

**Maple Leaf Pickleball Club
Annual General Meeting**

March 23, 2023, 1:30 pm
CanAm Building

Present: Tony, Mike, Jay, Katie, Roy, Christine, Colette, members

I. Call to Order; Welcome

Tony welcomed everyone

II. Reading and approval of last AGM minutes

Tony dispensed with the reading of the minutes

III. President's Report: Tony Stam (see attached copy)

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jay Zirolli

Checking Account – \$27,001.13

Wilma Ball Memorial Fund – \$5412.93, an increase of \$3274 over last year mainly due to 2 pizza nights organized by Rocky and Julie Nault and their team.

Petty Cash \$88.80

Larry Campbell moved to accept the report, seconded by John McKenna, carried.

V. Committee Reports

a. Membership: Mike Klatt

The Club has grown to 306 members and now has 5 levels of play.

Adv:44, Int+:57, Int:61, Int-:57, Nov/Beg:57

b. Site Committee : Ed Hopkins

The committee's mandate was to oversee the building of the courts according to the specifications: increased size, fence separating courts 3 / 4 would be same height as surrounding fence...

Ed thanked Mitch Krach for addressing the Club's Court Construction even amid a host of monumental problems caused by Hurricane Ian.

The concrete surrounding courts 3/ 4 and the Social Area will be paid for by Maple Leaf and will be poured at the same time as the concrete for the washrooms. The Rampart Building must first be moved and conduit installed for electricity running to courts 2, 3 and 4 before we continue with final stages.

Another committee will be formed to address the Beautification of the PB area – seating, sunshades, paddle holders, flowers...

Mike Klatt thanked Joe Benolken for bringing the size of the asphalt to the attention of the Committee. It was 2 feet shorter than the specs. The asphalt contractor had to return and correct their mistake.

Brenda Laughhunn, our Safety Administrator, spoke about the 2 First Aid Kits located in the mailbox at the courts. They include steps to follow for different injuries. Her cell # is posted on the outside of the box. If you use something in the kit, please call her in order to restock the kit. She welcomes suggestions for adding items as well.

c. Player Development – Katie Gove (see attached copy)

Katie thanked the 9 volunteers from the Advanced group who helped out during the Intro to PB training sessions, and our 2 summer ambassadors. A big thank you to Chris Duren for donating her ball machine.

d. Schedules – Roy Buchanan (see attached copy)

Roy thanked Joe and Muriel Potter for their time devoted to running the Championship and Fun tournaments. Tom Oliphant has volunteered to take on this responsibility for next season.

We are still looking for volunteers to run the Women's and Men's Ladders.

We will follow the current schedule till April 30th.

e. Activities/Communications/Tech- Christine Duren

Chris explained that Registration was low key this year because of Ian, no Fun Tournament, no Ladders.

The Club endeavored to support the park by ordering the lunch for the Championship Tournament from the Sandbar. She thanked Jimmy and his staff.

Chris also brought our attention to the numerous donors for our tournament: Bob White, Wrigley's, Nathan at our Pro-shop, and many others for their numerous submissions.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the administration of our Club. With 300 members, there is a great need. Please consider stepping forward.

Chris gave us an overview of all the different media that we use now to get our messages out: PB Facebook page, MLPBC website, Google Workspace and MailerLite (training, minutes, Financials...), Gmail, Newsletter, Court Reserve. We used Global PB Network at our Championship in real time to post results and create the Brackets.

Chrissy McCooe thanked Chris Duren for all her hard work, to much applause.

VI. Presentation of Trophies – Tony Stam and Roy Buchanan

Tony recognized Don Gowland for the conception and creation of all the trophies. A gift of appreciation was presented to Don for his many hours of labor.

The list of our Championship winners is posted on our website.

Chris thanked our photographer, John G. MacDonald, for taking photos of all our recipients. A special trophy was awarded to Tom Howatt for his tremendous support and involvement in our PB Club.

A trophy was also presented to Jay Zirolli for his involvement and contribution as Treasurer for the last few years. Thank you for all your hard work.

VII. Election of 2023-24 Executive Members – Tony Stam

President – Mike Klatt

Past President- Tony Stam

Vice-president – Christine Duren

Secretary – Colette Papineau

Treasurer – Fred Borden

Player Development – Katie Gove

Scheduling and Ladders – Roy Buchanan

Activities – Debbie Conte

VIII. Looking ahead – Mike Klatt

Mike thanked Jay again for his competence and good nature in his role as Treasurer.

Pickleball is the fastest growing and soon to be largest sport in ML. He underscored the volunteerism so evident in our Club, cleaning up the courts 5 days after the hurricane, setting up shades... Volunteers are always there.

He emphasized that the Wilma Ball Memorial Fund is earmarked for something special. A special thank you to Rocky and Julie Nault for spearheading 2 fundraisers for this Fund.

Mike also thanked Chris Duren for keeping Communications so widely accessible.

He announced the creation of a Suggestion Box to be added to Court Reserve and open to everyone.

The first meeting of the 2023 -24 Executive will be held April 5th. We will have open Board meetings this fall for those who are interested.

Chris Duren thanked her team for their hard work at all our Social events.

IX. Q & A

Betty _____ asked if there would be lighting on the courts to allow for later play. Mike said the new courts are being prepared for lighting which must be approved by the ML Board. But there is nothing immediately.

Rocky Nault queried as to who would decide how to best use the Wilma Ball Fund. Mike suggested we use surveys, and questions in order to get the input from all members interested. He assured us that it would be something permanent.

Steve Fortier volunteered to deliver the unclaimed trophies.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.