



CTS 2025 Annual General Meeting
Wednesday September 10th, 2025 7:15 pm
The Clover Room
(main floor of the Landing Sports Centre)
DRAFT MINUTES

Present: chair— Mark Turner

Harjot Grewal, Brent Bowker, Ben ten Cate Brouwer, Ted Booth, Matt Collingwood, Susan Teschke, Tobias Michalek, Sai Marar, Anand Marar, Patti Turner, Dave Robinson, Kyle Jones

Call to Order: 7:15

Attendees:

1. Adoption of the agenda

D. Robinson/B. Bowker

That we adopt the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. Adoption of the AGM minutes

T. Booth / B. ten Cate Brouwer

That we adopt the minutes of the September 11th, 2024 AGM

CARRIED

3. Various reports

a. **President's Report (Mark Turner)** - Synopsis of the 2024-2025 year (see Appendix)

b. **Ladder - Brent Bowker:**

Men's singles the most popular, the most activity; players have been asking about extending the season, maybe do a championship activity

c. **Membership: Patti Turner**

Total as of today: 92 paid;

8 still to pay (from last year);

possible new members still to pay – 2-3.

New players this year – 17 (potentially)

d. **Indoor Tennis sessions: Patti Turner**

- Responses a little slower than usual?

Some regulars playing as spares this year, some dropping a session

- Saturday mornings – may only have enough players for 2 courts

- Process for sign-up in the future

Returning regular players register first, with deadline to reply, after that it opens to players wanting to play in new /different sessions

Patti will work on this with EC and report out when fine-tuned

- Fee notices will go out soon.

- Players can either pay for full season now (October – March) or just October December now (e.g. work schedules that might change, etc.)

e. **Communication: Patti Turner**

Check website for schedules, fees, updates, etc.

Event photos are on the website (**ABOUT US – PHOTO GALLERIES**)

Check emails regularly if you're playing indoors this season.

4. Annual Financial Report: Harjot Grewal

(printed copies were presented at the meeting) Pg 5 of these minutes

M. Collingwood/ Ben ten Cate Brouwer

That we accept the 2024-2025 Financial Statements as presented

CARRIED

5. Election of CTS Directors for 2025-2026 *(role descriptions were provided at the meeting)*

The following members were elected by acclamation:

- President: Mark Turner
- Vice President: Brent Bowker
- Treasurer: Stephanie Key
- Secretary: Patti Turner
- Members at Large: Dave Robinson, Harjot Grewal , Matthew Collingwood, Sai Marar, Kyle Jones

Many thanks to those who sat on the Executive in 2024- 2025, and to those who have volunteered for 2025-2026.

6. Signing Officers

B. Bowker/T. Booth

That the following Executive members will be the signing officers for the CTS:

Mark Turner (current), Dave Robinson (current), Stephanie Key (to add).

CARRIED

7. Date for 2026 AGM

Brent/Mark

That the date for the next CTS AGM be **Wednesday September 16th, 2026**

CARRIED

8. DOOR PRIZE DRAW

The winner was Ben ten Cate Brouwer

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:15

NOTE: there was a brief Directors' meeting following the AGM.

The meeting date for the next Director's meeting will be Wednesday October 15 2025, 7:30 pm (ZOOM)

APPENDIX

President's Report 2024 – 2025

Indoor Facility news

Around that time we were in discussions with the interim President of Tennis BC, Rick Hastings. He came out for a visit and was very enthusiastic about getting a facility built. Shortly afterward while the search for a permanent new President was going on he became hard to connect with. I finally ended up connecting with Denise Wong President of the Board of Directors at the beginning of December. After discussing our need for an investor to approach Chilliwack with she made it clear that Tennis BC's mandate is for advocacy and running facilities, not building them.

With that avenue closed I spoke with Wayne Elderton at the North Vancouver Tennis Centre. He suggested our best bet would be Larry Jurovich of the Surrey and Langley Tennis Centres. Patti and I traveled to meet with him in Langley and he expressed interested in taking a run at building a Chilliwack facility if land could be secured. We set up a meeting with Mayor Popove on June 11 where Larry pitched spending up to \$10 million if the City would provide the land at Watson for a nominal fee.

Despite the fact that the Watson space had been proposed by the City in three rounds of talks with the CTS they declined to let it go for this proposal, citing potential future requirements. As the Mayor had invited Darrell Lindhout to to the meeting, the idea of a renovated Landing becoming more of a Tennis Facility once Pickleball moves out was emphasized once again. As of last week no site prep behind the Landing for the new Annex was visible, so when renovations to the tennis floor will happen is a bit of a mystery.

Indoor Play at the Landing

In addition to the regular session times of Monday and Thursday evenings and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, the City provided some space for a later time on Thursday evening. We split that with Coach Phil, who took half the courts for lessons, while the CTS split the other two for session play. This ended up being a bit of a departure for the Club as it was the first time where we were able to designate a court for beginning players that had just begun their tennis journey that Summer. The second court began as a regular grouping spilling over from the earlier time but ended up a rotating collection of high end players exhibiting some amazing skills and having some intense games.

Once again, Matthew, Lauren, Besette, and Patti each spent a lot of time coordinating spares and making sure play went smoothly in all the sessions. I can't overstate how important the role of volunteers to help out with that is. Thank you to them for the work they did time and time again.

Social Stuff

The Club held two potlucks in Landing Loft this membership year, the first in early December and the second in April. In addition to a Christmas theme, in December we took the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution that Gudrun Anderson made during the formative years of the Club. It was her vision and drive that the Chilliwack Tennis Society came from. We are all still benefitting from the many things she put in place.

Both events were well attended with around 60 attendees at each. As usual for CTS potlucks, the food was absolutely amazing.

Club Tournaments

The 2024-2025 year started with the annual Dream Teams tournament. As you can see from the photos on the web, it was well attended and the weather was perfect. Many thanks to Patti for organizing, Dave for keeping

the scores straight, and all the others who pitched in to help on the day by setting things up and bringing treats to share. Congrats to the winning dream team of Jennifer Todd, Ken Graham, Matthew Collingwood and Grace Placente.

The next tournament of this year was the July 5 Mixed Doubles event (unfortunately the Men's was planned but then canceled due to rain). The initial planning was done by Besette and Lauren and thanks to Patti for stepping up to help with the final prep. Also thanks to the people who pitched in on the day of the event. Kudos to the four finalists, Enrique, Katie, Besette and Jay. The final was a lot of fun to watch, with Besette and Jay coming away victorious.

Special Events

We tried to get into the spirit of Tennis Canada's June Tennis Month by organizing a First Try event for kids and their families to get a taste of the game in a fun and welcoming session assisted by local and Tennis BC coaches. We were well into the planning of a session at the courts in Harrison Hot Springs but were hampered by low signup and then ultimately Mother Nature decided that would be a rainy day. We received some materials from Tennis Canada for the event which hopefully we can use for a Chilliwack day next year.

One idea that had been rattling around in my head for a while was to organize a high end clinic for club members focusing on Doubles Strategies, Tactics, Targeting and Positioning.

We managed to get Wayne Elderton, the head of the North Vancouver Tennis Centre to come out to the Langley Tennis Centre to present a 4 hour clinic. Wayne is one of the key architects of the Tennis Canada and Tennis BC instruction materials for coach training in addition to running the NVTC for the past 30 years. I think all attendees would say the day was amazing, and I hope to implement what I learned in my play this Fall.

Drop-Ins

Although we chose not to rent the outdoor courts for drop-ins this year due to a variety of reasons, groups of club members did establish regular times to get together with their friends to play. Those sessions have become one of our main ways to welcome players who are new to Chilliwack.

In Closing

One of the final things that makes our club what it is revolves around people who are willing to offer their time and energy to volunteer to help with various events and initiatives. What we can offer as a Society revolves around having people to support the programs the membership are looking for. It is really important for long term success that no one person or group ends up taking all the load. It is also important that everyone feels empowered to come forward with their own ideas and run with them. The more we have capacity to do, the more likely the club has value for everyone. I would like to thank everyone on the past year's Executive Committee for their time and efforts. Amrinder, Brent, Daphne, Dave, Harjot, Patti, and Stephanie, thank you for volunteering your time and energies to make the year the success it was.

Mark