

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING - Minutes

Held at Boston Pizza, 1640 Carling Ave, Ottawa

1900 hrs, November 13, 2018

Present:

Mikola Czich, President / CASC, RA
Lars Roberts, Vice President / CASC
Rob Walsh, Treasurer / OAC
Luz Osorio, Secretary / Carl, OAC
Ralph Shillington, ODSA Jrs / ORL, OAC
Cathy Wood, Lady's Rep / RA
Patrick Robichaud / NDHQ
Chris Yeon / ORL
Charles Emond / Nep
Vinit Kudva / UOtt
Heather Wallace / GL

President's Opening Comments

Mikola brought the meeting to order and thanked attendees for their attendance and involvement in ODSA squash activities. The meeting commenced as per the pre-distributed agenda.

Open City League Review

A quick update was given on the Open City League which is ongoing. The first session ran smoothly with only minor disputes that were dealt with by the league coordinator.

Adrian Dudzicki ODSA Cup Review

Greg Archi provided a proposed schedule by email that was read at the meeting. Greg plans to shorten session in hope to have more participation. In addition, he plans to change the display format for the draws. No concerns were raised. Registration will open shortly.

Junior Activities Review

Ralph Shillington provided an update on the junior activities. Several juniors will participate in the upcoming Ontario closed championships in Toronto. (23-25 Nov). The juniors will also participate in the local Junior Grand Prix and joint events with Quebec. A March break camp with Hadrian Stiff is on the works for this season.

Women's Activities

Cathie and Luz provided an update on women's activities. This session there are 31 women in the league. Luz proposed an all-women's tournament with the Goodlife Women's league for the end of the season. She will work with Heather on the logistics and dates.

Ottawa Sports Awards (Squasher of the Year)

We need a nomination for Squasher of the Year. Luz will send an email notice to the ODSA members to submit their nominations by mid-December. Mikola specifically requested that the nomination request item for The Ottawa Squasher of the Year be the lead item on the email blast. (Luz nodded with concurrence.)

Financial Review

The financial report and budget were reviewed. It was noted that the financial report was not complete and needed work. The report was missing income items and it included expenses for more than one season.

Ralph agreed to help Rob Walsh with updating and improving ODSA financial records.

The presented budget had format issues. The budget would be reformatted and previous years expenditures would be used to factor into this season's spending.

There was disagreement over the ODSA funding of the registration fees for the Ontario Masters team tournament which is held in late February at White Oaks (Niagara on the Lake). It was agreed that participating players will be given the option to decline funding and pay for their own registration. The ODSA will fund the players that accept it.

Additional Items from the floor

- Attendees approved sponsorship funding of \$250 (to Squash Outaouais) for the Canadian Inter Provincial Masters Team Tournament which will be held at Sporthèque in January 2019.
- Vinit Kudva the University of Ottawa coach and rep indicated that he was trying to build a solid squash program at U of O. He was soliciting funding support for the U of O program from various sources. At the meeting the ODSA Exec was

not forthcoming with funding but will re-visit specific funding requests independently in the future.

- U of O is working towards having their squash program (including court access issues) solidified in time to have a team in the ODSA Open City League for January. (session 3)
- An ODSA Christmas Holiday Party will take place on December 19th at Absolute Comedy. The event will be fully self-funded. Luz will send out the invitation by email.
- Charles Emond made positive comments about the ODSA newsletter.
- Heather Wallace was complimented on recently running a Women's PSA Challenger event in combination with The Goodlife Squash Open. With 16 women squash pros and over 80 amateur players, the weekend was a significant positive event in the ODSA area.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

minutes drafted and signed by

Luz Osorio / ODSA Secretary

minutes vetted and signed by

Mikola Czich / ODSA President