

RABC Executive Meeting held April 15, 2015

Attendees: Mike Yee, Mike Conway, Jackie Tsang, David Kurtz, Anshuman Tyagi, Jie Cai, Jane Proudfoot (RA Recreation Director).

Invited Guests: Jason Loney, Chris Trothen.

Absent: Mike Bitten (Club Professional).

6:23 pm Meeting called to order.

Old Business:

Minutes of previous meeting: Approval of minutes of previous meeting deferred until next meeting.

Dave Waddell Plaque: Jane will make arrangements with Barbara regarding delivery of box of memorabilia to RA. Once design of display is prepared Jane will send Barbara a photograph of the display for her approval.

Black Soled Shoes: No further complaints received since new posters have been mounted. Notice will be included with future rental agreements that a court cleaning fee may be applied to those who don't enforce non-marking shoe rule.

New Business:

Length of Executive Service Term: Consensus reached that the one year term is acceptable for most members and easier to manage with regard to administration of elections.

Membership Growth:

Corporate Membership: Mike Y will prepare a detailed proposal for review at next meeting. Chris suggested looking into whether the Public Library would purchase a number of memberships for use by library card holders.

Automatic renewal monthly membership option: Jane will forward the details of the RA Squash Club's membership structure so that it can be assessed for application to the Badminton Club.

Tuesday and Thursday Night Membership: Intent is to create attractive playing option for plastic playing community throughout the city. Concern was raised that offering discounted membership for play on tues/thurs would result in a reduction of full members. Jane suggested that off prime time (after 9pm) could be used to establish a new program or membership for the purpose of introducing new members. Chris asked why there is no 10 visit pass for guests to the Badminton Club. Jane suggested a member sponsored guest pass might be the answer.

Junior Weekend Summer Memberships: Mike Y suggested offering a summer membership for junior players. The problem of available time during the week was raised and it was suggested that it might be more suitable to offer a weekend membership in the summer for junior players. Jie asked that the executive look for more time for the High Performance junior programs and suggested Sunday afternoons as possible training time. Jie will talk to Andrew and Javier to establish possible times for expanded training in the coming year.

Revitalization Campaign: RA has introduced a capital campaign to raise funds for Clubs and infrastructure such as the repairs to the roof over the Badminton courts. Jane provided documentation to explain the program. One or more volunteers will be needed from the Club in order to participate in this program.

Badminton Canada Event: Bid package for Canadian International Event in 2016 will be forwarded to the RA by Badminton Canada. Kyle Hunter has also provided a preliminary report to the RA. Badminton Canada is ideally looking for a three year commitment.

Volunteer Recruitment: The executive was asked to seek volunteers and get the word out that volunteers are needed for various positions including Singles Ladder Coordinator, Playboard Monitors, and to fill the vacant executive positions.

Nomination of Vice Chairperson: The executive voted unanimously to accept the nomination of Jason Loney to the position of vice-chairperson.

Nomination of Morning Program Coordinator: The executive voted unanimously in favour of accepting to nomination of Chris Trothen to the position of Morning Program Coordinator.

Increasing Time for Junior Members: The need to accommodate increased number of juniors will have to be addressed for next season.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Approved May 6, 2015