phil, Brent, Dave, Lana, Patti, and Jennifer for their efforts through the year. Some good stuff got done.

I would like again to express how humbled I am by the likes of Matthew, and Lauren, and Besette for their selfless managing of the Monday, Thursday, and Saturday indoor sessions. Making sure everyone knew who was sparing and reminding people about the sessions the night before made for some really great play. It was amazing the times I was able to spare. I would also like to thank the much larger group of club members who have been helping out at the Drop-Ins, the tournaments, and other events. When everyone participates it's just a lot more fun.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank our Secretary Patti, who in addition to being involved in almost everything, keeps me on the straight and narrow and reminds me to be positive when things aren't going my way. It scares me how much energy she puts into the CTS.

As a last note I would like to thank everyone for attending the AGM because the Chilliwack Tennis Society is your club and can only build and grow through your involvement.

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## **APPENDIX B: Tennis Ladder stats for summer 2024 –**

Report from Ladder Administrator, Brent Bowker

The Ladders all closed today (September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

- Mixed singles - 52 played challenges amongst 18 players
  - 18 players
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place Kiley Peters
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Enrique Pacana
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Russell Cabungcal
  
- Mixed Doubles - 18 total challenges
  - 9 teams with 18 players total
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place Josel/Serafini
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Piorecky/Piorecky (but 5-0 record!)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Placente/Placente (4-1 record!)
  
- Ladies Singles - 11 total challenges
  - 6 players
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place Megan Mackenzie
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Lauren Kang
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Sarah Weflen