

**OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING - Minutes**

Held at the RA

1900 hrs, May 30, 2016

**Present**

Mikola Czich, President / NDHQ, CASC, RA  
Lars Roberts, Secretary / CASC  
Steve Gobel, Treasurer / RA  
Stephanie Bazin, Lady's Rep / RA  
Steve Oakey Rankenstein/Web Master / RA  
Ralph Shillington Junior Rep / ORL  
Norm Brie Officiating Coord / OAC  
Christian Yeon / ORL  
John Larabie / BARR  
Maxym Leclair / SPOR

**President's Comments**

The President opened the meeting welcoming all and thanking all for their continued efforts in the ODSA squash scene. The agenda was reviewed and reports began.

**Treasurer's Report**

Steve Gobel presented a verbal report. (No written financial summary was provided at the meeting.) Steve noted that there were no major concerns or financial obligations that required discussion. A detailed financial report will be available to the executive after the end of our FY 30 July. (Mid Aug 2016 target.)

**Sponsorship of ODSA Area Events/Activities**

Mikola introduced the idea to increase the ODSA annual sponsorship of the GOODLIFE PSA event from \$450 to \$500. A motion to that effect was made. Discussion ensued. Main points that were raised included:

- Heather Wallace's event is the only PSA event in the Ottawa region and the ODSA should continue to support it.
- Prize money for event is based on US dollar.
- If other clubs start hosting PSA events then the ODSA should revisit the sponsorship funding contribution.

Motion to increase the sponsorship funding to \$500 was passed unanimously.

## **2016 Ottawa Sports Award**

Tarun Balaraj was unanimously voted the “2015 squasher of the year” at the last ODSA meeting in December 2015. The awards banquet was held on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Algonquin College. Tarun, his parents and Mikola attended the event. ODSA members are encouraged to always consider possible nominees for our 2016 “squasher of the year”.

## **Open City League**

The ODSA Open CL wrapped up with 6 full divisions, with 3 teams playing it out in division 7. End of season wrap up was held after the ODSA Cup finals. A good time was had by all.

## **OSDA Cup**

Denis Theriault was not present to report on the Adrian Dudzicki ODSA CUP. A brief discussion ensued about the possibility of improving participation/proper recognition of all levels. Discussion to continue amongst interested parties off-line. No decisions made at this time.

## **Junior Activities Update**

The Junior Programme indicated that there may be a Grand Prix event at the SPOR in June, depending on whether Steve Wren would be able to kick start the effort after his return from the British Open.

## **Women’s City League**

Stephanie Basin reported that they continue to have a steady number of women participants, around 40, playing on Thursday nights. Court availability continues to be an issue, at certain clubs. Mikola suggested that perhaps the 2 main women’s leagues (RA/GOOD) should consider having a summer squash summit to discuss merging their programs. Mikola to investigate.

## **Website**

Steve Oakey has continued to refresh the ODSA website, purged old information and tried to make the new site more user friendly. He continues to be on the hunt for a high resolution version of the ODSA logo. He noted that it would be nice to update the logo, perhaps with the help of ODSA members in general, and a graphic artist.

### **Squash Canada Events Participation**

Mikola noted that there are not a many people from our region participating in the Squash Canada events. Discussion ensued on how the ODSA could encourage greater involvement. Suggestions and discussion ensued; More Squash Canada events in our area would improve the likelihood of participation, and an ODSA subsidy for parents bringing juniors to events was also discussed. No decisions were taken.

### **Round Table**

Stephanie Basin offered to distribute the information from Squash Ontario regarding some new ideas on membership.

Norm Brie suggested that perhaps a rules clinic should be hosted prior to the start of the next ODSA City League session. It was also noted that Squash Canada offers an online certification.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

There were no additional items of business. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 19:40.

*minutes drafted by*

Lars Roberts, ODSA Secretary

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Mikola Czich / ODSA President