

**TENNIS MANITOBA
BOARD MEETING**

Summary Notes

**Wednesday, September 3, 2008
6:00pm**

**Sport Manitoba
200 Main Street**

PRESENT: Jim Millican (President), Bruce Waschuk (Vice-President), Ernest Cholakis (Treasurer), Hart Pollack, Dave McNicol, Romilyn LaCap, Michele Sen, David Scrapneck, Jamie Mercury, Rufus Nel (Prairie Alliance Manager), Rick Bochinski (Executive Director)

REGRETS: Geoff Kirbyson, Kris Robins, Ryan Rolston

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

2. MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2008 (acceptance/changes):

Motion carried, "to accept the minutes of August 13, 2008".

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Awards Banquet

Tennis Canada has confirmed the availability of Philip Bester and Ellis Ferreira for November 26th. A committee will be formed very quickly to plan details for the event.

3.2 Manitoba Open Men's Doubles

Motion carried "that Tennis Manitoba support the decision of the Tournament Referee at the Manitoba Open and withhold the prize money from Doug DeVriendt and Evan Mancer due to the fact that both players did not appear for their semi-final match."

CARRIED

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 High Performance Committee

4.1.1 2009 Canada Summer Games Tryouts

Invitations have been sent to the top 5 girls in each of the U14, U16 and U18 age groups and the top 10 boys in the U16 and U18 age groups based on the Junior Tour rankings.

Head Coach, Peter Otto, will receive assistance from Robert Kennedy, Sean LaCap and one member of the High Performance Committee in making the selection of the players for the training team.

Motion carried “that Tennis Manitoba invite the top 10 boys in the U14 age group in the Junior Tour rankings to the Canada Games tryouts.”

CARRIED

4.2 Community Development Committee

4.2.1 Building Tennis Communities Initiative

Based on discussions that Rick and Rufus have had with potential Community Champions over the past few weeks, it appears that Dauphin, Stonewall and South Winnipeg will be additions to the BTC family in Manitoba for the upcoming year.

4.2.2 Tennis Pathway

Rufus outlined his plans for the development of a tennis pathway that will include the organization of programs in schools, community centers, Parks & Recreation departments, BTCs and clubs.

4.3 Competitive Structure Committee

A Tournament Directors meeting was held on August 21st to solicit feedback on the past season and seek input on possible changes for the upcoming year. The following topics were discussed:

1. Tournament Levels (3.0, 4.0, 5.0)

There was considerable discussion about the idea of adding more levels to the current tournaments, which presently consist of 3.5, 4.5 and Open.

2. Player rating

It was agreed that regardless of which tournament format is used, Tennis Manitoba needs to rate all tournament players so that eligibility for 3.5 and 4.5 events is clear. Rick will create an initial list and send to all coaches for review.

3. Seeding

As a guideline, the number 1 ranked player should keep their spot as the # 1 seed. The suggestion was made that other ranked players could be dropped by as many as 2 spots based on discretionary seeds for good players that do not have points.

4. Other Suggestions/Comments

- Players from out of province should be entered in Open events only unless they can provide information otherwise.
- Put Senior Tour and Junior Tour tournaments on same weekends
- Tournament fatigue has become evident this summer, with too many tournaments back to back
- Establish a “Masters Cup” tournament at the end of August before the Taylor Indoor tournament, with the top 8 players in each category

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Nominating Committee needs to be in place by September 15th. Michele has agreed to Chair the committee and we will look for two others to join the committee.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Geoff Kirbyson has submitted his resignation and will no longer be serving on the Board.

Motion carried “that Ainsley Bishop be added to the Board of Directors.”

CARRIED

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:00pm at Sport Manitoba, 200 Main Street.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.