

## BRACEBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB AGM - 2020

WELCOME:

CALL TO ORDER

Motion: To call the 2020 Bracebridge Tennis Club Annual Meeting to order.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

All in favour:

Good afternoon, and thank you to all of you who have taken the time to attend the Bracebridge Tennis Club Annual General Meeting for 2020- ZOOM VERSION. We have had to learn to adapt and develop some new skills during this COVID year - among them our ZOOM skills. I am grateful that we have the means to meet virtually and to attend to necessary BTC business.

On behalf of the BTC members I want to thank Lori MacDonald at the Town of Bracebridge who is once again devoting her time to facilitate this ZOOM conference. Thank you Lori for your support and patience!

Before we proceed with business, I want to take a moment to remember our long time member Mike Brown who passed away this summer doing the thing he so loved- playing tennis. He was a presence on the court and he is missed.

Our first order of business is to approve the minutes for the 2019 AGM.

Motion: To approve the minute for the 2019 AGM as distributed.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

All in favour:

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

As I sat down to gather my thoughts for my report on the 2020 tennis season I had a difficult time getting past the thought that 2020 has been to quote the Queen “an annus horribulus.” It’s been a horrible year. But when I pause and consider I can see that some good has come out of the unique challenges we have faced these past seven months. I believe we have developed a deeper appreciation for the privilege to be able to get out and play tennis with wonderful people in a beautiful setting. And we have deepened our appreciation for friends who with humour and empathy bolster our spirits when the uncertainty of these times overwhelms us.

We must also acknowledge the ongoing support and guidance the Town of Bracebridge, particularly the director of recreation Cindy O’Regan and her staff have provided the BTC this past year. Cindy and I were and continue to be in regular contact. She was able to provide the guidance to ensure that the tennis club conducted itself in compliance with the guidelines provided by the provincial government and the local health unit. All guidances and restrictions were determined with the safety of local residents and visitors as the number one priority. I have expressed the members’ appreciation to the Town in my most recent communication.

I want to thank you, the members, who cooperated with the restrictions put in place early in the season. We are in a unique situation- a private club utilizing a public space and as such we

must continue to do our part in adhering to public health guidelines for the wellbeing of our members and others who use the tennis courts.

Next, I want to thank the schedulers who have done as a wonderful job in providing us with competitive and varied play this season:

Men's Advanced- Daniel Gallant  
Men's Open - Darren Hales  
Ladies Advanced- Sharron Rumph  
Ladies Open - Lori Green and Margaret Gallant  
Mixed Open- Virginia Watts  
Mixed Advanced - Cathy Dunphy

We greatly appreciate your efforts and we are so excited to announce that you have all agreed to continue on in the scheduler's role next season.

Next I want to express my deep appreciation for the efforts of the Board of Directors - Sharron Rumph, Thelma Yates, Susanne Collins, Paula King and Margaret Gallant. While in these Covid times some of our activities were curtailed or made impossible, the executive had added stresses: We had to make difficult decisions and communicate some unpleasant updates to the membership that were not unanimously well-received. The members of the executive held each other up- well, they certainly kept me upright!

I especially need to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Margaret who has done such a stellar job at communicating with the membership and making sure all our ongoing administrivia is looked after appropriately. In an abnormal year we have all worked hard to maintain our accountability and standards.

As we plan for the relocation to Kerr Park site where we will enjoy three courts dedicated to tennis and we will have access to a fourth court purposed for both tennis and pickle ball, we will be working closely with the town to ensure a smooth and successful transition next year.

The Town has awarded the contract to Bourassa and work could begin in the next few weeks. The goal is to have our Spring 2021 opening day on the new courts at Kerr Park.

We will also be making an accounting of costs for the move above and beyond the club's share in the repainting and refurbishing of the courts. Additional fittings such as a second dividing curtain, a new storage shed and possible replacements of nets and straps will need to be accounted for in our fiscal planning.

The relocation of the tennis courts will facilitate the Town's recreation plan focused on providing centrally located sports venues for the town's youth. The Kelvin Grove courts will be repurposed for basketball and ball hockey.

An additional focus for 2021 will be continuing to work with the town to provide input and feedback as the plans for the multi-use community complex move forward. As you are aware the inclusion of two indoor tennis courts is part of the design for the field house portion of the facility. The Town of Bracebridge is committed to making this facility a reality and we are very appreciative of their efforts.

Finally, I am confident that the BTC membership will continue to grow. While we lost a few members this year, we gained new ones and relatively younger ones at that! This is a trend we would like to encourage next season. In a few moments we will be voting on the approval of the 2021 BTC Board of Directors and I and the other current directors could not be more thrilled to

have new names added to the list. We are planning for and indeed hastening our own replacements.

Again, while it has been a particularly challenging year, tennis for me personally, has been a respite from many of the stresses off the court and I want to thank each of you for your participation and support.

I would now ask for a motion to accept the President's Report.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

All in favour:

And now I will hand it over to Susanne Collins for the Treasurers Report.

Thank you Susanne for keeping our accounts in order. It amazes me how between Thelma's wrangling of members and the crazy flow and collection of fees you are able to sort it all out and make the financial sheet balance!

We will now move to the approval of the 2021 BTC Board of Directors.

(READ THE BOARD SHEET)

Can we have a motion to approve the 2021 BTC Board of Directors.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

All those in favour:

Before we adjourn, I would just like to add that Norma Schuyler has agreed to take curate the BTC online presence and we will be sharing more information about our FB page and other sites in the months ahead- if we can just remember the passwords!

In closing- wherever you are sheltering in place in the next few months please stay well, stay safe, think of us here in the frozen north and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in person next year!

Can we have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Move by:

Seconded by:

All those in favour: