

Dear Hop Brook Members:

In these most unusual COVID times, you probably noticed that we did not gather for our usual annual meeting of the membership last Fall. Yet there is business every year, including previous annual meeting minutes, annual budget, club dues and board of governors slate, that require review and a vote of the membership.

Since convening in person was not going to be easy, even possible, the board considered several alternatives, including an all proxy vote, some sort of electronic voting survey, and a virtual ZOOM meeting (which still would have required a proxy and electronic voting component). In the board's estimation, all these approaches struck us as inordinately unrealistic and time consuming to pull off.

So what to do? In the end, and taking into consideration the very routine (noncontroversial/no dues increase) nature of the matters before the membership this year, the board and I have chosen to assume a virtual proxy quorum exists and the club's business will be voted under the parliamentary procedure known as "by acclamation" whereby business is voted and approved without ballot. While such a maneuver is not spelled out in the club's bylaws, nor is it forbidden. Simply, unusual times require unusual solutions. We anticipate that we will be able to get back to "regular order " next Fall.

After reviewing all of the following and attached material, members can and may wish to provide comments and/or register a "dissenting" vote on any of the matters before the membership and these will be noted and recorded in the meeting minutes. Comments and dissents are requested to be sent electronically to the [hopbrook@yahoo.com](mailto:hopbrook@yahoo.com) email address within seven days of the date of this notice.

Here following and attached is the agenda and financial information before membership:

HOP BROOK TENNIS CLUB INC.  
VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

February 6, 2021

MOTIONS BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP:

Approval of November 19, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2020/2021 Operating Budget, Cash Flows and Membership Summary

- Recommendation is to adopt the proposed “break even” 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Board of Governors Dues Recommendation

- Recommendation is to maintain current dues, plus applicable CT dues taxes
- \$265 Full, \$80 Associate

New class of Membership

Recommendation is to introduce a new Single-Sport Membership to facilitate new member recruitment

- Recommendation is for same dues structure for Single-Sport as regular full membership; \$265 Active member(s), \$80 Associate
- Initiation Fees which are assessed at the discretion of the board : \$250 Active; \$75 Associate
- If a Single-Sport member wishes to become a regular Full Member in the future, the member will owe the remainder of the full initiation fee in force at the time of their joining

Board Slate

Officer Slate

- President – Ted Almy
- Vice President – Jim Peters
- Secretary and Vice President – Mark Howland
- Treasurer – Todd Raymond

Board of Governors (already serving)

- Althea Schwartz
- Charlie McCormick
- Tom Duffy

Board of Governors (new)

- Tracy Tietje

***The Board of Governors has moved, seconded and has recorded a vote "by acclamation" in favor of all above.***

"Dissents" and comments can be emailed within seven days to [hopbrook@yahoo.com](mailto:hopbrook@yahoo.com) and will be duly noted in the minutes.

[2019 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)

[2020/2021 Cash Flows](#)

[2020/2021 Operating Results and 2021 Budget](#)

[2020 Membership Summary](#)

Sincerely,

Ted Almy

President, Hop Brook Tennis Club