

The National Capital Tennis Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018

**October 24th, 2018
Britannia Yacht Club**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm with Phil Johnson, NCTA President, presiding.

AGENDA:

The following was the Agenda adopted for the NCTA AGM 2018:

1. Roll call (Bruce)
2. Approval of minutes of last AGM (Bruce)
3. President's report (Phil)
4. Treasurer's report (Marinus)
5. Junior Development Committee (John)
6. Leagues and Tournaments (Theo)
7. Capital Kids update (Matt)
8. OTA Update (Zhenya)
9. City update (Kelly)
10. Group discussions (Phil)
11. Election of Officers (Phil)
12. Any other business (Phil)

ROLL CALL

Bruce Ramsay, NCTA Secretary, undertook a Roll Call.

The following OTA member clubs and associate members were in attendance:

- Barrhaven
- Britannia
- Carp
- City View
- Craig Henry
- Elmdale
- Elmridge
- Glen Cairn
- Manotick
- Orleans
- Rockliffe
- St. James

- Tennis Centre West Ottawa
- OTLBC
- Sport Training Academy

In addition, the following non-affiliated tennis club and organizations were in attendance:

- Crystal Beach
- Long Park
- City of Ottawa Parks and Recreation
- National Tennis School

With over 30% of the OTA member clubs in attendance, a quorum was declared for the 2018 AGM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NCTA AGM 2017

The minutes for the AGM 2017 had been previously distributed by email. Bruce Ramsay briefly summarized the minutes. There was one minor typo, regarding dates, that was corrected. Crystal Beach tabled a motion to approve the 2017 AGM minutes, seconded by Rockcliffe. Minutes were approved unanimously.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

*****PLEASE NOTE*****... detailed information on all reports submitted are included in the PowerPoint slides as supplement to these minutes. Only summary information, questions and clarifications are included below.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Phil Johnson opened his report by stating that the present NCTA 5-year plan will be in its last year in 2019. Phil solicited input from member clubs for the next 5-year plan, which will be a priority for the upcoming year.

Phil presented a "report card" on progress this past year towards that VISION 2014-2019. All member clubs are now under the OTA umbrella. We have seen, overall, an increase in OTA club memberships. Progress has been made on junior development. The City Championships had the largest turnout since the 100th Anniversary event, held in conjunction with the 2014 Steve Stevens national seniors. We have also hosted the Davis Cup, which provided great exposure to the game of tennis in this region.

Phil pointed to the success of NCTA leagues, tournaments and other programs. He also announced that NCTA has been successful in obtaining a 3-year grant for approximately \$300K which will be used to continue and expand our Capital Kids junior program.

In response to a suggestion from the floor, Phil stated that NCTA would indeed be pursuing hosting of Federation Cup in the region. However, we would need to secure a more intimate

arena that the one at Landsdowne. Bob Guertin area, or an expanded Carleton U. gymnasium were possibilities, but they would need to meet the seating, lighting and height requirements imposed by the event.

Phil concluded by thanking all the coordinators, volunteers, and members of the Board of Directors for making this past year such a success. Additionally, Phil recognized our two sponsors - KUNSTADT SPORTS and BETH EVERSON/ROYAL LEPAGE - for their support to NCTA and the tennis community in the region.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marinus Wins, NCTA Treasurer, reported that NCTA showed a surplus of \$7,200 in 2017, due mostly to the leagues running \$5,000 in the black. Coordinator costs were over-budgeted.

A projected surplus of \$4,450 is projected for 2018. Thus, NCTA has been steadily accumulating funds for future development and projects. A budget for 2019 will be developed in the coming weeks, with guidance from the new NCTA Board.

Crystal Beach asked about the losses incurred by the City Championships (\$3,700 this year). Marinus responded that the losses were calculated by subtracting tournament expenses (including increased prize monies) from revenues from registrations. NCTA sponsorship funds and OTA funds are not included. NCTA and OTA is committed to making the City Championships the premier event for regional elite players and thus does not necessarily need to fund the event solely upon registration fees.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

John Wins-Purdy gave an update on the activities of the Junior Development Committee. This committee was set up to direct the junior fund (approximately \$18,000 at present), passed over from the RA club, targeting elite junior player development. The fund will provide \$10-\$25K per year for junior development. Primarily, the fund will be used to give financial assistance to families of elite regional juniors. This coming year, the committee has allocated \$5K to provide direct financial assistance to the 6-10 national level juniors in the region. Additional funds will be allocated to regional re-grouping events, with further fundraising strategies to be developed by the committee over the coming months in order to assure sustainability.

TOURNAMENT AND LEAGUE REPORT

Theo Baker-Kretzmar reported on the 4 NCTA adult tournaments held this year. Numbers were down in the intermediate and the masters events. There may be some complications due to multiple categories, some of which had numbers too low for a viable draw. However, both the City Championships and the junior tournaments showed significant increases in registrants. The addition of consolation matches in the City Tournament likely attracted additional players who, otherwise, would only get a single match.

The NCTA leagues ran again successfully. There were 18 mixed league teams, representing 12 clubs. Additionally, 18 players participated in the city singles league.

CAPITAL KIDS/OTHER JUNIOR PROGRAMS

Matt McKinnon reported on the Capital Kids 2018 program. With the original grant monies expiring, this program was funded in 2017 through the 50-50 draw held at the Davis Cup. This year, there was a modest \$10 charge per participant, plus a \$5K grant from the City. With the approval of our Trillium grant, \$300K will be available 2019-2021. This will enable Capital Kids to provide 4 lessons plus a tournament at a club facility, plus expansion to indoor courts in the winter. A modest fee per participant will likely be maintained.

Paul Henry, Rockcliffe Club, asked how many participants of the program stayed in tennis. Matt has no firm statistics but he estimated that 30% of the kids return, and quite a few graduate to Team Tennis. Crystal Beach asked whether additional locations were needed. The answer from Matt was...YES. There was a discussion on the need to establish connections with clubs in order to boost memberships and keep the kids involved. Long Cove asked if, as a non-member club, could they donate court time. The answer again was.....YES.

Matt presented statistics for junior tournament participation. He also noted that the Little Ace program has had a name change to: Rogers Community Team Tennis. It is run out of Carleton U. and TCWO in the winter, with additional locations in the summer months. Matt then provided background on the school clinics and tournaments held this year. He personally visits and teaches the school clinics, but interested teachers do help out. Paul Henry, Rockcliffe, asked about the gender breakdown of participants. Matt stated that the male-female numbers were pretty even for most junior programs. However, there are definitely more boys participating in the competitive tournaments.

Junior Leagues had 5 clubs involved, playing every 2nd week. Margaret Gibson urged NCTA to start the program as early in the spring as possible, to capture the kids prior to involvement in other summer activities (camps, eg.). There was a question from the floor concerning possible sponsorships to juniors to join. Matt said that this can be looked at as an option for some of the Trillium grant money.

OTA UPDATE

Phil introduced Zhenya Kondratovsky as the new OTA Coordinator for the OTA National Capital Region, taking over from Matt McKinnon. Zhenya discussed his background and his lengthy tennis experience in playing and teaching, as well as program development and management. He urged anyone with suggestions and idea to contact him at : 613-884-5895, or by email at:zkondratovsky@tennisontario.com. He then summarized the OTA benefits he foresaw available to clubs and members in 2019.

CITY OF OTTAWA UPDATE

Phil summarized the difficulty in maintaining and rebuilding all 300+ city courts in these times of fiscal restraint. He then introduced Kelly Bean, portfolio manager of City Wide Sports of the City of Ottawa. Kelly outlined the 4 city organizations that provide support to clubs and park facilities. She described the prioritization process used by the City to complete lifecycle renewal projects.

She announced that there will no renewal projects undertaken in 2019 but, starting in 2020, there is a prioritized list of future renewal projects. In an open discussion on this issue, Kelly reminded the audience that project dates are not cast in stone and will be reviewed each year, based on funding available and urgency. She stated that new courts will be built in the future, but will be located in outlying new neighbourhoods, and funded through developer fees. Phil proposed a task force to provide input to the City rebuild strategy, and called for volunteers. Leena Ray of OTLB volunteered for this task force.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Phil noted that all but one of the members of the present NCTA Board were willing to stand for re-election. Gary Eikenberry will be running for the Vice-President position. This left a vacancy for Club Representative. Both Leena Ray and Nick Patterson volunteered for this vacancy. Phil invited both to the next NCTA Board meeting and specific positions will be sorted out at that time.

A motion to accept the proposed 2019 slate of officers was put forth by John Wins-Purdy. Seconded by Leena Ray. Approved unanimously.

The NCTA Board for the upcoming year will be as follows:

- President – Phil Johnson
- Vice President – Gary Eikenberry
- Secretary – Bruce Ramsay
- Treasurer – Marinus Wins
- City Representative – Kelly Bean
- Business Representative – Ron Kunstadt
- Tennis Professionals Rep – John Wins-Purdy
- Club Representatives:
 - Paula Jokiell (Manotick)
 - Beth Everson (OTLBC)
 - Nick Patterson (STA)
 - Leena Ray (OTLBC)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Phil Johnson thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30pm.