

2021 SquashPEI AGM

April 26, 2020, 6:00pm

SportPEI, Charlottetown

In Attendance: Jo Spencer, JF Vincent-Rocan, Brian Ashby, Seana Evans-Renaud, Andrew Ellsworth, Zach Stephens, Jeremy Stiles, BJ MacLean, Nicole Blanchard, Ajit Bala

6:10pm – Meeting called to order by Jo Spencer

Adoption of the 2021 AGM Agenda

Jo Spencer moves to adopt the 2020 AGM minutes and Brian Ashby seconds. All are in favour.

Adoption of the 2020 AGM Minutes

The 2020 AGM minutes were briefly reviewed. Brian Ashby moves to adopt them and JL Vincent-Rocan seconds, all are in favour.

Roll Call

Roll call is taken for members in attendance. There are no members attending virtually this year.

6:15pm – President's Report

(A copy of the President's Report is attached at the end of these minutes)

Jo Spencer provides a summary of the 2020 season. Obviously due to COVID and the ongoing restrictions, 2020 was not as eventful as previous seasons, but there were still a number of positives, including:

- 2 Tournaments, the Rust Remover and Cross Court PEI, both of which were well-attended
 - o Great to see new people from Summerside participating
- Full session of the Wednesday night league at the SPA
- Junior Programming

Unfortunately, this season as the first in 30 years when the Mill River Open tournament was not held. We tried to hold a final tournament, but the COVID circuit breaker at the time made that not feasible as few people had signed up.

SquashPEI had a membership of 110 people which is great considering the difficult circumstances this year. The Wednesday night league ended with 36 players which was a big improvement from the start of the season which saw fewer initial players.

We were particularly pleased with Junior programming, as the juniors had some great coaches to work with, including John Power, BJ MacLean, Lester Jinks, Nicole Blanchard, and Charlie Peacock. This gave the juniors lots of different styles to learn from.

Jo would like to express her gratitude to all the volunteers, coaches and board members who volunteer their time and help keep SquashPEI programming running smoothly. In particular, a big thank you to the coaches who have had a difficult time training due to COVID.

Some questions for the upcoming season:

- What is happening with Aspen Kemp and their sponsorship of tournament?
- Should we think about holding the Rust Remover in Mill River since we missed having an event there last year?

Seana Evans-Renault moves to adopt the President's Report, and Brian Ashby seconds. All are in favour.

6:25pm – Treasurer's Report

(A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached at the end of these minutes)

Chris MacIntyre could not be in attendance but has provided a summary of SquashPEI financials. SquashPEI is in a good financial position given the size of our organization.

- Just over \$40,000 in the bank
 - o \$39,397 from general fund
 - o \$1,504 from restricted fund (split between Rural Recruitment, Ladies Night, and Performance Plan)
- There was \$6,185 in revenue for 2020, mostly from membership, league and revenue from the 2 tournaments.
- As expected at the start of the year, revenues were down in particular for tournaments, lessons, and misc revenues (e.g. sales of grips)

Jo has asked for more funding, and details will follow in the future.

JF Vincent-Rocan moves to adopt the President's Report, and Brian Ashby seconds. All are in favour.

6:30pm – Bylaw Amendments

All bylaws are up for review and the board needs to have a meeting in the summer to review current bylaws, as well as adopt any bylaws that are required by Squash Canada. We can use their templates and adjust to our needs if required – in particular, concussion, team selection, and coach selection. The criteria for these items may need to be updated to be in line with Squash Canada's guidelines. These need to be completed for funding applications. We will organize a meeting to review and finalize these documents.

6:35pm – Election of Board Members

President: 2020/2021 was Jo Spencer's last year as president and we need to locate a replacement, this position is still at-large for the time being.

VP Male: Jean-Francois Vincent-Rocan will remain in this role

VP Female: Seana Evans-Renaud will remain in this role

Treasurer: Chris MacIntyre will remain in this role

Tournament Director: Andrew Ellsworth agrees to become the tournament director

Secretary: Brian Ashby agrees to remain in role as Secretary

Board Member: Zach Stephens agrees to remain as a voting board member

We would like to have Ajit Bala join us as a junior board member. He is nominated by Jo Spencer and Nicole Blanchard seconds. All are in favour. Welcome Ajit!

6:40pm – New Business

Criminal Records Check

All volunteers with SquashPEI need to have an updated criminal record check done.

New Funding

Next year we should be applying for funding for various items:

1. Coaching certification
2. Junior Programming
3. Ladies clinics (Janet's clinic was great)
4. Sport promotions in Mill River, Summerside, etc

Funding has been applied to for Junior Programming, and we should use some of our cash in the bank to send some juniors/coaches to tournaments outside the Maritimes when feasible

Volunteer Committees

We should have sub-committees for Canada Games as well as New Facility Engagement

New Racquet Facility

We have been gifted four courts from the Canada Games, but we don't currently have a facility for them. A new non-profit indoor facility for tennis, squash and pickle-ball has been proposed to the city of Charlottetown and is in late stages, but not approved yet. A decision is expected soon. This would obviously be a great opportunity for SquashPEI and we are looking forward to its approval. SquashPEI's

involvement would include a position on the board of the non-profit running the facility. More details will be provided when they are available.

7:00pm – Meeting Adjourned

Finally, the board members would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to Jo Spencer for all her hard work as President for the last two seasons. We are all very grateful for her dedication to squash on PEI.

President's Report

Little old PEI is not usually affected by big new stories that go on in the world but when a world-wide pandemic hits, it sets an unprecedented season for Squash PEI. During this time, we continued to find success and more opportunities than other PSOs across Canada.

We felt comfortable holding two tournaments this year: the Rust Remover and Cross Court PEI, a full season of Wednesday Night League, and Jr. Programming. For the first time in 30 years our annual Mill River Open did not happen.

Our Rust Remover had visitors from Nova Scotia join us and had a good little turn out. Everyone had a good time and the only chasing around that had to happen was sanitizing doors and hands.

Cross Court PEI had 40 people come to the spa, some new to formal competition from the west end of PEI, which created a hunger to have more tournaments. After a "circuit breaker", we did try for a 3rd tournament, but the numbers were too low.

Jr. Programming, in my opinion was a bit of a treat, with not only training with the legendary John Power but also the opportunity to work with BJ MacLean, Lester Jinks, Nichole Blanchard, and Charlie Peacock. This gives the Jrs many styles and personalities to learn from.

Wednesday Night League was a little slow in the beginning, but our last session had 36 members. I was happy to see new or returning faces to Squash like former Canada Games kids; that have not played in formal circuits in a long time.

Squash PEI has 110 members for 2020/2021 season which is on par with pre-covid numbers, so I feel this a big positive for the year.

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, JF, Zach, Brian, Ken, Andy, and Chris. Of course, we all dream of a day with an extra-large membership, our own facility, big events, and more competition but it's the volunteers that are striving to make that a reality. It has been a pleasure to work with you all again this year.

I would also like to throw a big shout out to our coaches who have looked after our Jr. Program and the future of Squash PEI. John Power, BJ MacLean, Lester Jinks, Nicole Blanchard, and Charlie Peacock, thank you so much for your lessons and developing the future of Squash PEI.

2021/2022 looks like it will be a great year and I look forward to seeing how Squash PEI will continue to evolve.

Jo Spencer
President, Squash PEI

Treasurer's Report

We have \$40,901 book balance in our bank account this year. This year we added \$1,117. our cash balance is made up of the following:

\$39,397 from the general fund

\$1,504 from the restricted fund

Our restricted fund is balances remaining from last year. I used what I could this year but we have the following remaining

- \$486 Rural Recruitment

- \$232 Ladies Night

- \$786 Performance plan

We did \$6,185 in revenue this year broken into the following:

- \$2,850 Membership revenue (+\$195)

- \$1,680 League Revenue (+\$305)

- \$1,220 Tournaments (-\$1,950)

- \$320 Lessons (-\$1,245)

- \$5 Misc. Revenue (grip) (-\$660)

- No Grant revenue this year

The following Cheques were written or put in the mail today:

- \$287.50 for the February tournament SPA charge

- \$150.00 for the PSO Membership (Sport PEI) (Not in books yet, expensed in new year)

- \$714.30 insurance (Sport PEI) (Not in books yet, expensed in new year)

- \$81.00 Nicole Blanchard Jr Programing (in pile for you)

- \$50.00 Charli Peacock Jr Programing (in pile for you)

- \$180.00 Jo Spencer League Admin (in pile for you)

- \$180.00 Any Ellsworth League Admin (in pile for you)

- \$53.36 Jo Spencer Mileage check for last year (Replacement Cheque)

- \$35.58 Seana Evans-Renaud Food for women's clinic last year (Replacement cheque)