



Tennis Nova Scotia 2025 Annual General Meeting

June 22, 2026

Call to Order 5:30pm

Attendance:

Board members: Gareth Dowdell (Acting CEO), Leseck Demont (Chair), Jon Gaunce (treasurer), Colin Piercey (Vice Chair), Ruth Roy (Secretary), Peter Smith, Don Forgeron, Pam Cooley, Jeff Jones, Deidre Taylor.

Absent: Jim Ritcey, Ted Graham, Simone Tosini

Club representatives: Dan McMillin (Wolfville), Luke Saunders (Waegwoltic), Luanne Schenkels (Truro), Susie Fraser (Chester), Danny MacMillan (Windsor), Jamie Power (Headstart), Robbie Cavanaugh (New Waterford), Andrew Oxner (independent), Jeanette McGlone (independent).

Approval of Minutes. *Motion by Peter Smith to approve the minutes from the 2024 AGM, Seconded by Pam Cooley – Motion carried*

Chair Report: - Leseck Demont

Leseck advised that this will be her last meeting as the chair of the board but that she will remain involved as past chair. She offered thanks to Brad Lawlor for all his hard work as the CEO.

Annual Report: - (see full report in AGM package) Gareth Dowdell

Gareth started by thanking everyone in the TNS community on behalf of Brad and himself. Our continued growth is due to volunteers, coaches, clubs, players, staff and collaborators who continue to invest their time and energy into this wonderful sport.

As outlined in the report, 2025 was another year of growth and for building for the future. Notable highlights from the report are as follows:

- Participation continues to increase through: WTN integration and events, Senior and Outdoor Player Card introduction, and year to year increases in tournament and program participation.
- We were able to engage more communities outside of HRM through increased school visits, rookie tours, and tennis month in Canada initiatives at 14 seasonal clubs.
- The focus is on growing tennis across the entire province - not simply one region. Long term success means ensuring year-round infrastructure exists throughout Nova Scotia because accessibility and growth cannot be limited by geography.
- We expanded programming opportunities and strengthened the competitive pathway. High-Performance program waitlists remain, while junior and adult



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engagement has increased across kids' tennis, adult tennis, and high-performance programs.

- SATC saw record utilization in 2025, and we have seen consistent increases in indoor and outdoor utilization year to year. The facility remains important financially and operationally as the engine to drive growth and participation throughout the province.
- As we move forward our focus is on the following pillars as we strive to execute our strategic direction:
 - Participation
 - Organizational Effectiveness
 - Coaching and Officiating
 - Excellence
 - Community and Facility Development
 - Partnerships and Collaboration
- The goal isn't simply more tennis. The goal is more accessible tennis, more sustainable tennis, and more impact through tennis.

Treasurer Financial Report: (See full report in AGM Package) Jon Gaunce

- We maintained financial stability and met most budget targets.
- We're on solid footing as we look to expand programs and infrastructure.

Motion by Peter Smith to approve the financial statements as presented. Seconded by Andrew Oxner. Motion carried.

Committee Reports – Full reports as in the AGM Package

Nominating Committee: Peter Smith

The committee had 14 applications for one position and selected a candidate based on the skills that would best augment the existing board.

Motion by Peter Smith that Rob Boone be accepted as the new member of the board, seconded by Danny McMillan. Motion carried.

Other Business

There being no further business or questions, Lessek motioned to Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53