

2024 Tennis BC Annual General Meeting
September 28, 2024
11:00am- 12:30pm

Member registration- Serena Ly

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement- Denise Wong

- Welcomed all to the 2024 Tennis BC Annual General Meeting
- Acknowledged the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation
- Gave a special thanks to Predator Ridge, Kelly Hubbard (Head Professional, Predator Ridge), Joachim Nierfeld (Okanagan Regional Manager, Tennis BC), Gavin Ziv (CEO, Tennis Canada), and Eva Havaris (SVP Tennis Development & Partnerships, Tennis Canada)

Opening Remarks- Denise Wong

- Appointed Serena Ly as recording secretary
- Appointed Sandra Hong as scrutineer
- Appointed past president, Mark Braidwood as parliamentarian
- Stated that this year's AGM is hybrid and let attendees know that this meeting would be recorded
- Described the voting process and asked voting members to use the "raise hand" function to vote on each motion. The voting process was tested and practice vote was carried out successfully
- Sandra Hong declared that a quorum of members was present

Notice of Meeting- Denise Wong

- Confirmed that the notice calling the AGM was sent to all members on record on July 30, 2024
- Confirmed that the AGM package was sent to all members on record on September 13, 2024

Approval of the Agenda- Denise Wong

- **Motion by Denise Wong that the agenda for the September 28, 2024 AGM as circulated on September 13, 2024 be approved with the edit of moving the introductions to a sub-section under opening remarks**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Approval of the 2023 AGM minutes- Denise Wong

- **Motion by Denise Wong that the September 30, 2023 AGM minutes be approved**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Question Process- Denise Wong

- Explained that participants can use the chat function if there are any questions during the meeting, which will be monitored by Serena and Rick
- Informed participants that there will also be a discussion at the end of the meeting for any questions or comments

Introductions

- Denise Wong introduced the Board of Directors
- Rick Hastings introduced the Tennis BC staff

Guest speakers- Gavin Ziv and Eva Havaris

- Denise Wong introduced and welcomed Gavin Ziv and Eva Havaris
 - A fireside chat-style interview was conducted and facilitated by Denise and the guests responded with viewpoints on Tennis in Canada from their roles within the Tennis Canada organization.
- Denise thanked the guests for making the time to attend the Tennis BC AGM in person and confirmed both Gavin & Eva would be present for the in-person meet & greet later on in the day for those who would like to meet Gavin & Eva and the rest of the board for more in-depth conversations

President's Report- Denise Wong

- Denise gave the president's report which included discussion of the strategic plan and summary of the year in review.
- **Motion by Denise Wong to accept the President's Report**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Interim Executive Director's Report- Rick Hastings

- Rick gave the interim executive director's report which highlights of the previous years and thanked various people.
- **Motion by Denise Wong to accept the Interim Executive Director's Report**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Membership Report- Serena Ly

- At the end of the year, there was a total of 83 member clubs- 22 Gold Clubs, 14 Silver Clubs, 8 Public Tennis Centres, 22 Community Clubs, 6 Social Clubs, and 11 Recognized Tennis Associations
- Welcomed 5 new organizations to the Recognized Tennis Association category this year- Boundary Community Tennis Association, Precision Tennis, The Colombia Valley Tennis Society, The North Shore Tennis Society, and the Vietnamese Tennis Association of Fraser Valley
- These additions reflect our ongoing commitment to expanding the reach of tennis throughout the province and supporting diverse tennis communities
- Thanked all member clubs and individual members for their contribution in growing the game of Tennis in BC

Facilities Report- Anna Matheson

- Anna Matheson gave a facilities report which discussed the purpose and work of the committee including their key responsibilities of advocacy, development and fundraising.
- The project with the District of West Vancouver is on hold, but the committee is assisting a member club in the Fraser Valley and working on another project in the Okanagan

- Question from Nick Tchernikov from Vancouver Tennis Society- Is Tennis BC aware of the City of Vancouver looking into partially covered courts and can tennis courts be partially covered?
 - Rick- Yes, we are aware of the project and tennis courts can be partially covered. Tennis BC is happy to support and encourage them to go after this opportunity

Financial Statements & Treasurer's Report- Raymond To

- Raymond To, Finance and Audit Committee as chair, gave discussed the financial statements and the treasurer's report. The annual audit process is done by our appointed auditors, Tompkins Wozny. **Motion by Denise Wong to accept the Treasurer's Report**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the audited financial statements**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**
- Tennis BC proposed not to increase 2025 membership fees
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the 2025 membership fees**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**
- **Motion by Denise Wong to approve the appointment of Tompkins Wozny, Chartered Professional Accountants to be the auditors for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Directors- Denise Wong

- 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.
- The three individuals standing for election this year are Paul Crawford, Madeline Benn, and Alexandra (Alex) Williams
- No voting Member Clubs have put forward another proposed candidate and therefore, the Directors were elected by acclamation.
- **Motion by Denise Wong to accept the Nominating Committee Report**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Discussion and Q&A

- Denise asked if there were any questions or comments for discussion
- Duncan from the North Shore Tennis Society mentioned they are constantly fighting to maintain and improve their tennis facilities to stop them from being multi-lined or repurposed. The Parks Board are making their decisions based on recommended metrics but there are differences in participation data and asked if Tennis BC could follow up to help protect their courts.
 - Rick- Will look into quantifying numbers provincially to have more accurate numbers and will follow up with Duncan offline.
- Amy Wong from Hollyburn asked if draws for junior tournaments could be scheduled earlier to give parents more notice.
 - Rick- Will work with the tournaments team to see if there is anything we can do to extend the time for scheduling. Our junior tournaments are almost fully subscribed and we're working towards having more events and a longer period with scheduling

- John and Esther from Whistler Tennis Association gave an update on what is happening in Whistler. They are an advocacy group for a new facility to replace the existing one that will be demolished for a new housing development and asked for support to make sure Council is on their side for a new facility.
- Lori from Penticton Tennis Club asked if there will be more spots in tournaments as U18 players are not able to get in
 - Denise- It's a known issue as tournaments are oversubscribed and the Tennis BC team is working on it
 - Rick- The tournament team is aware of this issue and is also looking into technology to make tournaments more accessible
- Nick from Vancouver Tennis Society asked what is Tennis BC's role regarding discussions with municipalities resurfacing or repairing public tennis courts that need it?
 - Rick- Tennis BC is here to provide support and advocacy and is building a method of providing information that can be circulated or working with clubs to approach the municipality
 - Eva- Tennis Canada has a partnership program called Play Your Court to deliver 4 projects per year for the next 8 years to help refurbish courts throughout Canada
- Lori from Penticton Tennis Club asked if there will be coaching certification fee help for the Okanagan
 - Rick- Not specifically for the Okanagan, but there is funding set aside to support players in the province of BC with certification and will work with Jeannie Rohr who facilitates coaching certification

Conclusion

- Denise invited those in the Okanagan area today to attend Tennis BC's meet and greet at Predator Ridge at 230pm
- Thanked everyone for their time and attendance
- **Motion by Denise Wong to conclude the 2024 AGM**
- **Sandra conducted the vote and the motion carried**

Denise Wong

Denise Wong
President, Tennis BC

Kira Draliuk

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