**AGM ETC Meeting Notes: October 8, 2022**

Commenced: 10:10

Ended:12:00

Members: 30 plus in attendance

**Opening Remarks**

John Findlay giving a state of the club's year concluded with a round of agreement and applausewas from the attendees.

**Recognition:**

**Dean Purdon** voted MVP and given a beautiful bottle of something by Cathie Wood.

Note: Dean did not share it.

**Max**, the replacement manager's efforts were unanimously applauded.

**Paul Morrison** was thanked big time for stepping up to the plate as the top steward from September onwards.

**Memberships Overview**

Dean took over the rostrum with membership information

508 members

375 paid memberships

Still over 400 names on waitlist. List to be scrubbed prior to 2023 drive

15 free memberships in 2022 including stewards and board members as well as Matt, his team, Rachel and Cathy

**Pro Update**

Chris Halliday then spoke about his season and the success of the Chris-organized Elmdale Open. He acknowledged that he learned a lot this year and that he was "receptive to feedback". He thanked the Board for its support. There were suggestions to tighten up the tournaments, have the Elmdale Open in the springtime and to list tourneys and events in advance of the season. It was explained that the situation was fluid due to Covid uncertainties. One suggestion was to have a volunteer Tournament director.

**Social Update**

Cathie Wood who spoke of the social events/bbqs.

Everyone was happy to have the social events. One member wanted the lobster bbq back and it was explained to him that lobster prices went through the roof. Then Greg McDougall who was the lobster connection spoke up saying that he would take care of that bbq this coming season as he is connected to the sea. Thanks Greg!!

**Treasurer’s Report**

Dean presented the financial report. Questions from the floor were raised about cash on hand and the costs of future projects. It was explained that there were several capital projects in the future that would cost big money and that we, the Board did not want to have to reach out to members when we did need a couple of hundred thousand dollars.

**Action:** Determine an adequate amount of cash for annual Operations and move the remainder to GIC’s. To be discussed at subsequent board meetings and updates provided in 2023 budget.

**Action:** It was also suggested that we get yearly or biannual quotes for major projects and that we list those estimates publicly and articulate our needs. Dean also suggested that we have a treasurer manual so someone can easily step into the job.

**Service Award 2023 Recipient**

**Richard St. Lawrence** was awarded the Elmdale Service award by phone. He was thrilled!

**Court Maintenance**

Matt Mckinnon spoke of the need to have continuous training of stewards and others on proper court maintenance but assured us that his team will be around for a long while. Matt felt that he should be able to instruct the stewards on court maintenance with authority.

**Website and CourtReserve**

Discussed the need to upgrade the website. John Findlay pointed out that doing a website is not as easy as it sounds. Court Reserve in it’s second year will continue to be expanded and Members are encouraged to use it on their phones or other devices.

**Not for Profit Renewal**

Connor Cronin offered to help get the club registered for the new Ontario not for profit registration.

**General Discussion**

* There was discussion about giving the public access to the courts during nonpeak hours. TBD at future Board meetings.
* There will also be a callout to members about volunteering, about running and helping with certain committees. The club should be using the expertise of its many members.
* Suggested that stewards wear name tags so members can properly identify them. Also, suggestions that their photos be on the wall inside the clubhouse for further identification.

**Leaving the Board:**

John Findlay, Dabrowka Farah, Shawn Moffat

**Replacing them by unanimous vote:**

Barb Fischer, Chris Cobb, Paul Cormack

**Remaining members:**

Dean Purdon, Cathie Wood- extended term, Joel Diener- extended term, Deb Murphy