

Capital Region Tennis Association (CRTA)
Annual General Meeting – November 24, 2008
Odell Lodge, Fredericton

ATTENDING:

Carla Rasmussen, Helen Hutchison, Tim Smith, Paola Marusic, Jean Denning, Velvet Howe, Marc André Morais, Andrew Rouse, Ruth Mullin, Shaun Davis, Mark Thibault, Rao Byrapaneni, Jackie Dunn, Sandy Macdonald, Barb Ramsay, John Bowles, Shirley Ann Bowles, David Piers, Rocky Knight, Randy Piercey, Lucie Davis, Shawn Davis, David Clark, Rose Arsenault, David Kelly

Call to Order - 6:40 p.m.

1. Minutes from previous annual meeting

The minutes from the previous annual meeting, held September 27, 2007, were approved as written.

Approval of minutes: David Piers moved, Andrew Rouse seconded, unanimous approval

2. President's report (reported by David Clark, see attached)

David Clark gave a detailed report on 2008 CRTA activities and accomplishments, as well as an update on the indoor community tennis facility, as outlined in attached document.

Indoor Facility Update

- A fixed structure is our goal at a cost of \$1.2 million
- A bubble would be our fall back option at a cost of \$665K
- Fundraising stages include private donations, local businesses, national endowment boards, appropriate levels of government. The timeline for fundraising has been adjusted slightly because of economic downturn. Private donations are being secured (\$225K to date), local businesses will be approached mid/late 2009, national endowment boards and government in late 2009.
- Tennis Canada will provide CRTA with access to their full time fundraiser (Jennifer Carn).
- Tennis will be the primary activity, with secondary use by volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, basketball, and others.
- No child will be refused play
- Discussion took place around surface options, membership fees and benefits.

David Kelly, city counsellor, encouraged the CRTA to continue its efforts to grow the sport of tennis in our region and to move the indoor facility mandate forward.

Adoption of report: Helen Hutchison moved, Sandy Macdonald seconded, unanimous approval

3. Treasurer's report – as of November 24, 2008 (reported by Helen Hutchison)

Balance of Account Transferred	1,106
New Income :	
Transfer of Bank Acct Rob Jackson	1,497
Donations	300
Team Tennis Net Proceeds	415
Tournaments	<u>1,280</u>
Total Income	<u>3,492</u>
Expenses:	
Promotions - Gift Certificate	110
Memberships - Tennis NB	60
Tennis Instructors Course Fees	700
Office Supplies	304
Web Hosting (Apr 08 - Apr 09)	407
Tournament Expenses	<u>667</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,249</u>
Bank Balance November 24, 2008	<u><u>2,350</u></u>

Adoption of report: David Clark moved, Velvet Howe seconded, unanimous approval

4. Committee Reports

A) School Liaison/Junior Development Committee (reported by Shaun Davis)

- A professional development session was held for all elementary level physical education mentors and physical education teachers in school districts 17 and 18. The response was excellent and support from Tennis Canada and Tennis NB very appreciated.
- \$5000. was donated by the CRTA to middle schools in school districts 17 and 18 to purchase “tennis in a bag” kits. These kits were very well received and help schools build capacity for tennis. All physical education teachers in middle schools are using the kits and tennis is now seen more often as an extracurricular activity.
- Fredericton, Leo Hayes and Oromocto High Schools also purchased these kits. Oromocto uses their kit daily.
- Garth Wade, GNB Supervisor of Physical Education, is fully supportive of building capacity for tennis in our schools. Follow up professional development is planned.
- Mark Pepin has been hired to teach tennis full time over the fall term. Among other activities, Mark organized a middle school tennis tournament, the first of its kind in the region. It's expected that a middle school tournament will be run again next year as well as a high school tournament.

Adoption of report: Rose Arsenault moved, David Piers seconded, unanimous approval

B) Programming Committee (reported by Carla Rasmussen)

- Carla reported on the team tennis activities organized by her and Sheila Burns. The objective of team tennis this year was to provide opportunities for players of all skill levels to play tennis. The season was shorter this year than last and there were more subs. A total of 11 teams took part with 10 substitutes, totalling 54 participants. The season ending social gathering at Paul Arsenault's house was a success with 30 people attending.
- A suggestion was made to consider organizing 2 leagues next year, one for newer tennis players and another for more seasoned players.

C) Tennis NB (reported by Mark Thibault)

- Tennis NB purchased \$5000. worth of "tennis in a bag" kits so that schools received \$10,000. worth of tennis equipment in total this year.
- Mark has explored some options around an interim indoor tennis court until the community facility becomes a reality (e.g., preliminary conversations with UNB around access to the soccer bubble).

D) Membership/Media Relations Committee (reported by Rose Arsenault)

- CRTA provided members of City Council with a CRTA Overview document to profile tennis in our region. The document was prepared in reaction to the City revisiting the Grant-Harvey arena complex which is the proposed site of our indoor community tennis centre.
- Two newsletters were distributed to members this past year – fall 2007 and spring 2008.
- CRTA presentations were made at City Council meetings and separately with City staff and/or members of Council (e.g., David Kelly, Bruce Grandy, Wayne Tallon).
- Our website has been maintained throughout the year and we receive emails regularly from tennis enthusiasts in the region.
- CRTA business cards were made and were distributed by players at city area courts throughout the summer. This is a good way to profile our association, its free membership and our website.
- Growing Tennis: CRTA shared information electronically and via meeting attendance with Dieppe, Riverview, Moncton relative to Indoor Tennis.

E) Tournament Updates

- CRTA hosted several tournaments, under the direction of John Jarratt. Mark Thibault was also a key supporter of our tournaments.
- Many of our local competitive players take part in tournaments throughout the province. Support from the Fredericton region is strong with many of our players being successful.
- Randy Piercy and Rao Byrapaneni won the national masters (55+) division in Nova Scotia this August.

F) Tennis Instruction Committee (reported by Randy Piercy)

- Tennis lessons were reintroduced to Oromocto. The numbers were small but those that attended really enjoyed it.

- Tennis lessons also took place in Fredericton and New Maryland. Participants really enjoyed learning the game. In the future, emails should be exchanged early in the lessons and participants should be encouraged to contact each other to play.
- There appears to be a lot of interest in private lessons.

5. Election of 2009 Officers

President	David Clark
Vice President	Rose Arsenault
2 nd Vice President	Brent Howe
Treasurer	Helen Hutchison
Secretary	Barb Ramsay
School Liaison/Junior Development	Shaun Davis
Programming	Carla Rasmussen and co-chair
Tennis Instruction	<i>~ to be filled ~</i>
Media Relations/Membership	Rose Arsenault (co-chair to be identified)
Tournaments	<i>~ to be filled ~</i>
Senior Tennis	Rocky Knight
Sponsorship/Fundraising	Andy Rouse, Rose Arsenault, Sandy Macdonald, David /Clark
CTC Promotions/Operations	<i>~ to be filled ~</i>
CTC Building	Tim Smith

Motion: that board members, as named, be appointed for the upcoming year
 Moved: Tim Smith
 Seconded: Rose Arsenault
 ~ unanimous ~

Motion: that an auditor be appointed to oversee the financial statements of the CRTA
 Moved: Andrew Rouse
 Seconded: Ruth Mullin
 ~ unanimous ~

Motion: to end the meeting
 Moved: Marc Andre Morais
 Seconded: Carla Rasmussen
 ~ unanimous ~