



CTS 2023 Annual General Meeting
Wednesday September 13th, 2023 7:15 pm
The Clover Room
(main floor of the Landing Sports Centre)

DRAFT Minutes

Present:

Stephanie Key, Susan Hutcheon, Besette & Stan Piorecky, Jason He, Brent Bowker, Matt Collingwood, Lauren Kang, Jennifer Nip, Glen Emery, Barry Stevenson, Gary Neufeldt, Allan Billingsley, Alan Koehn, Mark Turner, Patti Turner, Phil Dacre, Bryan Stephenson, Fidel Josol, Peter Li

Call to Order: 7:15pm

1. Adoption of the agenda

Stephanie Key/Alan Koehn
That we adopt the agenda

CARRIED

2. Adoption of the previous AGM minutes

Allan Billingsley/Stephanie Key
That we adopt the minutes of the November 23rd, 2022 AGM

CARRIED

3. President's report (see appendix A – following minutes)

4. Financial Report

a. Financial Statements (see Appendix B)

P. Turner / J. Nip

That we accept the August 1 2022 – July 31 2023 Financial Statements as presented

CARRIED

b. Recommendation for the 2023-4 Membership fees:

P. Turner/S. Key

That the annual CTS membership fees be:

Adult \$35 (>19)
Youth \$20 (<19)
Family \$55 (3+ members)

CARRIED

5. Various reports

a. Summer 2023 Drop-ins

Starting June, Tuesday evening drop-ins at Watson Glen Park (6:00 – 8:00pm)

Starting July 6, Thursday evening sessions at Kinsmen Park (6:00 – 8:00p)

of sessions as of September 13th: 23

of sessions rained out: 2 (of the ones Patti attended)

Lowest attendance: 6 Highest attendance: 19

Average attendance: 10

b. Membership

Membership estimates as of September 13, 2023 *(based on indoor player information)*

Returning members: 54

New members: 14

Now that the Membership Fees have been set, notices will be sent out in the next few days.

c. Indoor Tennis

We are following the same schedule as in previous years.

We currently have 67 players signed up.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (am & pm) sessions are now full – we're still looking for a couple more players for Saturdays.

We are booking 4 courts on Saturday mornings for the first time in several years.

d. Communication

- **Website:** <https://www.chilliwacktennissociety.org>

Our website is now hosted by **VISTA x WIX** (previously hosted by **VISTA Print**).

We have retained our domain name, and it will be managed through **WIX**.

People can contact us through one of two "contact forms" on our website - requests to become a member, or requests for further information.

We have had approximately **49** people contact us through our website since 2021.

(This does not include those who have contacted Phil regarding lessons.)

Of those **49**, **11** have become members in previous years

28 people have contacted us since January 2023

Of those, **16** came to at least 1 drop-in this summer

14 are planning to join in 2023-24 and play indoors (as regulars or spares)

- **Communication to and between members:**

Brent was looking for technology options to make coordinating spares a little smoother.

Since our members have different communication preferences, we may have to determine everyone's "preferred" communication method.

6. Election of CTS Directors for 2023-2024

Motion from Barry Stevenson

That we thank Phil for all he's done for the club

CARRIED unanimously & with boisterous applause

- **President:** Mark Turner - elected by acclamation
- **Vice President:** Brent Bowker- elected by acclamation
- **Treasurer:** still to be filled (Mark will continue in that role in the meantime)
- **Secretary:** Patti Turner – elected by acclamation
- **Members at Large:** all elected by acclamation:
Gudrun Anderson, Phil Dacre, Lana Guthrie,
Stephanie Key, Jennifer Nip, Dave Robinson,

7. For Future Discussion:

E.g., focus for the future, possible winter and summer activities. Topics to include:

- social events
- competitive and non-competitive playing events
- member involvement
- volunteer appreciation
- community involvement – a project? e.g. Bowls of hope –
- information – Are you getting enough? Do you prefer information in email or attachments?

8. Date for 2024 AGM

P. Turner/Peter Li

That the 2024 AGM be held on Wednesday September 11th, 2024

CARRIED

Adjourned 8:38

APPENDIX A

Phil's Prez report – 2023 AGM

Hi everyone,

Thank you all for attending. As always, I'd like to start off by thanking my amazing Executive for all their hard work and time. I appreciate you all!

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the CTS as a whole.

Since I was elected to the position of president, I have not fully committed to the job as much as I would have liked. Life kind of got in the way – my Mum passing and struggling with that personally, and constantly going to the island helping my Dad. Then I thought it would be good to go back to school and add more work for myself.

I'm never one to make excuses, but I do again apologize that I have not accomplished nearly half of what I had hoped, and would like to thank my team for their patience with me through all the changes over the last few years.

OK – on to tennis stuff!

Membership

Our membership stayed very consistent in 2022-2023 with the previous year.

76 total members (2021 – 73)

22 new members (2021 – 17)

I've had the opportunity to meet and/or provide lessons to some of the new members. They're a super group of people.

Tennis Lessons:

I have provided a consistent time for a new beginner adult group. That is something we've always wanted to have. It has been a lot of fun coaching this group. Their dedication and desire to get better is awesome!

My kiddos continue to be the lights in my days. Numbers continue to increase and we have many up and comers as registration has taken off in the 5 – 8-year-old age bracket.

I have a very good core of 6 or so kids (around 12 years old) who have stuck with me over the years and have become a very strong group. A couple of them continue to go into sanctioned tournaments and do very well.

Unfortunately, due to schedules – mine, Tennis Canada's, and the kid's – there was never a time to run a Youth event this summer. There are never enough weekends! We'll try again for next Spring!

The good news is we're on Tennis Canada and Tennis BC's radar. I was rubbing shoulders with some of the brass during the Billie Jean King Cup in Vancouver, and they all mentioned Chilliwack and the exciting stuff coming out of here, so that was encouraging to hear!

Indoor Tennis

I'll have Patti speak to this a bit more shortly, and I would like us to put our hands together to thank Patti, Bissette, Amr, and Fidel for being our amazing Sessions Coordinators this past indoor season. This is a thankless job and we couldn't run our indoor sessions without you. So THANK YOU!

Indoor Facility

OK, this is my last order of business and then I'll stop yacking!!

Here's a quick rundown for the minutes, so we'll all have a pretty good idea where we are at.

This March we were called to have a meeting with the City. New funding had been granted from the Provincial Government to cities and municipalities for capital projects and infrastructure improvements. The Indoor Racquet facility was back on the table. As before, this is planned to be a shared facility including Tennis and Squash.

Several meetings took place to try and understand everyone's positions – ours, the Squash Club's, and the City's. We had many concerns as to what kind of structure the tennis court section of the building would actually going to be. We questioned the cost and functionality of a non-rigid structure which is what the City was proposing. We provided lots of feedback on that!

A huge thank you to all of my Facility Team and all the time they've dedicated to this project:

Thanks to Mark & Patti for design suggestions and architectural renderings that made explaining our case so much easier.

A HUGE thanks to Stephanie who worked with me crunching numbers through several meetings so we could provide the best possible picture to the City regarding potential operating costs and revenues. We also had great help and feedback from Tennis Canada and other tennis clubs and facilities.

At the end we basically presented City staff with several options, and included pros/cons for each of them.

The last I heard from the city is the design teams are still working on it, and there is no distinct timeline at this point.

So, all we can do is wait and hope they have taken all our info into account.

And now my Prez report is done – **thank you all!**