

Draft pending approval at 2026 AGM

NIPISSING RIDGE TENNIS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Attendees: 27 people participated in the meeting (quorum is 10)

Chair: Laurey Gillies

Recorder: Patti Norris

Location/Zoom: Zoom link distributed by email

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions and Procedural Details

Laurey welcomed and thanked everyone for participating and confirmed that we have quorum.

Attendees were advised that questions were received prior to the meeting (via email) and would also be welcome during the meeting. Questions during the meeting could be entered via the “chat” feature and Sandee Roberts would be monitoring the chat to ensure all questions were answered. The meeting is being recorded only for the purposes of preparing the minutes. Voting is to be done on an “opposed” basis only. Only 2024 members can partake in the voting process.

Laurey introduced the members of the Board and pointed out that two members have been in place since the fall as they were filling vacancies. Laurey thanked the departing members (Shelley Young, Nancy Mazur, Jackie McCluskey) for their hard work and dedication to NRTC. The current board consists of:

- Laurey Gillies – President
- Michael Thompson – Vice President
- Sandee Roberts – Social Director
- Patti Norris – Secretary
- Sandra Church – Membership Director
- Jackie McCluskey – Treasurer

Agenda

Motion: That the April 11, 2024 AGM minutes be approved

Moved: Sandee Roberts

Seconded: Petrina Dolby

Poll: No opposition

Carried

Minutes from the 2024 AGM and Business Arising

Laurey asked for questions or revisions regarding the Minutes and Business Arising. There were no comments or changes.

Motion: That the April 11, 2024 AGM minutes be approved

Moved: Sandee Roberts

Seconded: Shelley Young

Poll: No opposition

Carried

Report from the Board

Laurey reviewed the key points and accomplishments listed in the Report from the Board (also posted on the website).

TBM/NRTC Agreement

Final agreement signed with TBM for our court usage (with annual renewal) subject to review. It addresses facility usage and maintenance, terms, fees, cancellation, insurance and indemnification

Agreement for hours at Boyer and Bayview

The Town has approved additional NRTC hours at two other courts:

Boyer (101 Crossan Court): Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Bayview (60 Bay St East): Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings

Court times at those locations are from 8am to noon and are bookable on Skedda. The Nipissing Ridge courts will remain the hub for our organized activities.

There was discussion concerning whether the courts could be used prior to 8:00 am and Terry Green confirmed that the earliest start time is 8am.

2025 Plans

Organized Social Play (OSP)

OSP will be expanded to 10 weeks and begin June 3rd

It will be open to 72 members with 60 spares

The link for registration opens on the website May 1st and will be on a first come basis

- Women – Wednesday am 9-12
- Men – Tuesday am 9-12
- Mixed doubles – Sunday pm 2-5

Spring Tune-Up

Led by John Long May 12 to 16 – register directly with John. There are 2 clinics each morning (9 and 10 am) – 8 participants each and divided by level.

Additional clinic plans are under development. Thursdays 9 to 11am and Sundays noon to 2pm in June. Led by new Pro Lesley McClure. Paul Harris is also planning to join NRTC as a Pro once he is re-certified.

Private lessons will be available from all three pros. Details will be added to the website when available.

Drop ins

Begins May 19th – tennis balls provided (will be collected at end of drop in to be used in clinics)

- Women – Monday and Friday - 10 – 12
- Men – Wednesday – 3-5
- Mixed – Monday and Friday – 3 – 5

Socials

First social is May 24th (rain date May 25th). Theme is Spring Blossom Smash.

Sandee Roberts (with the help of Marty Kilby) continue to keep us entertained and socialized!

Tournaments

Tournament opportunities with Collingwood Tennis Club are being explored.

Membership Fee

Remains unchanged at \$40

2024 Recap

- Additional hours at NRTC on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Addition of Organized Social Play
- Addition of Spring Tune-up clinics
- Tennis balls supplied to drop ins and OSP
- NRTC branded hats available for purchase
- TBM replacement of the Nipissing Ridge pergola, expanded the path and grading behind court 2
- Membership survey completed

Motion: That the Board Report be received

Moved: Sandra Church

Seconded: Paul Feinstein

Poll: No opposition

Carried

2024 Financials

Jackie reviewed the highlights of the Statement of Operations for the calendar year 2024.

- Membership fees remained at \$40
- Revenue = \$11,574.20
- Expenses = \$9,977.99
- Net surplus = \$1,596.21
- GIC purchase of \$5,000.00
- Bank balance end = \$3,064.75

Motion: That the 2024 Financial report be approved

Moved: Patti Norris

Seconded: Paul Feinstein

Poll: No opposition

Carried

2025 Budget

Laurey reviewed the 2025 budget.

- The budget is based on 325 members (this may shift slightly) due to the overwhelming early sign up
- Membership fee remain \$40
- Anticipating a year end balance of approximately \$1,600.00

Motion: That the 2025 Budget be received

Moved: Paul Feinstein

Seconded: Heather MacNaughton

Poll: No opposition

Carried

Board Elections

The proposed slate is the result of the board recruitment efforts last summer. There were no other nominations.

The following board positions were acclaimed for the next term:

Laurey Gillies – President

Michael Thompson – Vice President

Sandra Church – Membership Director

Sandee Roberts – Social Director

Heather Macnaughton – Treasurer

Patti Norris – Secretary

Remarks from TBM – Terry Green

Terry thanked the board for their work and commented that NRTC is a well organized club. Highlights from Terry's remarks:

- Signage will be posted at Boyer and Bayview indicating NRTC times
- Terry will discuss with the TBM communications team if the change to court availability at Boyer and Bayview could be added to the TBM newsletter (The Review)
- Terry will speak with Marguerite (TBM) to determine if the NRTC bookings can be blocked off on the municipal booking system – he will advise of outcome
- 8:00 am is the time the courts become bookable for Boyer and Bayview
- 6 additional parking spots have been added at Boyer
- Street construction near Bayview courts (on Mill Street) is occurring this summer -parking will be a bit more challenging – park on Cottage Ave on grass
- TBM hopes to resurface Nipissing Ridge in 2026
- Courts will be opened as soon as possible (date to be determined) and NRTC will be advised

Other Business

Laurey commented on the report submitted by Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services to TBM Council on April 7th. The report proposed that TBM work with the Georgian Bay Racquet Initiative (GBRI) to identify properties for a 4-6 court indoor tennis facility and complete an initial feasibility assessment of potential locations and operating models. The proposal was approved and the report is to be submitted to the May 26th Committee of the Whole and June 2nd Council meetings.

Laurey noted that the NRTC Board has had correspondence with GBRI and has stated that we agree with the need for indoor tennis facilities but that the choice of location rests entirely with TBM. NRTC has neither the governance structure nor the capacity to assess the appropriateness of Nipissing Ridge as a location. She also noted that the proposed operating model would leave NRTC to continue as a seasonal club.

Laurey stated that volunteers are always needed and welcome. Sandee asked for help with the May 24th Social as well as one more volunteer for OSP. Please advise if you are able to help out in any way. Laurey asked for an IT volunteer and Kev Rostami offered to assist.

Important Dates

- Our first social is May 24th – Spring Blossom Smash
- We will advise as soon as TBM opens the courts

Adjournment

No other business arose and Laurey adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm