

**TENNIS MANITOBA  
Board Meeting**

**Summary Notes**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2009  
6:00pm**

**Sport Manitoba  
200 Main Street**

**PRESENT:** Jim Millican (President), Bruce Waschuk (Vice-President), Romilyn LaCap, Dave McNicol, Hart Pollack, David Scrapneck, Lee Carter, Bill Rannard, Rick Bochinski (Executive Director), Brigitte Epp (Admin Assistant)

**REGRETS:** Ernest Cholakis (Treasurer), Kris Robins, Ainsley Bishop, Jamie Mercury

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Jim Millican called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

**2. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2008 (acceptance/changes):**

Motion by David S. and seconded, "to accept the minutes of December 1, 2008".

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

Committee Structure

Jim informed the Board of the committee structure for the upcoming year:

High Performance – Hart Pollack (Chair), Dave McNicol, Lee Carter, Jamie Mercury

Competitive Structure – Bruce Waschuk (Chair), David Scrapneck

Community Development – Romilyn LaCap (Chair), Bill Rannard, Jim Millican

Resource – Kris Robins, Ainsley Bishop, Ernest Cholakis

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### Competitive Structure Committee

- the Manitoba Open will be held July 10-19, 2009
- the tournament schedule (February-May, 2009) is ready to be posted to the website
- in tandem with High Performance, the committee will undertake a review of the qualification process for the Outdoor Nationals
- the committee will encourage Tournament Directors to run the 3.5 and 4.5 events over a 3-4 day period and then the Open events over a 3-4 day period for the convenience of the players

##### Resource Development

- Bruce submitted a website update which included statistics (monthly unique visitors increased over the year, eNews subscribers increased)
- Google ads have been added to the website, which will make us money when people click on the ads

#### **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Jim mentioned that he was part of a conference call with Tennis Canada and the Council of Provinces. Hatem congratulated Tennis Manitoba on the success of the banquet and the funds raised. Jim will be attending the Tennis Canada Semi-Annual meeting on March 7, 2009 in Toronto.

A suggestion was made to send Hatem/Tennis Canada a thank you letter and token of appreciation for their support of the banquet. A suggestion was also made that the same be done for the title sponsor.

Jim welcomed Brigitte to the Board meetings as minute taker.

#### **6. PRAIRIE ALLIANCE REPORT**

Rick distributed a draft of the Strategic Plan on behalf of Rufus. Rufus will be submitting a combined plan to Tennis Canada at the beginning of February which will include Tennis Saskatchewan.

#### **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Rick reported that the Tennis Manitoba office will be re-located to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor as of March, 2009. In December, 2009 Tennis Manitoba, and all of the other PSOs, will move to a new location, north of the Manitoba Museum on Alexander Avenue.

A decision needs to be made regarding the distribution of the profits from the Awards Banquet. A lengthy discussion was held and a decision was made that the HP Committee and Rufus should bring forward a recommendation to the next Board meeting.

The Hall of Fame sign and plaques are ready to be put up at Taylor Tennis.

The Board was encouraged to review the goals and objectives in the Strategic Plan and to provide suggestions for change to Rick and Rufus.

#### **8. 2009 MANITOBA OPEN HOST CLUB**

Two clubs submitted requests to host the 2009 Manitoba Open: Kildonan Tennis Club and Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club.

Motion that “Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club be chosen as the host of the 2009 Manitoba Open”.

**CARRIED**

#### **9. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Rick distributed a draft of the budget and highlighted the fact that this initial draft reflects a deficit situation. Each committee was asked to review the Strategic Plan that was distributed in concert with the budget and bring forward recommendations as to programs and events for the upcoming year.

#### **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

The feedback was very positive regarding the first edition of First Serve. Discussion was held as to the frequency of production, with suggestions of three or four times per year (banquet issue, tournament issue, MB Open issue, and perhaps a fall issue). In an effort to help offset costs a rate card has been developed and will be given to prospective advertisers.

The Board approved a profit sharing formula for the Executive Director for the 2008 Manitoba Open in an effort to generate sponsorships and program advertisements.

#### **11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Sport Manitoba, 200 Main Street.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.