

Squash PEI AGM

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

6:00pm

Boston Pizza

Minutes

In Attendance: Kady Bruce, Steve Bruce, Kelly MacWilliams, Andrew Avery, Ken Sampson, Shara Cody, Matthew Ramsay, Lester Jinks

Called to order at 6:19pm

1. 2015 AGM Agenda was approved by Andrew Avery, seconded by Steve Bruce

2. The 2014 AGM Minutes were approved by Ken Sampson, seconded by Andrew Avery.

3. President's Report
 - a. Kelly MacWilliams spoke of squash venues, thanking Summerside individuals for their efforts, and those that have been reaching out to Montague and Mill River.
 - b. Question raised as to whether we have to return grant money that was unused or if we can roll it over into next year.
 - c. 2014-2015 Highlights were as follows:
 - i. 7 tournaments in the 2014-15 season (6 in Charlottetown and 1 in Mill River; A tournament planned in Summerside did not come to fruition.)
 - ii. Weekly "House League" at Spa Total Fitness in Charlottetown, involving 72 players.
 - iii. Junior lessons at Montague and Summerside locations.
 - iiii. Junior Development program at Spa Total Fitness in Charlottetown, with sessions for Beginner (1 /week), Intermediate and Advanced (both 2 / week).
 - v. Our Men's and Women's Canada Games Team both earned a 5th place finish at the Canada Games in February. Our #1 male seed, Connor Jinks, was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the Squash competition.

vi. Our Canada Games Team Coach, and renowned squash player and builder, John Power, was awarded “Coach of the Year” by Sport PEI.

vii. From September to December, weekly drop-in nights were held at the University of PEI squash courts. Attendance was low, and UPEI decided not to continue with this for 2nd semester.

viii. Adult “Learn to Play” Clinics held at venues across PEI.

ix. Weekly “Ladies Drop-in” round-robin night at Spa Total Fitness Center.

x. Weekly Adult Intermediate Lessons & Round-Robin at Spa Total Fitness.

xi. Squash PEI received funding from Sport PEI, allocated to engage under-represented groups in the sport. Initially, there was great interest from the First Nations community, and plans were started, however, this did not come to fruition by the deadline for use of the funds.

xii. Squash PEI had a member attend Learning Facilitator Training in Halifax in February 2015.

xiii. Squash PEI had members being evaluated for Club Referee certification

xiii. Squash PEI also had 2 junior players attend training camp at National Squash Academy.

d. The President’s Report was approved as read by Shara Cody.

4. Treasurer’s Report

a. We didn’t lose any money on programming this year.

b. We have a healthy cash flow, with more money in the bank than in previous years.

c. We are required to have a Third Party Review of our Financial Statements this year, for our funding application to Sport PEI. Ken has contacted Kate Richards, who is willing to do this for us, and does such other PSO’s.

d. Final Funding Reports are due to Sport PEI in June. Shara and Kelly will complete this.

e. The Treasurer’s Report was approved as read by Shara Cody

5. Canada Games Report

a. Our Canada Games Team had an amazing performance at Canada Games, with both our Boys and Girls Teams finishing 5th. This is an unprecedented performance.

b. Talked about the need to identify players, coaches and managers earlier, in preparation for next Games in 2019

c. Talked about succession planning for when John retires from coaching. Derek Lawther was identified as a strong candidate.

6. Tournament Report

a. We had a great 2014-2015 Tournament Season.

b. The following are notes presented by Andrew Avery:

i. The UPEI Open was moved from UPEI and took place at The Spa, with the name being changed to Charlottetown Open. This change took place after UPEI advised us that they were not willing or able to contribute towards the Tournament as a sponsor, in the way they have for many, many years. They were also enforcing usage fees to non-profit sporting organizations that were using UPEI facilities, meaning that Squash PEI would be charged for court usage for the Tournament. The Squash PEI Executive Committee felt this was not in our best interests, and made the decision to move the Tournament and change the name.

ii. Summerside Open was cancelled due to lack of entries and rescheduled for March 27th-29th, 2015. In early March, Squash NS made a decision to reschedule the NS Open to that weekend due to their original date conflicting with March Break. In discussion with Melanie of the Summerside Credit Union Place, it was decided that with the previous weekend being March Break and the following two weekends being Easter and Atlantics, that we would cancel the tournament.

iii. The Fall Fiesta and Aspin Cup had an increased registration from 2013-2014. Following that, all Maritime tournaments showed a decrease in tournament participation with the exception of Mill River.

c. Discussed opportunities for getting squash into schools.

d. The Tournament Chair's Report was approved as read by Kelly MacWilliams, seconded by Steve Bruce.

7. Review Training Programs from last year

a. Discussed the need to maintain the 3 levels of Junior Programming (Beginner, Intermediate,

and Advanced)

- a. Talked about bringing back Adult Beginner nights. Steve to take charge of this.
- b. Talked about trying to re-establish a drop in night at UPEI.

8. New Business

- a. Lester talked about approaching Badminton PEI to recruit new juniors.
- b. Discussed the website and who's responsible for updates.
- c. Talked about social media, and engaging the juniors. Starting a #squashpei, with a photo of the month winning a gift card to Juice Zone.
- d. Talked about the needed renovations at the Spa.
- i. Kelly to approached Colin for a discussion on this.
- e. Executive to have a meeting at Kelly's house in two weeks to discuss the future of squash regarding facilities.
- f. Kelly to arrange meeting with executive and Chris at UPEI.

9. Election of Executive

- a. The following were elected into their respective positions

Kelly MacWilliams – President

Steve Bruce – VP Men's

Kady Bruce – VP Women's

Ken Sampson – Treasurer

Matthew Ramsay – Secretary

Shara Cody – Past President

Andrew Avery – Tournament Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm