



Minutes from the
2007 Annual General Meeting
May 31, 2007

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as circulated. Moved by Michele LeClair, seconded by Cynthia Dunsford.

2. Approval of 2006 AGM Minutes

Minutes were unavailable, Allan did submit to Sport PEI as part of our audit.

3. Business Arising from 2006 AGM Minutes

No business arose from the unavailable minutes

4. President's Report - Derek Lawther

The 2006-2007 Squash PEI Executive includes: Michele LeClair (Secretary), Allan Hughes (Treasurer), Cynthia Dunsford (Vice-President), Steven Banks (Past-President), and myself as president. Like all would-be leaders, I reap the benefit of being surrounded by great people such as these, past-past presidents Jeremy Stiles and Kenny Power, and all the committee and tournament volunteers. Much thanks to Des Lecky who stepped down after many years as Treasurer. We also gave a fond farewell to Spider Jones, after the shortest presidency in Squash PEI history (two months). Spider answered the call for his services in Yellowknife, NWT, our loss is their gain.

Notable events and initiatives from this past year include:

1. "Boasts & Lobs" blog site
2. New tournaments: Summerside Open and Diva Invitational
3. Awards: Mike Buchanan and Stephanie Charlton were the 2005-06 Athletes-of-the-Year, and Robert Sharkie was named the winner of the Steven F. Rogers Trophy.
4. Additional promotion and demotion rules. Complete details are published on the website.
5. Process for electing members to the "Hall of Fame" were established.
6. Effective recruitment strategies targeting women introduced.
7. Boys and Girls Canada Games teams competed at the 2007 Canada Games in Whitehorse. Best ever finish for the girls (7th).

8. A Men's team was sent to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the 2007 Canadian Team Championships.
9. Upgrade of Steven Banks' coaching credentials
10. Replacement of All-Sport with B.F. Lorenzetti as liability/injury insurance provider

5. Vice-President's Report - Cynthia Dunsford

Cynthia commented on the growth of women's squash during the season and highlighted the success of the Monday night league at UPEI and the Diva Invitational Tournament.

6. Treasurer's Report - Allan Hughes

Allan presented the 2006-2007 Year End Financial Statement. It was approved as presented. Moved by Cynthia Dunsford, seconded by Bob Aitken.

7. Committee Reports

Tournaments - 8 sanctioned tournaments were held with between 35-85 participants in each. The draw committee consisted of Michele, Cynthia, Shawn, Steven, and Greg. The committee will look at scheduling software for next year.

Membership and Rankings - we had over 100 members this season. Bruce will be approached to remain as Membership and Rankings Chairperson.

Coaching and Junior Development - the need to recruit and retain coaches of all levels was discussed. Steven Banks is now certified to put on Level One clinics. PEI sent a full contingent to the Canada Games this year. The girls had their best ever showing with a 7th place finish.

Officiating - there were no D4 clinics offered this year but a rules clinic was held at the Diva tournament which was very well received. Bob plans to hold a D4 course early in the 07-08 season. He also had the opportunity to travel to Whitehorse for the Canada Games.

Publicity and Website - there have been several problems with the website this year. We are going to switch providers.

Newsletter - there will be one in the fall and one in the spring. It will continue to be distributed through the website.

8. Consideration of Amendments to Bylaws

The Executive of Squash PEI move the approval of the following motion affecting the Squash PEI bylaws:

Motion: That the bylaws be rewritten at the discretion of the Executive to reflect the addition of a second Vice-President.

Rational: The current bylaws reflect the understanding that the VP will usually succeed into the position of President. Addition of a second VP position will encourage nominees who otherwise would not wish to become President.

Moved by Michele, seconded by Cynthia; Motion Carried

9. Election of 2007-2008 Officers

President - Derek Lather

Vice-President - Kirsten Lund

Treasurer - Allan Hughes

Secretary - Michele LeClair

All other committees maintain the same structure and composition.

10. New Business

10.1 Provincial Amateur Sport Support Program (2-yr Plan) - Derek will call a meeting of the Executive over the summer to work on this.

10.2 PEI Sport Fair 2007 (Oct 2-3, 2007) - Squashpei is participating. Volunteers will be recruited in the fall to help showcase our sport at this event.

10.3 Children's Fitness Tax Credit - some squash programs may qualify. The executive will look into whether a "package" of activities can be put together in which a tax receipt can be issued.

10.4 Squash Cannon - Squashpei will be purchasing one, Derek will look at funding sources.

10.5 National Team Championships Eligibility and Selection Criteria - Derek will check what other provinces do and draft a policy to present to the Executive.

10.6. Recruitment Initiatives/Target -The executive will strike a committee to create a strategic plan regarding recruitment and retention in the sport.

10.7 AOB - there was no other business

11. Adjournment