



Etobicoke Pickleball Association

2023 Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Feb. 5, 2024 – 7:04PM held at the Etobicoke Olympium

25 Attendees

Item	Discussion	Action	Responsibility/Date
Meeting call to order	<p>John Cameron welcomed everyone to the AGM, acknowledged quorum was established, and motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:04PM</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to call meeting to order:</p> <p>1st: S. Worrod 2nd: G. Taylor</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	N/A	N/A
2023 AGM Agenda	<p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the 2023 AGM Agenda</p> <p>1st: P. Brewin 2nd: M. Penton</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	N/A	N/A

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<p>President's Report</p>	<p>John began his report of 2023 by recapping our four main objectives as an Association: member advocacy with the city, serve as a resource, build a sense of community and grow participation/awareness of pickleball.</p> <p>EPA has been instrumental in the establishment of pickleball lines on 85 tennis courts at 45 locations across Etobicoke/West Toronto including a pickleball exclusive location at Valleyfield Park (tennis court removed). In addition, there are exciting projects underway at Prince of Wales (3 courts), Rotary Park (3 courts) and Centennial Park (12 courts) for the 2024 summer playing season.</p> <p>EPA ran numerous activities over the year to grow participation and community including: four tournaments, four leagues, special events (National Pickleball Day, Happy New Year) as well as 40 training sessions (500 players) throughout the year. In addition, EPA volunteers assist in running "Beginner Play Days" where players new to the game can meet and further develop their skills.</p> <p>EPA also purchased indoor permit time at Ken Cox, Ourland CC, Our Lady of Sorrows and the Etobicoke Olympium to support winter play. Dixie Curling Club was also rented for a May/June league. Court time is in very high demand and we continue to ask the City for additional time/space.</p> <p>In February, several EPA members were featured on a Global TV program called "The New Reality" that spoke about the popularity of pickleball all across Canada.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the President's Message:</p> <p>1st: J. Healey 2nd: N. Rey</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>Treasurer's Report B. Pusateri</p>	<p>Financial statement as of Dec. 31 – 2023:</p> <p>At year end EPA had \$24,359.65 in the bank plus a \$20,000 GIC.</p> <p>Gross income totalled \$46,550.04 sourced from membership registrations, sponsorships, tournaments, training and recouped gym rental fees.</p> <p>Expenses were driven by running events plus fees associated with: gym rentals, training, insurance, website hosting, banking, Square, Jotform, Playtime Scheduler and MailChimp.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>1st: G. Taylor 2nd: P. Brewin</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Vice President's Report M. Petruccelli</p>	<p>Marc thanked all of our 2023 sponsors and acknowledged the support of those that have agreed to invest with us for multiple years. Additionally, he highlighted new sponsors for this year including our two gold level partners.</p> <p>The cost of sponsorship is \$1500 (Gold sponsor) and \$150 for a website banner plus rotating newsletter support.</p> <p>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 reach out to Marc or John.</p> <p>Marc also recapped our participation in two community events: Picklefest and Division 22 Police Picnic.</p> <p>J. Cameron requested a motion to approve the VP Report: 1st: G. Wynott 2nd: M. Wallis</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Approval of updated Bylaws	<p>As per a 2022 AGM motion, new Bylaws were brought forward to ensure we address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compliance with the Canada Not-for-Profit Act - Continuity of the EPA - Board nomination and term policies <p>John formally thanked the three key members of the Governance sub-committee established last year: Joanne Durst, Cindy Eveline and Serge Gattesco for all of their efforts in pulling this document together. The new Bylaws will be available on our website.</p> <p>J. Cameron put forward a motion for approval of the new Bylaws</p> <p>1st: J. Cameron 2nd: S. Worrod</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	N/A	N/A
Re-election of 2024 Board of Directors	<p>The terms for all of the existing Board members have expired. Four incumbents were seeking re-election including: John Cameron, Marc Petruccelli, Bonnie Pusateri and Brenda Yatabe. It was noted that Penny Reilly resigned her position mid-2023, as she moved out of the City, and Rob Krizmanich will be moving from a Director role to an Advisor role.</p> <p>John noted that three positions will be re-elected for a two-year term and three positions will be elected for a one-year term (including two new Directors) in order to ensure that all Board positions do not come up for re-election at the same time.</p> <p>John requested a motion to re-elect the four incumbents as per the recommended election cycle.</p> <p>1st: J. Healey 2nd: S. Gattesco</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	N/A	N/A

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Election of New Board Members	<p>The EPA Board is recommending two new candidates to fill vacant Board positions.</p> <p>Joan Healey Beckie Scarrow</p> <p>Both candidates bring experience and passion to the Board and we are looking forward to working with them.</p> <p>John brought forward a motion to elect these two individuals to fill the vacant Board positions for a one-year term:</p> <p>1st: H. Siedlak 2nd: N. Rey</p> <p>Motion passed</p>	N/A	N/A
Award Presentation	<p>John Cameron recognized three outstanding individuals for their contribution to the EPA and our pickleball community.</p> <p>Awards of Excellence: Leadership Award – Marc Petruccelli Ambassador Award –George Wynott, Adriana Nedelcu</p>	N/A	N/A
Questions/Other Business	<p>There was a question regarding the biggest challenges EPA faces in securing indoor court time. John outlined that demand is high for gym space from other sports/organizations but we continue to ask and secure additional hours whenever possible (as we did in December once Parks & Rec registered play was completed, as an example).</p> <p>A question was asked regarding whether we would recommend keeping nets up over the winter at new pickleball-only venues. Further discussion required. Directionally, it is felt it would be in our best interest to protect the nets from damage over the winter.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that Fairgrounds (new courts in Cloverdale) could be an opportunity for additional indoor space. John confirmed EPA will be investigating the possibility of securing playing time for members.</p>	<p>Continue to request additional indoor gym space</p> <p>Further review of pros/cons</p> <p>Follow up with Fairgrounds</p>	<p>John/Brenda</p> <p>All</p> <p>Board Feb. '24 John/Brenda to arrange meeting</p>

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Adjournment	J. Cameron requested a motion to adjourn at 8:01 PM: 1 st : G. Taylor 2 nd : M. Penton Motion passed	N/A	N/A