

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 AT 7:15 P.M. at
The RA Centre Ottawa
2451 Riverside Dr, Ottawa, ON

Present:

Name / ODSA Position / Club Rep / Home Club

Voting attendees:

Mikola Czich / President / NDHQ Club Rep / NDHQ-RA-CASC
Lars Roberts / Secretary / Cascades Club Rep / Cascades
Steve Gobel / Treasurer / RA Club Rep / RA
Norm Brie / Refereeing Coordinator / OAC
Denis Theriault / ODSA CUP Coordinator / Sporthèque Club Rep / Sporthèque
Christian Yeon / Orleans Club Rep / Orleans
Steve Oakey / Rankings Coordinator / RA
Heather Wallace / Goodlife Pro & Club Rep / Goodlife
Jim Kenward / OAC Club Rep / OAC

Observers:

Ralph Shillington / Orleans (member of the ODSA Jr Committee)

Roll Call

The President called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and voting delegates were identified. Quorum was confirmed.

Agenda

The agenda was accepted as drafted. Additional items, as required, would be discussed at the end of the meeting as items from the floor.

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. The numbers of squashers in Rankenstein have grown.

Financial Report

The Treasurer's financial report was given by Steve Gobel. He provided an overview of the state of the ODSA account. He reported that the ODSA continues to be in sound financial health, with a standard of 6 months operating costs available if needed. Our main revenue stream continues to be open city league, and women's league. This year we have committed to continuing our support of the Junior Program, this sponsorship is the largest contribution and use of our ODSA funds.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Open City League

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

Team declarations have been called for, submission due date; October 1.

ODSA will continue to use PAR 15 scoring for Open City league. (except for Div.1)

A few clubs have indicated that they will drop a team this year. Thus, Division 7 would be short of teams this year.

Running of The Open CL would remain a three man effort. Mikola Czich would remain the lead coordinator with Steve Oakey and Brian Eldridge running the web based schedule and standings.

ODSA expects to have 37 teams to fill 6 divisions, with one extra to take the place of the lowest ranking team in division 6 after the first session is over and so on throughout the season. (Additional teams would be welcome at the start of new sessions.)

1 up 1 down system to continue. First session included.

\$150 per team league fee

Start date; October 14th

Steve Oakey asked how the efforts were progressing to ensure city league matches were refereed. A discussion ensued on the challenges of enforcing these rules. No decisions were made to change the status quo, which places the responsibility of officiating on the respective teams.

Regarding the financial contribution to the ODSA by the women's league, the point was made that the women currently contribute \$10 per head, whereas Open City league participants contribute \$30 per head.

In an effort to close the financial contribution gap a little, Steve Gobel put forth a motion to increase the women's annual fee to \$15 per head per season. The fee would be collected once per year as opposed to split between two sessions. Motion was seconded by Denis Theriault and passed unanimously.

The Women's league representative, Leslie Kelly, was not present at the meeting. The decision regarding the slight fee increase and the single collection methodology for Women's League fees would be relayed and administered by Steve Gobel.

Women's City League

Lesley Kelly was not in attendance; however, prior to the drafting of these minutes she provided a report by email:

“We have 40 full time players, a couple on the injury reserve and I've had several more inquiries about joining. We issue a schedule on a month-to-month basis so we can accommodate players coming in and out throughout the season. We successfully participated in a weekend tournament-format exchange with the Montreal women's league last April and hope that we might host the women from Montreal sometime this season in exchange (the timelines were too tight to fit both in last year). The Montreal group used two different clubs (one Saturday, one Sunday) for their hosting. If anyone is being part of this, please let me know. We'd also be happy to help arrange any similar exchanges with other groups within the city if there's interest.”

Adrian Dudzicki ODSA CUP

Denis Theriault offered to run the Adrian Dudzicki ODSA Cup again for the upcoming season. He was thanked by the board for his efforts last year. He expects to run the tournament with an earlier start date this season. Some comments from last year included:

Online payment system worked for him.

Sporthèque to offer a payment option via their website again this year.

\$10 per player will continue to be the tourney fee.

Juniors were not well-represented in past but they are welcome.

“A” players the toughest to recruit and play matches in a timely manner.

Juniors

On the ODSA junior front, Ralph Shillington of Orleans reported that:

The first Grand Prix was held last week; there are 9 on the calendar.

Two Sq Ont Core events will be held locally this year.

Sq Ont Core events to be scheduled by ranking rather than by age.

Junior program will continue to seek ODSA sponsorship for various activities and programs in the ODSA.

Each club reported briefly on the extent of their club's junior program.

ODSA Website / RANKENSTEIN

Nicolas Grenapin will continue on as web-master.

It is always a challenge to keep the ODSA.CA site current

Discussion ensued on how to give the site a more updated look and feel.

Stephan Lussier has revamped the RANKENSTEIN APP which currently boasts 575 players.

Ralph Shillington from Orleans has offered to review the ODSA.CA site for archaic information and suggested changed, upgrades.

2015-2016 ODSA Executive

The proposed slate for the ODSA Executive Committee was presented to those attending the AGM as per the table below:

Position	Name / Club
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	Steve Wren/ Sporthèque
Women's City League	Leslie Kelly / RA
Officiating Co-ordinator	Norman Brie / OAC
Web Master	Nicolas Grenapin / RA
ODSA Cup	Denis Theriault / Sporthèque
Rankings Co-ordinator	Steve Oakey / RA
Tournament Co-ordinator	Mikola Czich / NDHQ-RA-Cascades
Public Relations Coordinator	empty
Member at Large	none

The above slate, to serve as the 2015-2016 ODSA Executive Committee, was unanimously supported by the AGM attendees.

Other Business:

2015-2016 tentative tourney schedule will be posted on the ODSA web site shortly, the upcoming tourneys over the next few months are:

Rust Remover (at Carleton U) 2-4 October 2015

Sporthèque Scary Fall Open October 23-25, 2015

Goodlife QV PSA + Amateur Open 5-8 November 2015

Sq Ont Jr Core Event (down from an Ottawa Gold event) 6-8 Nov 2015

No open tourney would be hosted by OAC this season.

Jim Kenward opened the floor for discussion on volunteerism. Some discussion ensued on issues surrounding the ODSA.CA website in particular.

Denis Theriault mentioned the efforts being made by Maxym Leclair and Squash Outaouais to encourage youth participation in squash in the West Quebec Region.

ACTION ITEMS

- Steve Gobel to take the increased women's CL fee structure news to the women's league members/Leslie Kelly
- Ralph Shillington to review ODSA web site for possible update.

Meeting Adjournment

There were no additional items of business. Meeting adjourned at 20:45 PM.

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Reviewed By: Mikola Czich / ODSA President