



Etobicoke Pickleball Association

Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Feb. 9, 2021 – 7:02 PM via Zoom

42 Attendees

Item	Discussion	Action	Responsibility/Date
Meeting call to order	<p>John Cameron welcomed everyone to the AGM, acknowledged that quorum was established, and motioned to call the meeting to order.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to call meeting to order: 1st: B. Hounsell 2nd: P. Correale Motion - passed</p>	N/A	N/A

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President's Message	<p>John presented background on the establishment of the EPA and acknowledged the many individuals that contributed along the way to a successful 1st year. The key goals, activities and results of the EPA were also reviewed including information on: advocacy efforts, resources built, community events delivered and our efforts to drive awareness/participation.</p> <p>Net results for 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EPA added multiple indoor time slots for our members 2. EPA encouraged and achieved 12 newly painted courts at 9 locations 3. EPA encouraged and achieved a 3 court outdoor dedicated pickleball location as part of the Centennial Park revitalization master plan. <p>Net City request is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve and expand both indoor and outdoor pickleball locations to play. 2. More lines on tennis courts for pickleball play. Priority locations to be taken care of first. 3. Explore and create dedicated "purpose built" outdoor pickleball locations to play. <p>Mention was made of a front-page article (link) in the Etobicoke Guardian that featured John's deputation to the Toronto City Budget Committee.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the President's Message: 1st: J. Charbin 2nd: J. Strong Motion - passed</p>	N/A	N/A

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<p>Treasurer's Report B. Pusateri</p>	<p>Financial statement as of Dec. 31 – 2021:</p> <p>The EPA bank balance was \$1657.16</p> <p>Revenue of \$6070 sourced from: Membership registration - \$3230.00 Sponsorship - \$1800.00 Gym rental fees - \$1040.00</p> <p>Expenses included: Event fees (prizes, balls, first aid): \$1473.87 Gym rental: \$1543.37 Website: \$847.50 Advertising/Banner: \$354.80 Banking Fees: \$193.30</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: 1st: G. Taylor 2nd: A. Kwiatkowski Motion - passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Vice President's Report M. Petruccelli</p>	<p>Marc outlined how our generous sponsors have been instrumental in our ability to host 2 successful tournaments as well as offset other costs. In addition to financial support, we were fortunate to receive food, drinks, welcome packages, gift cards, balls and prizes. Marc encouraged all EPA members to support our local sponsors. In addition, he requested that if anybody knows of anyone that might be interested in becoming an EPA sponsor to please reach out to him for next steps.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the VP Report: 1st: P. Correale 2nd: M. Nemni Motion - passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>Director, Programs P. Reilly</p>	<p>Penny reviewed the many activities provided by the EPA in 2021 in order to promote interest, attract players and build our pickleball community.</p> <p>Events included: learn to play sessions, indoor play opportunities, ladder leagues (3), tournaments (2) and beginner days (17). All were deemed successful and were very well attended.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the Programs report: 1st: J. Heaps 2nd: B. Pusateri Motion - passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Director, Communications B. Yatabe</p>	<p>Brenda outlined that one of the EPA's goals is to be a resource to our membership and keep players informed and connected. The EPA's most significant communication efforts included the website and newsletters.</p> <p>Brenda also recapped membership registrations which finished the year at 323 players.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the Communications report: 1st: G. Taylor 2nd: J. Heaps Motion - passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Election of 2022 Board of Directors</p>	<p>All current board members offered to continue in their roles for 2022.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to elect the current board members for 2022: 1st: A. Kwiatkowski 2nd: G. Taylor Motion - passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Election of New Board Member	<p>On Jan. 5th, 2022, the EPA had requested any players interested in becoming a board member to submit a nomination for either themselves or another person. Rob Krizmanich stepped forward and expressed interest in helping forward the goals and objectives of the EPA. John spoke highly about Rob’s tremendous talent, good spirit and willingness to help support the EPA.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to add Rob Krizmanich to the existing board: 1st: M. Nemni 2nd: B. Pusateri Motion - passed</p>	N/A	N/A
Length of term discussion	<p>John brought forward a motion that Board members be elected to serve a 2 year term.</p> <p>J.Cameron requested a motion to change the term to 2 years. 1st:: G.Taylor 2nd: R.Vine There was discussion that Board members be elected in a staggered manner (they don’t all renew at the same time) in order to ensure continuity.</p>	John to initiate further discussion with current board and bring forward a recommendation	John Prior to next AGM
Award Presentation	<p>John Cameron recognized two individuals for their outstanding contribution to the EPA and our pickleball community. Thank you.</p> <p><u>Awards of Excellence:</u> Leadership – BRENDA YATABE Ambassador – ROSS HA</p>	N/A	N/A
Questions/Other Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A question was raised as to whether the EPA will be helping facilitate regional mini tournaments similar to what was held in Hamilton last year. John commented that this is indeed in the plan for the summer season. 2) A suggestion was made that the EPA create a sponsorship package that can be used to encourage new sponsors. 3) Suggestion was brought forward to promote pickleball through curling clubs by leveraging “business cards”. High Park Club (Annette) and Dixie (Andrew). 	<p>EPA to facilitate opportunities to play with other pickleball groups outside of Etobicoke</p> <p>EPA to create sponsorship package</p> <p>Supply Annette and Andrew with cards or promo material</p>	<p>EPA Summer Season</p> <p>Marc Mar ‘22</p> <p>John or Brenda Feb ‘22</p>

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Adjournment	John thanked everyone for attending and for their positive contribution to the meeting. J. Cameron requested a motion to adjourn at 7:49 PM: 1 st : G. Taylor 2 nd : A. Kwiatkowski Motion - passed		