

**Mississauga Pickleball (MP)**  
**Annual General Meeting – November 16th, 2024, at 6 pm**  
**Mentor College 40 Forest Avenue, Mississauga, ON**  
*Minutes of AGM*

**Ian Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm**

He confirmed the AGM notice was emailed on October 3rd, 2024 - 44 days prior to the AGM which contained the AGM agenda.

A reminder notice was emailed again on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Ian appointed Jodi Lum as the recording secretary for the AGM.

*The AGM was called to order at 6:05 pm and a quorum was confirmed present with 44 paid members; a minimum of 15 was necessary.*

**Attendees**

*Mary Prajza, Lorraine Smith, Pablo Pikelin, Mark Gregori, Chrissy Takata, Chris Goode, Cheryl Martin, Don Moseley Williams, Jan K, Trent Lane, Helen Ma, Kathy Matanovic, Jeremy Fitzgerald, Muna Mark, Pauline Carbonneau, Nancy Ekels, Heather Gil, Adriana Nedelcu, Nat Guimond, Jennifer Boston, Karen Stewart, Ken Johnson, Tony Batek, Alan Forde, Theresa McKnight, Elena Lombardo, Allan Blaiwais, Neil Santos, Lawrence Lui, Joyce Bish, Amparo Paez, Ron Puistonen, Alvaro Gonzalez, Bennet Ho, Roxana Wong, Tanouja Rama, Joan Chin, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Patrick Mullen, Mihajlo Lakisevic, Anna Chiappetta, Harry Stewart, Jodi Lum, Ian Campbell*

**Welcome guests and members**

Ian welcomed the members present and introduced the Board members, Jodi Lum (VP) and Harry Stewart (Membership). No guests were invited to the participate. A Keynote presentation was shared onscreen with all members attending. A copy of the deck can be found here as Appendix A.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was read and approved.

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Guimond 2<sup>nd</sup> Amparo Paez**

**Motion - Passed**

**Approval of the 2023 Minutes**

The minutes have been posted online since November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Reading was waved by the membership.

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Patrick Mullen 2<sup>nd</sup> Pablo Pikelin**

**Motion - Passed**

**Reading and Acceptance of Financial Reports**

Ian Campbell (Acting Treasurer) provided the following information:

**Financial Statement Report as of October 31st, 2024**

**Revenue totalled \$49,082**

**Expenses totalled \$47,289**

**Current Profit 1,814**

Ian walked everyone through the costs and outlined the 2 major inputs that resulted in such a difference for 2024 totals vs 2023. The first is on the income side. We have suspended membership renewals as

we have no information at this time on a Summer Program. By now several hundred members would have renewed or joined leading to a difference in the area of \$10K. The second is on the cost side. In previous years there was little to no cost to use the courts at Sheridan. This model used a cost sharing concept. This year we needed to rent space from the City in the range of \$7K. With the late start to the season in June we had fewer members sign up. This shift is a \$17K difference and resulted in a significantly different outcome for 2024. At this time there is no forecast for 2025.

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Marrey Praza 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Boston**  
**Motion - Passed**

### **Reading and acceptance of reports of the Executive**

**Membership Report** – Harry Stewart provided the following information:

- ❖ 647 members as of October 31, 2024
- ❖ 216 are new members – 33% of membership
- ❖ The average age of a player is 58 years.
- ❖ Oldest member is 88 and youngest is 19 which shows the desire for Pickleball for all ages.
- ❖ Currently 80.1% of members are from Mississauga.

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Theresa McKnight 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Goode**  
**Motion - Passed**

### **Vice- President’s Address**

It has been another wonderful year full of growth and friendships and community and F.U.N. in 2024. Special thanks to the members and volunteers for your support and participation. Your continued enthusiasm and dedication to our sport and to Mississauga Pickleball motivates us to do more and be more.

A few accomplishments that Mississauga Pickleball has achieved in 2024:

- Compass Food Drive – over 1000 pounds of food donated
- Pickleball event with Autism Ontario in June and Nov 2024
- Learn to Play Clinics – over 300 members attended

Our Summer program at CPAF was well received with many new friendships and play. Thanks to the volunteers for encouraging new members to attend and helping to run the Summer Program.

Goals 2025:

- Create a Volunteer Committee
- Continue to develop partnerships with other community based groups
- Continue to provide more training opportunities

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Elena Lombardo 2<sup>nd</sup> Pablo Pikelin**  
**Motion - Passed**

### **President’s Address**

Last year I said I would try to be brief but we have quite a bit to discuss this year on the future of MP so I will try even harder this year. Some say they are people of few words. I on the other hand am a man of many words, just short ones because the big words are hard to pronounce. I know you all want to get to the reason we all attend which is the reason you are all members.

2024 has been a year of challenges for all of us. If 2021/22 were our formative years and 2023 was our growth year, then 2024 was the awkward year. When we found out that Sheridan would not be available to us, even though the programs flourished, it was a scramble to find a solution. This is the difference between a true club (that defines its' own future) and a public space, where permission to operate must be obtained. Originally there was no space available to us but through your diligent work that saw a letter writing campaign to Councillors and City officials be successful, I was able to get a commitment from the local Councillor, Brad Butt, and Nadia Paladino (Director of Forestry) to come to the table with a pilot project. The project got off to a little late start but we made the most of it. It is only because of you, the members, that this was at all possible.

I would like to personally and on behalf of the membership thank both Director Nadia Paladino and Councillor Brad Butt for their commitment to the program. I would also like to thank the City for allowing us to be part of the Affiliated Groups system which gives us some benefits on costs and access.

While the summer was a big challenge, we also took a hit to the growth in membership as well. This was of our own doing as we stopped taking memberships at the beginning of the year and are now once again in a position where we have little to offer new members. Without a location that we control, we are subject to approvals on the timelines of our hosts. This does not always translate well. This year our agreements with Mentor were confirmed in July and all our programs are full until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We have yet to get an agreement for summer 2025 with the City. Last year was a pilot project and it will take time for the City to assess its successes and failures. This does show that the demand is certainly present.

MP was able to continue our core belief in giving back to both the Pickleball community and other Not-For-Profit groups such as Autism Canada and Passions for Parkinson's as Jodi mentioned earlier. We also held our annual Canada Day and National Pickleball Day celebrations at Courtney Park Athletic Fields this year, as well as holding our Halloween Food Bank day for Compass. We expanded our Members Tournament this year once again and awarded more medals in more categories than ever before.

Over the past year the Board has attempted to get people more involved with the underlying operations of the club. It is understandable that people's time is limited and with so many new players to the sport, it is also understandable that people are reluctant to step in to something they may have limited knowledge of. But as the club grows so too does the challenge of time and its availability. Jodi will be spearheading a volunteer committee to engage more members in the day to day running of the club. This will begin to grow the base of people with knowledge of how we run things so we can grow. The alternative is to simply stop where we are now and begin to limit membership and reduce times.

In conclusion, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who contribute to Mississauga Pickleball. Our successes are a testament to the passion and dedication of our Board members, the engagement and smiles of all our members and the confidence that the coming year will bring even more triumphs and moments of shared joy.

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup>      Lorraine Smith      2<sup>nd</sup>      Ron Puistonen**  
**Motion - Passed**

## **Nomination and Election of the Board Members**

In 2024, four notices were sent to members requesting volunteers for the Board.

As of November 16th, 2024, no one has put their name forward for the positions of Secretary or Treasurer. The remaining current Board members have agreed to stay in their positions for 2025 but since each term is one year, they must be elected each year.

President >> **Ian Campbell**

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup> Amparo Paez**

**Motion - Passed**

Vice President >> **Jodi Lum**

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Puistonen 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Fitzgerald**

**Motion - Passed**

Membership >> **Harry Stewart**

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Cheryl Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Elena Lombardo**

**Motion - Passed**

## **Motions and New Business**

As at the start of the AGM there were no motions or new business submitted by members.

Two motions were sent to the membership prior to the AGM.

### **Motion 1**

I move to modify the current year membership expiry from December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to April 28th, 2025 as a one-time exception.

### **Reasoning for Motion**

Constitution section 3.1

Currently we do not have confirmation of court access from the City of Mississauga for 2025.

Mississauga Pickleball follows a calendar year for membership but since the fall/winter programs are full and a summer program cannot be verified at this time the Board does not feel it is right to charge a 2025 membership fee with little to offer new members.

This change will not affect the Constitution and is a one-time amendment.

Ian asked if there were any questions or comments. None we made.

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup> Lorraine Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Fitzgerald**

**Motion - Passed**

### **Motion 2**

I move to add a “Special” category for membership. This membership will not have voting privileges and is to be used for special purposes as deemed by the Board of Directors.

### **Reasoning for Motion**

Constitution section 3.3

Mississauga Pickleball core values are to bring Pickleball to all. Several Not-for-Profit groups have asked MP to assist with programs that engage their members across a broad spectrum of needs.

Pickleball is an easy game to learn at its most basic level which fits well with special needs groups. For

insurance and to cover costs the Board is proposing a change to the Constitution to add a “Special Member” status for those participating in short term programs. Language will be as follows.

**Section 3.3 (f) to be added:**

f) Special Membership - “Special Member” will include those adults who join for a special purpose as deemed by the Board of Directors. This may include but is not limited to members of other Not-For-Profit groups to assist in well being activities and to promote Pickleball within these groups. Special members will have no voting rights and the length of membership will be determined by the special purpose as defined by the Board.

Section 3.4 header will add “(with the exception of Special Members)”

Ian asked if there were any questions or comments. None we made.

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup>      Lorraine Smith      2<sup>nd</sup>      Jeremy Fitzgerald**

**Motion - Passed**

**Rene St. Cyr Award**

At this time awards were presented to Lorraine Smith, Cheryl Martin and JoAnne McCrindle (delivered earlier). The award is given to those that have dedicated themselves to promoting Pickleball in Mississauga and exemplify the social aspect to the benefit of others.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to approve - 1<sup>st</sup>      Lorraine Smith      2<sup>nd</sup>      Jeremy Fitzgerald**

**Motion - Passed**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM**

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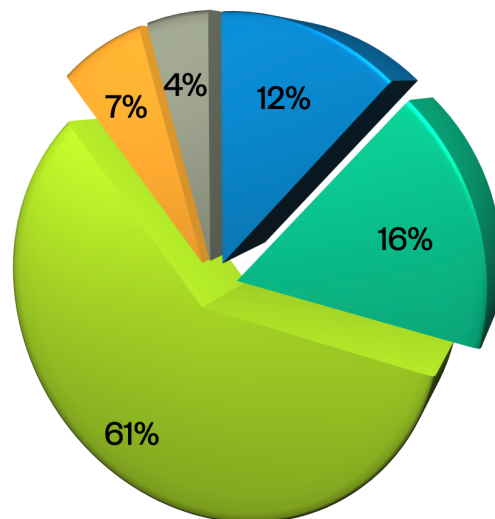
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- Membership Report
- Vice President’s Report
- President’s Report
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- Motions
- New Business
- René St. Cyr Award

## Financial Report

### INCOME

Yearly Memberships - \$5790  
Summer Memberships - \$7796  
Winter Memberships - \$30043  
Tournaments - \$3264  
Goods - \$2189

**Total - \$49082**

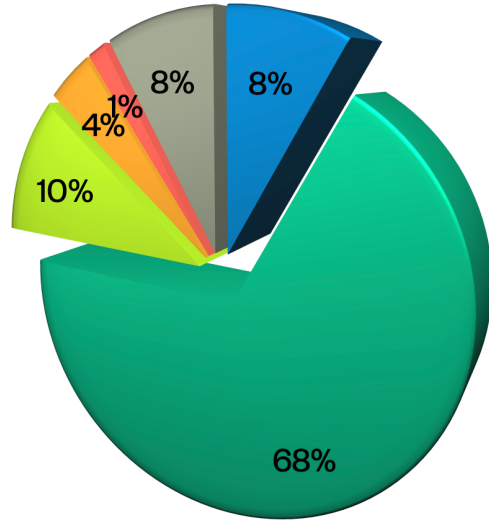


● Memberships ● Summer ● Winter ● Tournaments ● Goods

# Financial Report

## EXPENSES

Administration - \$3955  
 Courtney /Mentor - \$32207  
 Tournaments - \$4829  
 Canada Day/Nat. PB Day - \$1812  
 Credit Card/Bank Fee - \$659  
 Goods - \$3827  
**Total - \$47289**

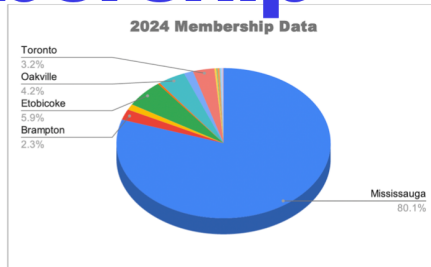


● Administration ● Sheridan/Mentor ● Tournaments ● Can Day/Nat PB Day ● CC/Bank ● Goods

# Membership

Membership Data	
Total Current Membership	647
Current Female Members	365
Current Male Members	282

Location Data		2024
Mississauga	518	
Brampton	15	
Burlington	8	
Etobicoke	38	
Georgetown	2	
Oakville	27	
Milton	9	
Toronto	21	
Orangeville	2	
Vaughan	1	
Stoney Creek	2	
Caledon	1	
Markham	2	
Guelph	1	
		647



2024 New Members	
2024 New Members	216

Historic Data	
2020 Membership	303 81 New
2021 Membership	347 36 New
2022 Membership	457 278 New
2023 Membership	760 429 New
2024 Membership	647 216

Average Age	58.38
Median Age	60
W/M Ratio	1.29
New Member %	33.38
Oldest Member	88
Youngest Member	19
Adult Members	359 55.49%
Couple Members	267 41.27%
Special Members	21 3.25%
Summer Members	158 24.42%
Winter Members	0 0.00%
Retention 2023	431 56.71%



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# Vice President's Report

- Compass Food Drive - over 1000 pounds of food donated
- Pickleball event with Autism Ontario
- 5 week program for Passions for Parkinsons
- Learn To Play to Int. Clinics - Over 400 members attended



## 2025 GOALS

- Create a Volunteer Committee
- Develop Partnerships with other Community Based Groups
- Continue to provide more training opportunities



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# President's Report

- 2024 - What a year!
- Loss of Sheridan due to noise / Letter writing campaign
- New home at Courtney Park Athletic Fields
- Numerous Events including Canada Day, National PB Day
- Annual Halloween Charity Event held in October
- Expanded Members Tournament over 2 days
- Streamlined Mentor
- Big need for volunteers to run events
- Thanks to City of Mississauga





# President's Report

## 2025 Goals

- HST Compliance
- ONCA Compliance continues
- Expand Trillium League to more teams
- Get long term deal for outdoor space

## Long Term Goals

- Petition City for 12 court facility
- Prepare Infrastructure and expertise to run facility
- Bring a Canadian Nationals Tournament to Mississauga



# Elections

## Current Board

President - Ian Campbell

Vice-President - Jodi Lum

Membership - Harry Stewart

Treasurer - Available

Secretary - Available

Nominations?



Ian Campbell  
President



Jodi Lum  
Vice-President



Position  
Currently  
Vacant

Treasurer



Secretary



Harry Stewart  
Membership



# René St. Cyr Award

The René St. Cyr Award of Excellence is given to those that have dedicated themselves to promoting Pickleball in Mississauga and exemplify the social aspect to the benefit of others. We are proud to announce this years recipient's

**JoAnne McCrindle**

**Lorraine Smith**

**Cheryl Martin**

