

1.0 Call to Order: 1930 hours

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

passed

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Pepe 2nd: Gianni

passed

3.A Indoor Committee Report (David)

David reports the committee has been super active. The highlight was the deputation before council. The city recommends option three on the golf course. We prefer option one. City Council deferred its decision to grant us land access. The city will come back with better estimates of its costing and we will have another chance to present to council. Pasi and David will meet with NOHFC in April to discuss extending the funding. He also discussed how we'd like to meet with Terry regarding the operational and logistics side of the construction and running it afterwards.

Deb said she was encouraged by the city report and it seems that they really want to help us with this project. Deb and David were both very positive about council's comments about our project. David is positive the city will help us with additional costs to the project. David said we would have to have a Town Hall and plebiscite for our membership to approve the location after we get the land.

Mark asked if the city would contribute towards a steel structure with a forgivable loan as we'd have significant savings on utilities. Pasi investigated steel structures. A steel structure would cost at least \$4.5 million more, not including the pilings. If we were part of the turf facility it would cost the city an additional \$9 million, or 6 million more than our project. David said of course we want a steel structure but it's beyond our budget. Let's finish our project and perhaps look at steel in the future. Pass added after a 20-year life cycle our energy cost would be \$2.5M in present value. So, total cost for construction plus energy is about \$6M. He said a rigid structure becomes more advantageous in years 28 or 29.

Mark thanked Pasi for doing a comprehensive analysis so that our membership can see we have done our due diligence.

David mentioned we need to fill two positions on the Indoor Committee.

Motion: Deb motioned we add Kevin Cleghorn and Mark Piovesana our indoor committee. Pasi 2nd

Passed

4.0 Finance and Audit (Deb)

We had a final deficit of \$8000 which is not bad considering the Court One repair cost \$28,000 and additional costs with salaries higher than other years.

Action Item: Deb and Mark will create a budget for the upcoming year

**Motion by Deb: to accept the financial statements done by Derek Tycholas
2nd: Pepe
passed**

Deb wanted to ask for permission to send e-trans payments instead of cheques for payments of \$500 or less. Mark said he must study this.

Action Item: Mark will study payments using e-trans with respect to internal controls

5.0 City of Thunder Bay (Paul)

The court resurfacing tender closes April 26. He hopes that there is more than one bidder.

Paul said the clubhouse may open May long weekend based on weather forecast. May 5th we can put the porta potties out.

For court lighting, we are not eligible for a \$10,000 rebate that we budgeted for. Paul will be meeting with contractors regarding what we can do about our lighting issues. The city is thinking they may not have enough money for the project.

Paul reminded us Neighbor Day is June 18th, and the city wants all community centers and sports facilities to plan something. On that day you can plan parties and activities. We should have an open house that day. The city may have around \$300 for us for that day.

Action Item: watch for more from Paul regarding Neighbor Day

The city pays half the cost of the porta potty and will do so again this year.

6.0 Head Pro's Report (Brendan)

Brendan informed us Mark Piovesana, Leanne Ryder, and Marcus Grillo will be our assistants this year.

7.0 Force Academy (Brendan and Kristine)

Kristine explained how the Academy has been beneficial to the competitive development of the players. This will be its second year. She said junior development and private lessons don't hit the mark for competitive players. She said Brendan has all the requirements to run this program. The goal this year is to travel to some OTA sanctioned events. The Academy this year would like to have 8 athletes. The numbers are lower because Force has lost two coaches. It will be 8 weeks long and utilize two courts and two coaches. Jouni will handle dryland training. There will also be a dietitian and they hope to have some sports psychology training. Force would like five hours of court time per week this summer on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:30 and Tuesdays court 1 6:30-9:30 with back to back classes. Jouni explained how it is a collaborative effort between various coaches to

maximize the ability of the athletes. He has a lot of experience teaching athletes in various countries around the world. Kristine emphasized there was a gap that existed and this is for the kids to maximize their ability.

Deb said having an elite group of eight is not right in a public organization with many juniors. Kristine said it's an elite program. There is advanced junior development and advanced competitive junior development for more competitive players. Jouni reminded us there are only 11 players on the local Lakers baseball team. That's the way it is. He said these are the kids who want to be there, you don't have to force them to get out there. They are driven. Pepe asked if they could move their ratio to six to one or eight to one. He was also concerned about the kids who will find out the program is over for them. Brendan said pulling kids aside for tips is hard with 8 kids as you have 7 kids not being looked at. Kristine is aware some were leaving the program and some aging out.

Mark would like to explore this more before putting forward a motion.

Kristine says she is in the process of incorporating so they can apply for grants.

Nick said afternoons are better but Galen works and Brendan won't know his schedule.

8.0 Mid Canada (Brendan)

Brendan isn't sure it's a good idea as we're running late and haven't started looking for sponsors. Also, we're not sure about Covid and player travel. Deb says we need a committee that starts now. Gianni agreed but thinks it's a great event and we should try to make it happen.

Action Item: Brendan, Deb and Pepe will release something to members asking for help with the Mid Canada

9.0 Tournaments and Draws

The tournament committee has met and discussed entry deadlines, start dates, a Tournament Director, a ranking system. He also met with Luke from Sporty HQ, the software platform. We can try it for a couple months. It's \$20/month for the tournament module. Deb said SportyHQ has a booking system and is cheaper than last year's system. Our present system is \$90 USD per month. SportyHQ is \$20 Canadian. Nick said we could have it all on the same platform. Automatic results by email can go to the newspaper, automatic draws made, it handles payments, so Nick thought it was great. Mark thinks it's late so we should try it out and use it next year. Pepe thinks it's no issue to change systems mid season. We should have one platform. Gianni agreed. We should add the facility management module which can help manage the facility with bulk emails, building memberships among others.

Action Item: We agreed to try the tournament module for \$20 per month

TBCTC MARCH MEETING MINUTES (HELD APR 7)

10.0 Staffing Committee Report (in camera)

11.0 Adjournment 2127 hours

Attendees: Deb, Sheila, Frank, Gianni, Jason, John, Mark, Nick, Pasi, Pepe

Regrets: Jeff, George