

Belize Tennis Association

AGM Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2021

Opening

The Annual General Meeting of the Belize Tennis Association was held via Zoom platform and called to order by the president at 7:10 p.m. on February 27, 2021.

Present

Executive

Samira Musa Pott – President

Juana Avila – Secretary

Mike Sosa – Development Office

Dr. Atanasio Cob – First Vice President

Sonny Meighan – Treasurer

Absent: Second Vice president, Dr. Mark Musa

Members

Billy Musa Sr.

Samron Pott

Jodi Pott

Sharon Ross

Matthew Hulse

Albert Avila

Enrique Riveroll

Approval of Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the meeting the 2020 AGM were read by the president. Mike Sosa moved that the minutes be accepted as read and Billy Musa Sr. seconded this motion.

2020 Report

Samira Musa Pott gave a detailed report of the events of 2020. It was mentioned that due to the pandemic tennis was not as active as it was hoped. Still, a few competitions were able to be held throughout the year, both in the city and at Belmopan. The Pickwick courts repair had to be delayed as well but are set to be completed this year. Our new Cuban coach in 2020 was Osniel Bazaar Cruz, and unfortunately is not returning this year. The ITF has given a grant to hold two coaches workshop before June of this year and has also given a grant to help with the repair of the Pickwick tennis courts. Late in 2021, the BTA introduced its Membership Application Form and a few members have

officially joined. In keeping with the ITF's Gender Equality initiative, the BTA hopes to soon offer tennis to ladies in Belize City.

Dr. Cobb moved that the 2020 report as read be approved and this motion was seconded by Sharon Ross.

2020 Financial Report

The 2020 financials prepared by Tavia Consultancy Services were presented by Samira Musa Pott. Our total revenues for 2020 were \$49,044 which was higher than the previous year. This is due to member sponsorships for the repair of courts and the newly introduced membership fees. The total expenses in 2020 were \$59,028, which placed us at a negative balance of -\$9,984. This is because the preliminary works at the Pickwick courts were started. The funds given by ITF cannot be collected until progress is shown.

Dr. Cobb moved that the financial report for the BTA for the year 2020 be approved and this motion was seconded by Sharon Ross.

Dr. Cobb also moved that the same auditors, Tavia Consultancy Services be re-appointed to conduct the 2021 financial report and Mr. Musa Sr. seconded this motion.

New Business

Mike added that the BTA should look into a facility with multiple courts to host tournaments in the future.

Sharon Ross gave an update on the plans for tennis in Cayo. She is currently awaiting feedback on paperwork submitted but has high hopes that things will get started soon.

Mr. Billy Musa Sr. suggested that the BTA contact ITF to acquire the handbook or information on umpiring so that we may train umpires in Belize. Matthew Hulse expressed interest in doing the umpire course.

Mike asked to have the technicians, that are coming to repair the Pickwicks courts, to check Belmopan courts to give an idea of cost. He also requested to ask ITF for funding for Belmopan Courts.

Dr. Cobb suggested that the BTA consider presenting the City Council with a cost to renovate the public courts, and have the government donate half the cost. He also suggested to have a wall for practicing built at the pickwick courts. Sharon Ross volunteered to design a wall for the courts.

Mike also suggested to have one of the Pickwick courts painted with the lines to make it children friendly and accommodate the orange level development program.

Mathew Hulse volunteered to sponsor a 50 and up tennis tournament. Samira suggested that he and Peter Quan can join up on this since he also had the same intentions.

Sonny Meighan mentioned that Wally Craig offered to help with equipment. He said we should let him know what is needed.

Samira reminded the members that there will be no calendar of events for 2021 since competitions is not allowed. Ladders will be done instead similar to the successful one presently being carried out in Belmopan.

Adjournment

There being no other matters, Samira Musa Pott asked for someone to move the adjournment and so at 8:05 p.m. Edward Musa Sr. moved that the Meeting be adjourned and this was seconded by Dr. Cobb.

Minutes submitted by: Juana Avila

Approved by: Samira Musa Pott