

OTTAWA AND DISTRICT SQUASH ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 28, at 7:00 P.M. at
The Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall
1000 Byron Ave, Ottawa, ON

Present Name / ODSA Position / Home Club

Voting attendees:

Mikola Czich / President / Cascades
Ralph Shillington / Treasurer / Orleans
Steve Wallace / Secretary / RA
Lars Roberts / VP / Cascades
Mark Chatterley / Junior Coord / WSQ
Shehzad Ghani / Nepean
Matt McGraw / RA
Stephane Lussier / Sporthèque
Geoff Lemmon / Ottawa U

Non-voting attendees:

None In attendance

Roll Call

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. With well over 9 voting members (including double hatted representatives) the President declared the meeting open with quorum.

Agenda

The agenda as presented was accepted. 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 noting that it had been a long time since the last AGM (pre-COVID) which took place in 2019. He hoped that squash life and activities would move back into more active times as we have started to live in a post COVID pandemic world.

Financial Report

The president presented a summary of our ODSA financial activities since our last AGM and of course due to the COVID pandemic activities THEY were limited in nature.

- ODSA income remains a single source, that being ODSA Open City League Fees. (With no current ODSA Women's League there was no input from that source.)
- Our bank balance remains healthy with a current virtual balance of slightly over \$6,000
- 2022.23 expenses included the following items:
 - Sanctioning ODSA Open CL with Squash Ontario;
 - Tourney sponsorship for Open tourneys held in the ODSA area (formula posted on the ODSA web site);
 - Web hosting fees; and
 - Bank admin fees.
- There were no expenses for the following items which had been supported with ODSA funds in pre-COVID times.
 - Sq Ont Regional Masters' team registration.
 - ODSA Juniors and Junior Team. and
 - ODSA season ending social..

2023-2024 ODSA Executive

The proposed slate for the ODSA Executive Committee was presented to those attending the AGM as per the table below. The slate, to serve as the 2023-2024 ODSA Executive Committee, was unanimously supported by the voting AGM attendees.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name / Club</u>
President	Mikola Czich / Cascades
Treasurer	Ralph Shillington / Orleans
Secretary	Steve Wallace / RA
Vice President	Lars Roberts / Cascades
Open City League / Co-ordinator	Steve Oakey / RA
Rankings Co-ordinator	Steve Oakey / RA
Junior Co-ordinator	Mark Chatterley / WSQ
Web Master / Social Media	Gareth Cawood / RA

City League Situation

The 2023.24 season has started out with 22 teams (3 Divs of 6 teams and 1 Div of 4 teams) There was hope and a desire to add 2 more teams so all 4 divisions would have 6 teams.

- Hearing that U of O had a squash team playing university squash, they were seriously encouraged to push for a team to start in the Jan.2024 3rd session. Previous U of O teams had participated even with the effort required to establish court access for visiting CL teams.
- Nepean was a few player short of entering another team. Mikola would contact the lead NDHQ / DND rep to see if any players might be available for Nepean.

Actions:

- Geoff Lemmon would investigate and push for the establishment of a U of O squash CL team.
- Mikola Czich would liaise with NDHQ / DND contacts to see is any players may be available for Nepean
- Shehzad Ghani would push internally to see if Nep could find enough players to add a second CL team

Future Non-Sponsorship ODSA Spending

Outside of tourney sponsorship (which is already defined) the President commented that based on historical activities there could be some other spending activities that may resurface. These included:

- **Junior Team Support** With the Ontario Winter games happening in Thunder Bay this year there may be significant funding support from the Junior Committee to help the junior team participate in the Winter Games.
- **Masters Team Support** If an ODSA Masters team is formed to represent The ODSA at the Sq Ont regional masters team tourney, entrance fees for the team will likely be covered.
- **ODSA Year End Social** With COVID conditions a bit of a memory, there is a desire reestablish an ODSA Year End Social.

U of O Support

With discussion revolving around finances, a request was tabled regarding funding support for the U of O squash team. A motion was carried to provide the U of O squash team a \$200 ODSA grant.

U of O rep was reminded of ODSA's desire to see a Open CL team from U of O starting in Jan 2024.

Squasher of the Year

Ottawa "squasher of the year" nominations and awards had been derailed over the past few years due to COVID

The Ottawa Sports Awards were looking for our Squasher of the Year/ Nominations needed to be finalized by mid Dec 2023.

Adrian Dudzicki / ODSA Cup

Mikola Czich volunteered to try to rekindle the Adrian Dudzicki / ODSA Cup. Clubs advised that free entry into clubs may be difficult so players needed to be warned that guest entrance fees may be required to get into some clubs. A \$20 entry fee was the floated entry fee for the cup and draws of 16 players would be the norm. A Jan 2024 start time was a notional target.

Topics From the Floor

- Cascades Club would likely hold an Open Tourney the first weekend after New Year's. (5 - 7 Jan 2024)
- Stephane Lussier encouraged the use of Club Locker for junior tournaments, to give more visibility to Squash Ontario.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM

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Drafted By: Steve Wallace / ODSA Secretary

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Reviewed By: Mikola Czich / ODSA President