

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD 08 SEPTEMBER 2009, 7:30 P.M.  
AT THE RA CENTRE  
2451 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, OTTAWA, ON, K1H 7X7

PRESENT:

Mikola Czich, President, In the Chair (NDHQ/RA)  
Steve Gobel, (Treasurer / RA)  
Christian Yeon, (Orleans)  
Nicolas Dupont, (Sporthèque)  
Jock MacNeil (Arnprior)  
John Larabie (Barrhaven)  
Janice Lardner (Juniors / QV Goodlife)  
Jack Cornett (QV Goodlife)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Penny Glover, Secretary

1. Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and voting delegates were identified. Current Executive members have one vote each and an additional vote if also a club representative. The Chair declared the meeting in quorum. .

2. Agenda

The agenda was accepted as drafted.

4. President's Comments

The President indicated that last season had been a good season for squash in the Ottawa area. He thanked the people present, as well as absentees, who had made Ottawa a good squash community. He reinforced one of the main goals of the ODSA was to encourage squash for Ottawa area juniors and students and it was the intent of the ODSA to continue its significant sponsorship of junior activities (including the ODSA Jr team) as well as the subsidization of students in open tourneys. (Such subsidies would need to be advertized by

the hosting clubs.) He also indicated that time permitting he would continue to try and arrange friendly matches with other regions and/or clubs outside of the near Ottawa area.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a report on last season's income and expenses. The ODSA was in a good financial situation.

## 6. Portfolio Reports

### Open City League

The President reported that Gabriel Thibault was stepping aside from running the Open City League. A replacement nominee had been found in Nicolas Dupont, (Sporthèque). Open city league went well last year and the expectation is that a strong open city league will take place for the 2009-10 season.

A call for open city league participation would be put out by Mikola and Nicolas shortly with a declaration cut-off date of 30 Sep 09. Open city league is scheduled to begin on 14 Oct 09.

### Women's City League

No Report.

### ODSA Cup

No Report

### Junior Report

Janice Lardner indicated that a reasonably strong junior program across the city would be expected. She also indicated that this would be an Ontario Winter Games season with the team championships being held in Sudbury in March of 2010. Team selection criteria drafting, try-out advertizing, and preparations for the team championships would keep the high level Jr program busy. The trials for the Junior Team for the Winter Games will be held in December. The coach is Johnny Wilson from OAC and the Manager is Alex Cornett from Queensview Goodlife.

The grass roots Jr program was also expected to be strong this season. There are 6 Grand Prix events running as Squash Ontario Bronze events. These are being held at various squash clubs in the Ottawa/Gatineau region. As a trial Carolyn Haydon had arranged for advertizing for Jr squash programs to be placed in the local EMC community newspapers. It would be interesting to see if this had any effect on Jr participation around the city.

Fundraising initiatives for this year are the Christmas Wreath and Centrepiece (orders starts in October) and t-shirts from Black Knight.

ODSA Web

Richard Young had communicated with Mikola, indicating that he would continue to run the ODSA web site for another season.

7. 2009/10 Executive

The volunteers / nominees for the 2009/10 ODSA executive were presented. On a motion by Janice Lardner, seconded by Christian Yeon, the following people were unanimously acclaimed to the positions indicated:

President	Mikola Czich
Vice President/Treasurer	Steve Gobel
Secretary	Lars Roberts
Open City League Coordinator	Nicolas Dupont
Women's City League Coordinator	Susan Carbone
Junior Coordinator	Lori O'Brien
Rankings Coordinator	Eric Johnston
Officiating Coordinator	Penny Glover
Website Coordinator	Richard Young
ODSA Cup Coordinator	Neil Tub
Member-at-Large	Gabriel Thibault
Member-at-Large	Brian Eldridge

8. Other Business

Rust Remover Tourney

The 2009 RR Tourney was scheduled for the Orleans Sportsplex over the 25-27 Sep 09 weekend.

Other Tourneys

The Goodlife Open was planned for the first weekend of Nov 2009. Mikola encouraged all clubs to hold an open tourney during the year and to avoid conflicting tourneys during the same period of time.

Mikola reviewed the subsidization policies for open tourneys and for student participation.

## Sq Ont AGM

Mikola was planning on attending the Sq Ont AGM, representing NDHQ, Nepean, Petawawa and Trenton wrt voting. He would also be representing ODSA interests. Gas and one nights motel accommodation expenses were approved from ODSA funds for his attendance.

Brian Eldridge and Janice Lardner were notified that they were recipients of Squash Ontario's Recognition Award for their volunteer work in the Eastern Ontario Region.

## Inter Club and Region Friendly Exchanges (A, B, & C Level)

Energy and time permitting Mikola hopes to arrange a few friendly exchanges.

## 9. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM, on a motion from Steve Gobel, seconded by Nicolas Dupont. Motion passed.

*Prepared by  
Mikola Czich / President*

*Independently Reviewed by  
Janice Lardner*