

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. at
The RA Centre Ottawa
2451 Riverside Dr, Ottawa, ON

Present:

Name / ODSA Position / Home Club

Voting attendees:

Mikola Czich / President / NDHQ Club Rep / NDHQ-RA-CASC
Lars Roberts / Secretary / Cascades Club Rep
Steve Oakey / Web Master / Rankings Coordinator / RA
Charles Emond / Club Rep / Nepean
Cathy Wood / Women's league / Osgoode Club Rep
Chris Yeon / Orleans Rep
Ralph Shillington / Orleans / Jr Coordinator
Clark Johnston / RA Rep
Jim Kenward / OAC Rep

Non-voting attendees:

Maxym Leclair / RA & Sporthèque
Brian Eldridge / RA / Co Rankings Coordinator
Norm Brie / OAC
Greg Archi / OAC

Roll Call

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and voting delegates were identified. The President declared the meeting open with quorum.

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. Junior activity was alive in the area and the activity and tournament scene was good last season. His general sense was that ODSA squash was in good shape and he looked forward to a successful 2017.18 season.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by the President on behalf of 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 city league, and women's league. Once again this year we have committed to support the Junior program, this sponsorship is the largest contribution and use of our ODSA funds. The Treasurer provided some suggestions/comments for the year to come including;

1. Deficit spending has been happening the past few years and the ODSA need to start becoming cautious about its spending.
2. Setting a budget for sponsorship of Master level tournaments.
3. Web site sponsorship should continue to be pursued and encouraged, to help offset costs.
4. Maintaining Open City League fees at the last season's rate.

2017-2018 ODSA Executive

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

It should be noted that:

- the Vice President Position (recently empty) was filled by Lars Roberts as he was about to pass on the duties of ODSA Secretary;
- new persons were nominated for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary;
- the Public Relations position was shifted to include Social Media responsibilities; and
- signing authorities with the our financial intuition (TD – Canada Trust) would need official amendment.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name / Club</u>
President	Mikola Czich / NDHQ-RA-Cascades
Vice President	Lars Roberts / Cascades
Treasurer	Rob Walsh / Cascades
Secretary	Luz Osorio Cuadros / Carl
Open City League / Scheduler	Steve Oakey & Brian Eldridge / RA
Junior Coordinator	Ralph Shillington / ORL
Women's Representative	Cathy Wood / RA
Officiating Co-ordinator	empty
Web Master	Steve Oakey / RA
ODSA Cup Co-ordinator	Greg Archi / OAC
Rankings Co-ordinator	Steve Oakey / RA
Tournament Co-ordinator	Mikola Czich / NDHQ-RA-Cascades
Social Media & Public Relations Coordinator	Luz Osorio Cuadros / Carl

The above slate, to serve as the 2017-2018 ODSA Executive Committee, was unanimously supported by the voting AGM attendees.

The previous board was thanked for all their hard work over the previous year.

Other Business

Tourney Schedule:

2017-2018 tentative tourney schedule will be posted on the ODSA web site shortly, the upcoming tourneys over the next couple of months are:

- ODSA Rust Remover 29 Sep – 1 Oct 2017
 - Sporthèque Oktober Squash Fest 19-22 Oct 2017
 - Goodlife QV Open 9-12 Nov 2017 (No pro event this year)
- Info available at the AGM indicated that no open tourney was planned for the OAC this season.

Secretarial Note

Since the AGM and the publishing of the AGM minutes, the OAC indicated that they would be looking to take the available empty Feb 2018 tourney slot on the ODSA calendar, to host an OAC Open.

Rust Remover

Mikola advised that the Rust Remover sign up was going well and that he expected around 40 players, this year's RR will be held at the RA with Mikola being the tourney chairman.

Letter from Dominic Wren

Dominic Wren sent a letter to the ODSA Board, the letter was read aloud to the members at the meeting. He thanked them for the financial support and urging continued support of juniors like him self. He also requested that the board consider supporting him again this year.

Open City League

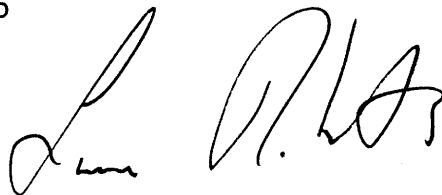
The following comments and discussion topics were made WRT Open City League for the upcoming season:

- Team declarations have been called for submission due date; September 30.
- Steve Oakey (City League Coordinator elect) has suggested that city league division two matches should be PAR 11. Steve to consult with division 2 teams on this matter.
- A few clubs have yet to declare how many teams they will be submitting. But the numbers look solid and we will likely run a Division 7 this year.
- 1 up 1 down system to continue. First session included.
- \$150 per team league fee
- Start date; October 11, 2017 (As per normal, the first Wed after Cdn Thanksgiving)
- Smiths Falls team to be added to the league. A discussion ensued about the distance that players would have to travel. Charles Emond (Nepean) expressed concern that the Nepean players would not be willing to go that far. A late start time was suggested to help players get there on time.
- Jim Kenward asked about the current status of the University teams. Maxym reported that He had some success with recruitment at Carleton, but had not had time to engage with Ottawa U. Both universities are submitting teams for league play this season.
- Cathy Wood (Women's Rep) reported that the RA Thursday night Women's League continued to have stable numbers. Luz Osario has volunteered to assist with the promotion of Women's events.

Motion for adjournment Brian Eldridge. Seconded by Steve Oakey.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05

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Drafted By: Lars Roberts/ ODSA Secretary

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Reviewed By: Mikola Czich / ODSA President