

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD October 2, 2012 AT 7:15 P.M. at
The RA Centre Ottawa
2451 Riverside Dr, Ottawa, ON

Present:

Name / ODSA Position / Home Club

Mikola Czich / President / NDHQ-RA
Lars Roberts / Secretary / Cascades
Steve Gobel / Treasurer / RA
Denis Theriault / Sporthèque
Stephen Neal / RA
Heather Wallace / QV Goodlife
Christian Yeon / Orleans
Charles Emond / Nepean
Patrick Lyons / Carleton-RA
John Larabie / Barrhaven
Carlos Loo / RA

Roll Call

The President called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and voting delegates were identified. The President declared the meeting open with quorum.

Agenda

The agenda was accepted as drafted. No additional items for agenda,

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President's Comments

The President opened the meeting with some short comments on the state of Squash in the National Capital Region. General sense is that it's in good shape. He sadly noted the closure of the Cdn Club in Kanata during the last season. Most Cdn players migrated to either GL or Barr.

Treasurer's Report

With the treasurer unavailable for the first portion of the meeting, Mikola Czich provided a short verbal report on the ODSA financial health. The ODSA remains in a solid financial situation and recent sponsorship and spending policies were expected to

continue. Steve Gobel arrived after his squash match and provided an overview of the financial statement. The ODSA account balance is solidly positive.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Open City League: Mikola Czich

The following comments and discussion were made WRT Open City League for the upcoming season:

Team declarations would be called for submission by first week of October.

Mikola continues to maintain a log of ODSA league complaints and incidents with the idea of trying to identify repeat complaints and/or repeat offenders.

ODSA will continue to use PAR 15 scoring for City League divisions 2 and below. (Div 1 will use Par 11 scoring.)

If enough teams were submitted a Division 7 would be run as was done last season.

Running of The Open CL would remain a two man effort. Mikola Czich would remain the lead coordinator and Brian Eldridge would continue his roll as the ODSA Open City League Scheduler.

ODSA Open CL to start October 10, 2012

Women's City League

No women's rep available for comment.

Post Script: New women's rep is: Lesley Kelly (BARR)

ODSA CUP

Alistair Bland ran a successful ODSA Cup for 2011, followed by the traditional ODSA year-end CL awards and social at the Liam Maguire's pub/restaurant.

Winners / Finalists from this past season were:

A level - Karim Osman /Steve Wren

B level - Daniel Benoit / Phil Bolger

C level - Kelly Hogg / Bill Mohan

Alistair has decided to step down after 2 years and has passed the baton on to Denis Theriault who has offered to run the ODSA Cup for the upcoming season. Denis promised to get an early start, with Carlos Loo to assist him. Charles Emond (NEP) suggested that a Masters level should be included this year.

Juniors

Mario Morin has stepped down after carrying the torch for 2 years, a replacement for Mario has been found: Jay Giachino (OAC)

ODSA Website

The ODSA real-time online ranking system, developed by Brian Eldridge, has been re-set for the coming season. Juniors are also included in real-time updates (ages not visible). Filters provide easy access to pertinent information. Nicolas Grenapin (RA) will take over the website duties and Brian will continue running the ranking program.

Officiating:

Penny was not available to provide a report. Penny will be approached to host a rules clinic to be held in the Ottawa area, aimed at ODSA CL players/referees before the season gets too far along. The Board of Directors continues to strongly support officiating at all levels of city league play.

2011-2012 ODSA Executive

The proposed slate (as per the table below) for the ODSA Executive Committee was presented for review, comment and voting to those attending the AGM:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name / Club</u>
President	Mikola Czich / NDHQ-RA-Cascades
Treasurer	Steve Gobel / RA
Secretary	Lars Roberts / Cascades
Open City League / Coordinator	Mikola Czich / NDHQ-RA-Cascades
Open City League / Scheduler	Brian Eldridge / RA
Junior Coordinator	Jay Giachino/ OAC
Women's City League	Lesley Kelly / RA
Officiating Co-ordinator	Penny Glover / RA
Web Master	Nicolas Grenapin/RA
ODSA Cup	Denis Theriault/ Sporthèque
Rankings Co-ordinator	Brian Eldridge / RA
Tournament Co-ordinator	Mikola Czich / NDHQ-RA-Cascades
Member at Large	Carlos Loo / OAC

The above slate, to serve as the 2012-2013 ODSA Executive Committee, was unanimously supported by AGM attendees.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Recent Tournaments:

Rust Remover held September 28-30th, 2012.

- Hosted at Barrhaven, and run by Mikola Czich
- 48 players, good representation at all levels

Near Term Tournament Schedule

The following tournaments were mentioned as in the near term horizon:

Goodlife QV PSA + Amateur Open 25-28 Oct 2012

Petawawa Open 2-4 Nov 2012

Squash Ontario Fees

A discussion regarding Squash Ont fee structure and value for money was brought forth by the BARR rep;

- John Larabie (BARR) raised concern over the excess number of fees that clubs are being asked to pay from different organizations including those demanded by Squash Ontario. John also noted that in these tough financial times it is important to ensure that you are getting value for money. John requested that Squash Ont provide a statement of value to clubs, as he didn't find it was clear what his club's annual dues provided.
- Patrick Lyons (CARL) noted that Carleton University was being held hostage by Squash Ont for unpaid dues from 2010. He found that it was unreasonable that the University was asked to pay for 6 courts when they aren't all used for city league.
- Lars Roberts (CASC) mused that in spite of paying SQ Ont fees they have no vote because they are a QC club.
- The Squash Ontario manifesto was read to the attendees, outlining clubs' responsibilities.
- It was agreed that a concerted review would be conducted this season regarding the benefits of being kept under the SQ Ont umbrella.

World Squash Day / October 20th, 2012

- The World Squash Association has organized a World Squash Day event
- The goal is to promote squash worldwide and to push for squash inclusion in the Olympics 2020
- Several clubs have already committed to participating
- Team scores to be entered on the World Squash Day website

Meeting Adjournment

There were no additional items of business. Motion by John Larabie to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously. The AGM was adjourned at 20:40.

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Drafted By: Lars Roberts/ ODSA Secretary

original reviewed and signed by

Reviewed By: Mikola Czich / ODSA President