



Maple Leaf Pickleball Club Annual General Meeting

2024-03-19

2 :30pm

CanAm

Present : Mike Klatt, Karen Newman, Fred Borden, Colette Papineau, Tony Stam,
Katie Gove, Roy Buchanan, Debbie Oliphant, members

I – President's Welcome /Call to Order – Mike Klatt

II – Reading of last AGM minutes - Colette Papineau

- Colette made motion to accept minutes, Ray Ruddich seconded, motion accepted.

III - Treasurer's Report – Fred Borden

- Full report is posted on <https://www.mapleleafpickleballclub.com/meeting-minutes--reports.html>
- Savings (Capital) \$15,036 Operating \$12,047 Cash \$359 Total \$27,442
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Chris McCooe, seconded by Joe Potter, motion accepted.
- Fred thanked Nancy Bower for her hard work on the Nancy Ball Pickleball Fund.
- He also recognized Jim Judge for reviewing the finances every year.
- John Casey suggested that the members receive the Treasurer's Report prior to the AGM. Fred explained that the report was posted on the MLPC website 2 weeks prior.

IV – President's Report – Mike Klatt

- Mike spoke highly of the Club, its members and all its volunteers and espoused our mission statement « **where people are more important than the game** ». It was a successful year because of everyone's contribution.
- The Pickleball site has taken on a whole new look with the addition of two new courts; new tables and benches with the contribution of the Wilma Ball Fund; parasols and shades, new paddle stackers
- He recognized Tom Oliphant for organizing the Fun Tournaments, Divorce Court

- Ladders were back after a 2 year absence and the schedule included more « Reserve a Court » and « Drill » time.
- There were Fundraisers : a Dance and a Poker Run
- The Club now has a new logo



- **2024-25 Season Key Dates :**
- Nov 12 – Registration Night QW
- Dec 15 – Dance at QW
- Jan 18 – Poker Run #2
- Feb 21-23 – Club Championship
- Mar 18 – AGM Meeting QW
- Mar 30 – Dance at QW

V – Membership/Beautification Committee – Karen Newman

- The Committee achieved 90% of their goals re Court Reserve. All payments are now done by credit card. Members are registering on Court Reserve for Open and Skill Level play and for other events and parties as well (helps with planning).
- The 2023-24 season welcomed 313 players (265 paying members).
- Karen thanked the Beautification Committee – Jane Robertson, Anne-Marie Hopkins, Ed Hopkins and Hal Robbins for many hours researching and comparing equipment for the site. And another thanks to Rocky and sooooo... many others for helping with poles and shades, painting and assembling the new tables/benches.
- 2 Paddle Stackers were designed by Dave Robinson and built by Dave, Ren, Ted and Wendy from the Woodworkers Club. These can be used in different ways but must be fair to all players.
- Karen walked us thru the committee's future site vision and purchases : railing and hooks for bags, message board, shed and shading...

VI - Training/Player Development – Katie Gove

- The Club held 10 Intro-classes (free) for 78 participants, many of whom became members
- Also offered 13 clinics with pro Bob White and another with Kassandra that were very well received by 219 members.

- Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the Beginner Training sessions and all who greet and help in many ways
- A special mention to Guy Papineau for his dedication to mentoring the newly-trained members.
- There is an interest to set up an inter-club league with Peace River Picklers.
- The court schedule now includes Reserve Time for self-training with ball-machine or private lessons

VII – Court Scheduling/Management – Roy Buchanan

- Roy thanked Katie for her continued dedication to the Club and many hours coordinating the training/player development. She will be leaving the park and sorely missed.
- Roy thanked Tom and Debbie Oliphant for organizing the 7 Fun Tournaments and the Championship Tournament. Tom added his own twist to things and introduced a new format for these, with great success. Muriel Potter was thanked for her continued help in scoring at the Championship every year. Roy also thanked Joe Potter for his many years of service and his continued guidance as past President.
- Court scheduling was shared by Roy, Katie and Karen. We hope more members will use Court Reserve next year. Due to members' feedback, we adjusted and made 3 major scheduling changes during the season.
- Maintenance – we acquired 4 new squeegees, a battery for the blower and a ladder. Roy thanked Rocky, Hank, Don and many, many other members who maintained our courts and helped keep the courts safe for our members. Another thanks to all who helped with the sunshades.
- Ladders – each of the ladders welcomed 30 – 45 players each week. Thanks to Martin Gray for running the Men's Ladder, and to Grace Buchanan for running the Women's Ladder. Roy ran the Mixed Ladder. Hope to use Court Reserve to run the Ladders in the future.
- Roy is stepping down from this position. Dave Robinson will assume the Site Coordinator and Scheduling position.
- **The Board is looking for anyone with some knowledge of Excel and/or editing Websites who would be willing to help out.**

VIII – Social – Debbie Oliphant

- Debbie thanked Jeannine Robinson for Organizing the December Fundraising Dance which made a profit of \$1364. The Poker Run brought in \$363. The Championship netted \$402. The fundraising total of \$2129 was donated to MLPC.

- Debbie thanked the Social Committee members and all who helped at the various activities. These could not take place without many hands. This social connection is what makes our Club what it is.
- Special thanks to Art Brown who « delivered the goods » many times.
- Next year's save-the-dates :
Dec 15th Dance; Jan 15th Poker Run; March 30th Dance

IX – Safety Update – Brenda Laughhunn

- Brenda described the First aid kit, location and how to contact her to replenish it.
- AED (automated external defibrillator) – everyone should know where it's located. Brenda suggested that everyone should take the CPR training offered by Brenda Lance
- Brenda brought handouts showing exercises for Active Stretching before/ Cool down after playing, for shoulder injuries and for weak ankles
- And PLEASE wear eye protection. Too many avoidable injuries.
- A special thanks to Linzy for organizing the training session with Lance on avoiding injuries

X – Presentation of Trophies – Mike Klatt, Roy Buchanan and Tom Oliphant

- Mike thanked Dave Robinson who designed our trophies and the Woodworking Shop volunteers who helped create them.
- He also thanked Debbie Bowe for taking the photos of the Championship recipients today.
- For full list of Winners and Runners-up of the 2024 Club Championship please refer to the MLPC website at
<https://www.mapleleafpickleballclub.com/2023-club-championship.html>

XI – Elections 2024-25 MLPC Board – Tony Stam

- Mike gave a special Thank You to Roy who is stepping down from his position on the Executive as Court Management/Scheduling. Mike underscored all of Roy's hard work and a lot of meetings over the years to make sure our Club ran smoothly. A big Thank You to you, Roy.
- Another well deserved Thank You went to Katie Gove who worked relentlessly for all the members, presenting great ideas, always moving the Club forward. You will be dearly missed.
- Tony Stam, another departing member of the Executive, is withdrawing from the Executive as Mike slides into the seat of Past President. Mike thanked Tony for his hard work when he occupied the President' chair (Tony turned the soil 2 years ago to begin the development of Courts 3 & 4), and also for his contribution,

ideas and opinions while on the Executive this past year. We thank you, Tony, for a job well done.

- Tony introduced the candidates (by acclamation) for the 2024-25 Executive
 - Karen Newman – President
 - John Boag – Vice President
 - Fred Borden – Treasurer
 - Dave Robinson – Site Coor/Schedule
 - Patti Carter – Player Dev
 - Deb Oliphant – Social Committee
 - Colette Papineau - Secretary
 - Mike Klatt – Past President
- Mike made a motion to accept the new Executive, seconded by Joe Potter. Motion passed. Welcome to the new members of the Executive - John, Dave and Patti.

Mike turned the meeting over to our new President, Karen Newman, who said she was looking forward to continuing the work of making the Pickleball Area a fun place to meet and play Pickleball, and to make it as welcoming as possible. She will be overseeing the ongoing Beautification of our site : installation of cement, sheds, bathrooms, communication board... She also encouraged feedback of any kind from the members.

XII - Open Mic

- Penny Marsh wondered why the Championship always seemed to be scheduled the same weekend as Merrymakers. Mike answered that we reserve our dates a year ahead. The problem was resolved when Lorraine Robbins informed us that Merrymakers was scheduled for March 5th next year. So, no conflict next year.
- John French asked about plans to redress the retaining wall. Mike answered that Mitch was aware of the situation and monitoring it.
- Tina Sheree opined on the fact that the paddle system was causing organizational problems when switching over from regular flow to Winners/ Losers. Karen explained that they would introduce a colored flag that would indicate to all players what system was being used at that time. All players should be treated fairly at the moment where the switch is being made.
- Dave Garel asked the Treasurer about interest being paid on our Savings Account. Fred explained that the Club is a Not-for-Profit organization and would pay income tax if we got into higher interest rates. The new Board would need to review this question.

Karen moved to adjourn, Katie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3 :47pm. Social followed, organized by Debbie and the Social Committee. Thank you to all these volunteers!