

ELMDALE TENNIS CLUB
BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 10, 2024

Present: Dean Purdon (president), Catherine Wood (vice-president), Oliver Saner (treasurer)
Chris Cobb (secretary), Barbara Fischer, Paul Cormack. Apologies: Ted Cohen.

Meeting began: 7.20 p.m.

The Treasurer gave a comprehensive overview of Elmdale's current and projected finances. Full details will be available to members at the clubhouse during the coming season and at the AGM but the Treasurer reported that the club remains on a solid financial footing. This means we are in a position to invest in certain capital projects and comfortably meet other expected costs.

As part of a discussion on staffing, the Board agreed to launch a search for a general manager. The job posting for the GM and stewards has been distributed to members, posted on the club's website and also on Carleton University and the University of Ottawa's job sites. The GM and all stewards will be chosen after an application review and interview process.

Fees for the coming season: There will be a modest increase in fees for the 2024 season to reflect increased costs of most supplies related to both the tennis and social side of the ETC. Included will be a new Har-Tru order, new pole wraps for all lamp standards and a new ball machine. We will inform members of the 2024 fee structure in due course.

The Wall: We expect the City to remove the practice wall either before or shortly after opening. There will be related work to complete and the club will be expected to pay a portion of the costs. We will have more detail closer to the beginning of the season.

Lessons/Camps: Both Chris Halliday and Mariya Toncheva will be returning for the 2024 season. Mariya has indicated she would like to increase her presence at the club and along with Chris, offer extra lessons and camps for younger children. More details as the two pros finalize details.

'Gaming' the booking process: The Board is aware that some members did not play fair when they booked last season on Court Reserve. The Board agreed to communicate further with all members, reminding everyone of the rules. It is a troubling turn of events the Board would rather not have to deal with but if it continues next season, we will be forced to address the matter with the members concerned.

Cancelling courts: The Court Reserve booking process is easy. So is the cancellation process for those members who, for whatever reason, book but are unable to play. Our stewards reported that members were generally considerate of others last season but there were lapses. The Board agreed to repeat the 'cancellation message' to members in forthcoming communiques.

A Cashless Elmdale: We're almost there with Court Reserve and point of sale debit and credit card use for alcohol and other drinks and food from the clubhouse. The Board agreed to study the matter further with a view to making ETC cashless for the 2024 season.

Notice of adjournment. The Board meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.