

2023 Tennis BC Annual General Meeting
September 30, 2023
11:00am- 12:30pm

Member registration- Serena Ly

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement- Denise Wong

- Welcomed all to the 2023 Tennis BC Annual General Meeting
- Recognized the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Introductions

- Denise Wong introduced the Board of Directors
- Jonathan Wornell introduced the Tennis BC staff

President's Remarks and Formalities- Denise Wong

- Appointed Serena Ly as recording secretary
- Appointed Jeannie Rohr and Sandra Hong as scrutineers
- Appointed past president, Mark Braidwood as parliamentary

Registration, Proxies, and Confirm Quorum- Denise Wong

- Stated that this year's AGM is hybrid and let attendees know that this meeting would be recorded
- Explained that participants can use the chat function if there are any questions during the meeting, which will be monitored by Jonathan and Serena
- Informed that there will also be a discussion at the end of the meeting for any questions
- Confirmed that everyone has been registered and a "V" has been added in front of the names of voting members
- Sandra Hong declared that a quorum of members was present
- Described the voting process and asked voting members to use the "raise hand" function to vote on each motion. Jeannine Rohr would carry out the votes, asking for those in favour, those against, and those abstaining. Jeannie would ensure all "hands" were down after each vote had been noted down and counted.
- Tested the process and practice vote was carried out successfully

Notice of Meeting- Denise Wong

- Confirmed that the notice calling the AGM was sent to all members on record on August 22, 2023
- Confirmed that the AGM package including minutes of the last meeting and annual report was sent on September 16, 2023

Adoption of the Agenda- Denise Wong

- **Motion by Denise Wong that the agenda for the September 30, 2023 AGM as circulated on September 16, 2023 with the addition that we will have a guest speaker be adopted**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Minutes of Last Meeting- Denise Wong

- Denise asked if there were any errors or omissions and there were none
- **Motion by Denise Wong that the minutes of the last AGM held on September 24, 2022 as circulated on September 16, 2023 be approved**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Guest speaker- Michael Downey, CEO, Tennis Canada

- Praised Tennis BC for having progressive leadership at the board and executive level and having many programs for growing the sport of tennis in British Columbia
- Reinforced that the board and staff of Tennis BC supports the implementation of Safe Sport
- Recommended that member clubs sign up their members with the new WTN (World Tennis Number). It provides every player with a rating to compete irrespective of gender and age.
- Thanked leaders and volunteers for their contribution to tennis and moving the sport forward
- Recognized the success of high performance in Canada
- Will be retiring in December and Introduced Gavin Ziv as the next CEO of Tennis Canada after a global search. Gavin started as a ball kid at the Rogers Cup before 2000 and has been involved in tennis for almost 40 years. Noted that Gavin is going to be a great leader and Tennis Canada is in good hands.

President's Report- Denise Wong

- Reminded participants that the Annual Report covered the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2023 but the presentations will cover more current items
- Recognized Jonathan Wornell for his help in building up the Tennis BC team to full operation
- Announced that there will be a new strategic plan for the next fiscal year
- Tennis Canada has completed their 5 year strategic plan and we now have insight and flexibility to adopt, align, and customize certain aspects of their national plan with our province's
- The demand for tennis across the country requires us to build more covered courts. Tennis Canada is a partner in helping provincial organizations and associations to increase court capacity. Tennis BC and the district of West Vancouver have been in discussion about building an indoor tennis facility. We have a task force led by Madeline Benn who have been working with Tennis Canada and the district of West Vancouver.
- The organization is strong financially which allows us to keep membership fees constant and provides the opportunity to offer more accessible programs and events
- Highlighted the tennis events in Vancouver including Davis Cup trophy tour, Billie Jean King Cup, Laver Cup and the National Bank Stanley Park Open. This year's Stanley Park Open had a record number of 1700 entries, and live streaming on 6 of the newly resurfaced courts.
- The Community Tennis League kicked off in BC, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Quebec. We had over 600 participants in BC, connecting players on public courts.
- Thanked all member clubs, Tennis Canada, BC's municipal government, ViaSport, the province of BC, Leith Wheeler, National Bank, Penn/ Head and all our volunteers.
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the President's Report**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Executive Director's Report- Jonathan Wornell

- Thanked Rick Hastings for helping him navigate his first year with Tennis BC and is looking forward to continuing the journey with our new President, Denise Wong
- Thanked the entire Board for their governance and support throughout his first year
- Tennis BC staffing team has been amazing this past year, and while we lost a couple of members, we have also gained some outstanding team members, such as Serena Ly who took over membership and administration, Darran Wrighton, our Provincial Development Manager, and Iverson Guan our new Manager of Events as Max Korkh joined the Tennis Canada team
- Announced that there will be exciting developments at the Richmond Hub that will be showcased at the end of October. In addition, we continue to look at improving wheelchair access to the bubble so we can better host wheelchair tennis events, programs, and clinics.
- Highlighted the partnership with Laver Cup to end the outdoor season. Not only was there a partnership with our signature National Bank Stanley Park Open, but also with sponsor activation events prior to the Laver Cup led by Joe Wood, our Director of Player Development.
- Noted that programs including Rookie Tours, YMCA New Immigrant program, Girls. Set. Match, 2 and 3 star events are at an all-time high
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the Executive Director's Report**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Membership Report- Serena Ly

- Joined Tennis BC in February this year and have been learning about the organization and the membership process and structure.
- There are currently 79 member clubs across the province with one new club joining this year- Crescent Beach Swimming Club.
- A new club benefit was offered recently, which is the WTN Club Matchplay Tool that is designed to help clubs manage their ladder online and is free for all Tennis BC member clubs.
- Noted that the coming years will focus on continuing to provide programs, events, and professional development opportunities for our members, coaches, officials, parents, and volunteers.
- Confirmed that the board has voted to not increase member fees for 2024.
- Thanked all member clubs and individual members for their contribution to growing the game of tennis in BC and noted that Tennis BC is also here to support them.
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the Membership Report**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Auditors- Raymond To

- Leads the Finance and Audit Committee as chair, with the committee made up of board members, staff, and experts when needed. There are currently 5 people on the committee that meet 2 months before every board meeting to review financials in details.
- The annual audit process starts in the spring with our appointed auditors, Tompkins Wozny. The auditors meet with the Finance & Audit Committee, which report back to the Board for a final approval. The audited statements are included in the AGM packages.
- Highlighted that revenue and expenses has grown in the last 3 fiscal years. Our prices have remained modestly flat but maintained a positive cash flow. Our revenues have grown

due to Hubs usage, tournaments, lessons and coaching certification. Expenses also grew with more coaching and staffing to develop more programs.

- Balance sheets showed that our cash continues to grow and we have some restricted funds that are still the same year to year.
- Highlighted that we have healthy balance sheets
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the Treasurer's Report**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the audited financial statements**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the appointment of Tomkins Wozny, Chartered Professional Accountants to be the auditors for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Directors- Denise Wong

- Explained that every year, the Nominating Committee convenes to determine what actions need to be taken to recruit for a new term of directors. Each director's term is 3 years long and every year, 3 director's term will expire. This year, we say farewell to Karen Clarke and Gary Davidson.
- Honoured Karen and Gary's contribution on the board and presented a gift of appreciation for each of them
- Karen Clarke, who represented Victoria, completed 3 terms which is 9 years on the board. She has been a strong advocate for women's tennis and senior's tennis
- Thanked Gary Davidson for his commitment and dedication during his time as the chair of the Governance Committee
- Presented a gift of recognition to past president, Mark Braidwood, who was our president from 2015-2022. Mark guided Tennis BC through the pandemic and lead through the uncertainty.
- The three individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee were Raymond To, Ash Singh, and Anna Matheson.
- The Nominating Committee nominated candidates to stand for election to the Board 60 days before the AGM. By notice to the Society, given 45 days prior to the AGM, any voting member may nominate candidates for the position of Director. No voting Member Clubs have put forward another proposed candidate and therefore, the Directors were elected by acclamation.
- Invited Raymond, Ash, and Anna to briefly introduce themselves
- Ash
 - Has been involved in tennis since he was 11 years old through chair umpiring, coaching and playing in university. Tennis has given him the best connection and relationships with people in his life and is excited to continue with the Board.
- Anna
 - Has been playing tennis since she could hold a racquet and is a member of Sunshine Hills, Hazelmere, and Tsawwassen Tennis Club. Appreciates tennis as a family sport and a lifelong sport.
- Raymond
 - Works in HR and recruiting and working with the national research council in helping start up companies build better HR systems.
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the Nominating Committee Report**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Discussion

- Denise asked if there were any questions or comments for discussion
- Sabine Ritson, president of West Vancouver Tennis Club asked about the costs associated with the West Van Hub
 - Raymond- A task force has been struck and it's a number that we're still working on. We're also waiting on expertise with Tennis Canada as they've built a number of these facilities. Once the final cost is known, approval will go through the board and membership.
- Sabine Ritson asked what is the timeline envisaged for the West Van Hub to be operational?
 - Madeline- Has been working with our internal team, project managers, and Tennis Canada to figure out the feasibility of the project. We do not have a strict timeline at this point but is currently working with Tennis Canada and the district of West Vancouver to figure out what the timeline and costing will look like. Once we know more information, we will keep sharing.
 - Denise- Have to factor in weather and contractor's schedule but if the area and land is prepped and ready to be built, it would take 10-12 months to build. The whole project could be from 1 to 3 years.
- Don Campbell asked if the Odlum Brown is planning on returning this year. If so, what location?
 - Jonathan- They are exploring other opportunities but have no additional or concrete information since the shut down this year.
- Dave Pentland- Can you explain the origins of the West Van project?
 - Denise- Rick was in a friendly conversation about tennis in general with the mayor of West Van. They took this idea and are looking to see if this project can turn into something.

Conclusion

- Thanked everyone for their time and attendance
- **Motion by Denise Wong to conclude the 2023 AGM**
- **Jeannie conducted the vote and the motion carried**

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President, Tennis BC

Kira Draliuk

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Vice President, Tennis BC

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