

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 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-RA-CASC  
Lars Roberts / VP A-Secretary / Cascades Club Rep  
Steve Oakey / Web Master / Rankings Coordinator / RA  
Ralph Shillington / Jr Coordinator / Orleans Rep  
Charles Emond / Nepean & Barrhaven Rep  
Partick Robichaud / NDHQ Rep  
Debbie Witham / RA Rep  
Jim Kenward / OAC Rep

Non-voting attendees:

Clark Johnston / RA  
Tarun Balaraj / RA  
Patrick Balaraj

### **Roll Call**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and voting delegates were identified. With well over 7 voting members (including proxies) 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.

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### **President's Opening Comments**

The President opened the meeting welcoming all and giving thanks to our volunteers who make things happen in the ODSA community. With fall temps in the air and the Rust Remover Open about to happen the new season was on our doorstep. The highlight of the off-season was a reconnection with Squash Ontario as a paid regional member at a cost of \$360 for the year. With this reconnection the ODSA has dropped its independent insurance coverage expense.

## **Treasurer's Report**

A partial Treasurer's report was given by the President on behalf of Rob Walsh. At the time of the AGM, the ODSA had a bank balance of \$2,777.83. As the financial report only covered items from after the ODSA closing social a request was made to had a full past year financial summary made. Mikola indicated he would ask Rob to prepare such a report.

**Action:** *Treasurer requested to prepare a full report of last year's income and expenditures*

Aside from the request for a fuller financial report, it was noted that our season starting balance was close to last year's starting balance.

Spending policies were generally discussed and AGM members were satisfied with the spending during the past season.

## **2018-2019 ODSA Executive**

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

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name / Club</u></b>
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 / 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 2018-2019 ODSA Executive Committee, was unanimously supported by the voting AGM attendees.

## **Other Business**

### **City League Comments**

Steve Oakey spoke using his written submission as a reference. Highlights from last season included a high of 42 teams. Steve's written submission is attached for reference.

Comments were raised about team seedings for the upcoming CL season. Steve advised that he would take all inputs as well as performance from last season into account when trying to establish a best estimate for team start seedings.

### **Carleton U / U of Ottawa Activity**

Comments of concern were made re squash at Carleton U and U of O. Word was that Carleton U should have no problem participating in ODSA Open CL with Luz Osorio being involved with the Carleton U teams. U of O participation was a concern as calls to U of O contacts by Steve Oakey had little to no success. Court availability at U of O was understood to be a serious stumbling block.

### **Secretarial Note**

Since the AGM, there has been some contact with U of O players and coaches (at the Rust Remover Tourney) which indicates that there is some squash activity at U of O and they are trying to organize themselves. Lars Roberts also has gotten a referral to the Athletic Director and he hopes to speak with her in the near future to discuss ODSA Open City League and court access issues.

### **Tourney Schedule**

Mikola Indicated that the ODSA open tourney schedule was pretty well set with many open tourneys being planned during the 2018.19 season. (ODSA clubs were encouraged to avoid conflicts with other Eastern Ontario and Montreal Tourneys as much as possible and this had for the most part been done.) Steve Oakey asked that the latest draft for the tourney schedule be sent to him for ODSA Web and Rankenstein posting.

**Action:** Mikola to send Steve Oakey the latest draft of the ODA Tourney Schedule.

### **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 in Orleans.

### **Junior Activities**

Ralph Shillington spoke using his written submission as a reference. Ralph's written submission is attached for reference.

### **Ladies Activities**

There was no lady's rep in attendance. Cathy Wood had written a report prior to the AGM. It was read at the AGM. Cathy's written submission is attached for reference.

### **Communications**

Luz Osorio was not available for the AGM. She prepared a written report as the Comms rep and Secretary. The report was presented at the meeting. Luz's written submission is attached for reference.

### **Adrian Dudzicki ODSA Cup**

Greg Archi was not available for the AGM. He prepared a written report as the ODSA Cup rep. The report was presented at the meeting. Greg's written submission is attached for reference.

### **2018 Squasher of the Year**

Mikola reminded all that that we would soon be asked to declare our "Squasher of the Year" for the Ottawa sports awards. People were asked to start considering possible nominations.

***Action:*** All were to consider nominations for our 2018 "Squasher of the Year".

**Date for next ODSA Exec Meeting**

No date was set as it was sensed that there was pressing need for an exec meeting. As a minimum one would occur before Christmas to discuss our “Squasher of the Year”.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM

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Drafted By: Lars Roberts / ODSA VP, Acting Secretary

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Reviewed By: Mikola Czich / ODSA President