



TORONTO POLO CLUB AGM 2009

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Toronto Polo Club held at Timberlane Country Club in Aurora, Ontario, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 2009 at the hour of 7:00 O'clock in the evening.

Present:

Cliff Sifton
Terra Sifton
John Emery
Annabel Begg
Oliver Szekessy
Takuji Makino
Jennifer Gaylor
Karen White
Lawrence Hyland
Brian O'Leary
Brendon Stenzel

Patrick Hearn
Alix Begg
Elizabeth Hearn
Evan White
Scott Weir
Tim Houlton
Steve Flowers
Mathew Alexander
Alex Boulton

Being a quorum of members.

1. MEETING DULY CONSTITUTED

A quorum of members being present at the meeting the meeting was duly constituted for the transaction of business.

C.M. Sifton – President

J.H. Emery – Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

It was moved by Steve Flowers, seconded by Jennifer Gaylor, and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on October 28, 2008 be adapted as read.

3. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Karen White presented the 2007 and 2008 financial statements (Please see attached financial statements) for approval from the members.

It was moved by Brian O'Leary, seconded by Terra Sifton, and unanimously resolved that the financial statements for the year ended December 31 2007, and the year ended December 31 2008, be approved.

APPROVAL OF DUES FOR 2010

It was announced that the membership dues would remain the same for 2010, therefore no motion for approval was required.

\$5200/ yr: Members playing 6 chukkers or more (includes all tournament entry fees)

\$3200/ yr: Members playing 4 chukkers or less (tournament entry fees are extra)

\$1000/ yr : Junior Members (16yrs – 25yrs)

\$ 500/ yr: Bantam Members (15 yrs and under)

\$1000/yr: Bronze Members (weeknight club polo at Fox Den only)

\$1000/ yr: Professional players (3-goals +)

\$150/ yr: Social Membership

4. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ACCOUNTANT

It was moved by Tim Houlton, seconded by Steve Flowers, and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT Dawn Adams be and is hereby appointed Honorary Accountant of the Club of the ensuing year.

5. APPROVAL OF BY LAWS, CONTRACTS, ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS SINCE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

The question of ratifying all of the acts of the Officers and Directors since the last Annual General Meeting and members was considered and the minutes of the meeting of the Directors held since that time were laid before the meeting.

Whereupon it was moved by Brian O'Leary, seconded by Terra Sifton, and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT all minutes of all meetings be taken as read.

That all By Laws, Contracts, Acts and Proceedings enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Club since the date of the last Annual Meeting of the members, are the same as set out or referred to in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

6. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

John Emery advised the members that Mike Sifton and Patrick Hearn have both completed three consecutive terms as Directors and will be stepping down in 2010. Tim Houlton and Brian O'Leary have been nominated to replace them as Directors on the Board. Wally Rudensky is also up for re-election.

Therefore, the three nominees who have been recommended to be Directors for 2010 are:
Wally Rudensky, Tim Houlton and Brian O'Leary

It was moved by Steve Flowers and seconded by Terra Sifton, and unanimously
RESOLVED:

THAT the nominations for the three positions involved, the abovementioned individuals, are thereby duly elected for a term of three years.

7. Membership

- Brian O'Leary reported that new membership turnover was slower this year, largely in part to a combination of the weakened economy and the terrible weather this summer. A high number of clinics and polo school nights were cancelled because of rain.
- Although we managed to bring in 9 new members, we also lost 9 members.
- Most of the members left because of economic or personal problems, only one that we know of left to go to another club.
- Brian forewarned the board that it will be a big challenge to bring in 5 new members in 2010 based on the poor results from this year's training programs.

8. REPORTS:

Indoor Season

- Karen White reported that the indoor season had started on Saturday October 17, 2009.
- Club Polo would run Monday's, Wednesday's & Saturday's until spring
- The 2009/ 2010 indoor tournament schedule was presented (see attached tournament schedule)
- There was some discussion from the group about having indoor polo clinics this fall/ winter. Karen & Scott to arrange.

Outdoor Season

- Evan White reported that overall the outdoor season had been a success, despite the large amount of rain we received this summer. Most tournaments were played and eventually completed.
- Evan explained that we dropped the playing level down quite a bit this year, largely because of the poor economic times. It was more cost effective to bring

in lower rated Pro's. This did hurt our umpire pool quite a bit as we did not have as many higher rated Pro's around to Umpire.

- Evan asked the members to please forward him their input for next year's tournament schedule before the end of this year so that it may be considered before the 2010 outdoor schedule is completed next January.

Polo For Heart

- Cliff Sifton reported that Polo For Heart 2009 raised \$138,000 for Heart & Stroke Related Charities.
- The Toronto Polo Club received \$38,683 from Polo For Heart this year
- Mike Egan and Sheila Clark will continue to be co-Chairs in 2010, and Derek Watchorn will act as Vice-Chair. Karen White will continue as Executive Director
- Next year the focus will be on the sporting element, and we will try to bring in World class players to bump up the level of polo

Polo Canada

- Scott Weir reminded the group that the Polo Canada AGM is coming up on Friday November 6 at 4:30pm at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

Peewee Polo

- Alix Begg reported that the kids summer camp programs were a huge hit last summer. She has starting a children's polo lesson program, with lessons offered during the week at her farm. Alix hopes to continue with Saturday morning peewee polo at the Fox Den arena this winter.

9. SURVEY RESULTS

Karen White presented the survey results from the survey that was sent out to the membership regarding the 2009 summer polo season.

- There were 23 responses received at date of the AGM.
- Please see the attached power point presentation to review the responses and comments that have been collected to date.
- After much discussion on the survey results, the board agreed that the following measures will be taken to act on some of the comments and concerns;
 - Better communication to the membership regarding rule changes, handicap changes, and outdoor committee decisions. Karen will add a section at the bottom of her weekly newsletter that clearly outlines any changes or decisions that have been made by the outdoor committee that week.
 - We will have a sign-up tournament in the second half of the summer on next year's tournament schedule.
 - We will run an umpire clinic at the beginning of the summer that will be mandatory for everyone who would like to get paid to umpire next summer, as well as for visiting Pro's.
 - Karen White will be added to the disciplinary committee since she is present at most games and is witness to most bad behavior. The

disciplinary committee will endeavor to adhere to a zero tolerance policy, and will encourage members to file reports if they are witness to bad behavior on the field.

- We will run an information session for new members at the beginning of next summer to enlighten them to the safety rules & regulations of the club.
- We will try to run some indoor polo clinics this winter

10. NEW BUSINESS

Evan White told the membership that he, along with a partnership, had purchased the land directly north of the Alliston polo fields. This means that next year the club will have one, possibly two, new polo fields available to use. There is potential for up to three new polo fields on the newly purchased land.

11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Clifford M. Sifton, Chairman

John H. Emery, Secretary