

Squash PEI AGM

April 29, 2023

Board members present:

- Seana Evans-Reanud - *Squash PEI VP*
- JF Rocan - *Squash PEI VP*
- Chris MacIntyre - *Squash PEI Treasurer*
- Zach Stephens - *Squash PEI Secretary*
- Andy Ellsworth (via phone) – *Squash PEI Tournament Director*
- Jeff Perry - *Sport PEI*

Squash PEI member present:

- BJ MacLean (via phone) - *Canada Games Coach*
- Jo Spencer
- Jeremy Stiles
- Oliva Philips
- Andrew Avery
- Ashley Gorman

Regrets:

- Evelyn Peacock - *Junior Board Member*
- Role unoccupied - *President*

A) 6:45 PM - Call to order

B) 6:45 PM - Adoption of agenda

- Seana moved to adopt agenda, seconded by JF. Unanimous vote in favour.

C) 6:50 PM - Roll call and verification of voting delegate.

- Roll call completed
- Everyone present, except Jeff Perry, has a vote.

D) 6:55 PM - Minutes of previous AGM

- Reviewed minutes as a group:
 - Discussion of support for school squash programs.

- Discussion of support for Newcomers Association.
- Zach moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by Chris. Unanimous vote in favour.

E) 7:05 PM - Business arising from previous minutes.

- Continued support for female participation in squash.

F) 7:08 PM - Presidents Report (submitted by JF as President role is currently empty)

- **Presidents Report:**

This year was a specially challenging year with some board turnover and 2 of our biggest events in recent years, The 2023 Canada Games and the Canadian Masters Championship. In the face of these challenges, Squash PEI stepped up and the year was a success despite many roadblocks.

All of our tournaments were well attended, and we had several members joining the fun in other provinces including many juniors in preparation for the winter games.

Our Rust Remover started the year with 34 rusted players on the courts. We reintroduced the Aspin Cup after Covid with a decent 39 players turnout with some visitors from NS and Ontario. The Mill River was another huge success with a full draw and waiting list. However, as per usual, we ran this tournament at a financial loss. We will need to find solutions to make this tournament profitable in the future to keep our mandate to support juniors.

The Masters, co-organized by Squash Canada and Squash PEI was a huge success. We had 6 teams of 8 players for a total of 48 squash enthusiasts from across the country. PEI hospitality was on full display and positive feedback was received throughout the tournament. We decided to invest some of our unrestricted funds to ensure a positive experience and it was well received by everyone. Our hospitality was again on full display couple weeks later where 12 provinces competed for the Canada Winter games. Both teams represented PEI very well and we are very proud of our athletes' successes coming from one of the smallest provinces of the country. Finally, the PEI open saw 43 squashers fight for the title in 5 divisions.

Our presence in other tournaments is also a sign of our dedication to the sport. The Atlantic tournament in Moncton last week was very well attended by our members. The tournament had 9 distinct divisions and PEI came out with 4 winners and 4 runner-ups. This is a tremendous achievement, and I would like to congratulate every athlete that participated in any tournament this year.

Wednesday Night League was well attended on paper but very few players showed up for the games I the second part of the season. We will work to rectify the situation for the following year.

Squash PEI has 105 members for 2022/2023 season which is consistent with previous seasons. We would need to work to try to increase that number in the future to keep the sport growing in the province.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our board members this year who again took time out of their busy lives to volunteer for the love of squash; Seana, Zach, Andy, Evelyn and Chris. It has been a pleasure to work with you all again this year.

2023/2024 looks like it will be a great year and I look forward to seeing how Squash PEI will continue to evolve.

Jean-Francois Vincent-Rocan
Vice-President, Squash PEI

- Discussion of Mill River tournament... currently operating at a small loss.
- Chris moved to adopt, Andrew seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.

G) 7:18 PM - Treasurer's Financial Report

- **Treasurer's Report:**

This was a big year for Squash PEI. With hosting it being a Canada Game's year and hosting the masters tournament we used a good chunk of money that we had built up.

We started the year with a carry over from last year to use up and received \$11,200 from both Sport PEI and the Government of PEI. We spent just almost \$11,900 on supporting young athletes in traveling to tournaments mostly through the Maritimes but also helped support two athletes traveling for a tournament in Vancouver. We also hosted a Squash Camp in September however I'm not sure how well attended that was. We also spent a little over \$4,600 on uniforms for our athletes to ensure they had what they needed for the Canada Games.

We continued the tradition of spending some money to have Janet MacLeod work with some of our athletes.

An area we continue to struggle to spend as we are required to is within rural recruitment.

As for tournament's, our biggest tournament in Mill River did lose about \$420 however between the Aspin Cup and PEI Open those losses are more than made up for. League also made \$565.

This year we also had a significant number of charges that came in late last year and were therefore expensed this year.

I also did look at our banking as well this year as making payments can cause a lot of frustration but to get a better structure we may

have to look at leaving BMO but that doesn't mean our issues will be fixed.

Chris MacIntyre,
Treasurer, Squash PEI

- Andrew Avery moved to adopt, JF seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.

H) 7:28 PM - Notices of Motions

- Motion from JF and seconded by Seana: "*The expectation is that board members will assist with running tournaments and house league and will receive a 6-month SPA membership.*" Unanimous vote in favour of the motion.

I) 7:34 PM / 7:45 PM - Amendments to the Bylaws

- Initially no changes to bylaws.
- During the Election of Directors, we revisited Amendments to Bylaws:
 - Sean moved to create a new roles "**Communications Director**", "**Tournament and Event Director**" and "**Member at Large**" with details of roles to be provided later. JF seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.

J) 7:35 PM - Election of Directors

President:

- Seana nominated JF as president, Jo seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.
- Jeff called for other nominees three times. There were none.
- JF accepted the role.

VP Female:

- Seana staying in the role.

VP Male:

- JF nominated Ashely Gorman as VP Male, Seana seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.
- Jeff called for other nominees three times. There were none.
- JF accepted the role.

Secretary:

- Zach staying in the role.

Treasurer:

- Chris staying in the role.

Junior Board Member:

- Unclear if Evelyn Peacock staying in the role. Jeff will inquire.

Communications Director:

- JF nominated Jo, Seana seconded. Unanimous vote in favour.
- Jeff called for other nominees three times. There were none.
- Jo accepted the role.

Tournament and Event Director:

- Andy Ellsworth leaving the role.
- Jo Spencer nominate Andrew Avery for Tournament Director.
- Jeremy nominated Olivia Philips for Tournament Director.
- Jeff called for other nominees three times. There were none.
- Unanimous vote in favour of Andrew/Olivia sharing the role.
- Andrew and Olivia agreed to share the role as co-Tournament Directors.

Member at Large:

- Olivia nominated Jeremy Stiles, Ashely seconded. Unanimous vote.
- Jeff called for other nominees three times. There were none.
- Jeremy accepted the role.

Past President:

- Vacant

K) 7:58 PM - New Business

- We have an application for community service bursary so that high school students can get reimbursed for volunteering their time to help Squash PEI.
- Update from Seana regarding squash courts.
 - Stratford claims they want a "return on their investment"... unclear what that investment is.
 - 4-5 years from being ready to set up courts.
 - They are paying \$1300/month to store the courts.
 - They have been approached by two other provinces to buy the courts (\$350,000).
 - Stratford has issued an ultimatum that we find a place for the courts within 2-3 months or they sell.
 - They were hoping that in the federal budget there would be financial assistance to establish something for the courts.
 - Cindy Harris from Provincial Government Deputy Minister from Department of Finance wants to keep the courts on PEI.
 - Wants us to figure out where they can go... "worry about the money" after.
 - Jeff has been making investigations on potential sites. Some possibilities.
 - There is another meeting with Stratford on April 28th.

L) 8:15 PM – Adjournment

- Chris motioned to Adjourn, Zach seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.