

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING - Minutes

Held at the OAC

1900 hrs, December 15, 2016

Present

Mikola Czich, President / NDHQ, CASC, RA
Ralph Shillington, Junior Rep / OAC
John Larabie / BARR
Cathie Wood / Women's League, RA
Charles Emond / Nep
Julie Springer-Aass / Special Assistant, OAC

President's Comments

The President opened the meeting welcoming all and thanking all for their continued efforts in the ODSA squash scene. Of interesting note was the attendance of a University of Ottawa student squash team at a Jesters / Sq Ont supported university squash tourney at Queen's U (Kingston) in mid Nov. ODSA had financially subsidised the effort and the U of O students represented the Ottawa area well. The agenda was reviewed and reports began.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Gobel was unavailable to attend the meeting. Through Mikola he advised that all ODSA Open City League teams had paid their annual fees and that the ODSA was in good financial health.

Open City League Review

The ODSA Open CL was in full swing 6 full divisions, and 3 teams playing in division 7. Barrhaven started out with 4 teams but have had to consolidate into 3 teams due to injuries and player availability. The start-up of the Carleton U team was a challenge this season but things seem to have been sorted out and running smoothly with them at this time. Right now Carl.1 is playing in Div.7 with all home games due to student transport issues. As most know, NDHQ has moved its home CL matches to the early time slot at the RA. Overall the running of Open CL is going well.

Adrian Dudzicki ODSA Cup

Things were off to a slow start again however registration had begun for the Adrian Dudzicki ODSA CUP. Denis Theriault was running the event using Sporty HQ as his registration and tourney base. The tourney had been web posted with a follow-on email blast to ODSA area squashers. Registration deadline was set at 20.Dec.2016.

Junior Activities Update

Ralph reported that the work of the Junior Committee is now well under way. So far there had been two successful Junior Prix tournaments. (at Goodlife, and The OAC) It was expected that even a larger group of participants would participate in the 3rd Junior Prix at Sporthèque to end off the year. WRT Junior Prix scheduling, the date planned for the March Jr Prix needed to re-considered due to other competing squash activities on the calendar.

The Cdn Jr Open (held at White Oaks / Niagara on the Lake) had just finished. ODSA had 6 juniors participate. Our juniors (listed below) represented us well.

- Dominique Wren / Sporthèque;
- Iman Shaheen / Barrhaven;
- Thomas Porter / OAC;
- Philippe Shillington / OAC;
- Max Shewchenko / OAC; and
- Gabrielle Renaud / OAC

Mikola reminded Ralph that he Jr committee needed to ensure efforts were made to properly advertise and select the Jr team which would represent the Ottawa area in the Ont Jr Team Championships being held early in Mar 2017. A target date of 1 Feb was presented for selecting the Ottawa area Jr Team.

Women's City League

Cathy Wood reported that Women's Thursday night league is running smoothly. They have a steady number of women participants (around 35), playing on Thursday nights, mostly at the RA.

Website

Steve Oakey continues to be the ODSA webmaster. Website maintenance is going well. There were no significant website comments.

Social Media

It was noted that the ODSA had jumped into social media circles with a Facebook page and a twitter handle. Mikola cautioned about not posting items too quickly without due consideration for other things happening in the ODSA. An example of a quick post which was fast but missed out on a full story was the well wishes to just 2 of the 6 juniors who were about to attend the 2016 Cdn Jr Open. The missing 4 ODSA juniors did raise questions from some.

2016 Ottawa Squasher of the Year

The most significant reason for the Exec meeting was to choose the 2016 Ottawa Squasher of the Year. This award is limited to those ODSA players living in the Ottawa area as the winner is recognised at the Ottawa Sports Awards Banquet. There were 4 nominees:

- Catherine Giachino / OAC;
- Barrett Aass / OAC;
- Iman Shaheen / Barrhaven; and
- David Guest / RA-GL

The list of nominees was reduced to two finalists and in a close vote, Barrett Aass was chosen as the 2016 Ottawa area Squasher of the Year

Round Table Discussions / Adjournment

There were no significant additional items from the floor and the meeting was adjourned.

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