

RABC Executive Meeting held January 6, 2016

Attendees: Mike Yee, Mike Conway, Lachlan Salter, Anshuman Tyagi, David Kurtz, Valerie Duchesneau, Jie Cai, Chris Trothen. Mike Bitten (Club Professional), Emily Caillier (RA Recreation).

Absent: Jackie Tsang, Jason Loney.

6:21 pm Meeting called to order.

Old Business:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approval of previous minutes was deferred.

New Business:

RA Recreation Department: Emily was introduced as the Badminton Club's new contact person within the RA Recreation Department, she will report to Nancy Kirkwood and to Jane Proudfoot.

Oliver Racquets Sponsorship: The Badminton Club is still waiting for approval from Jane as to what can be done, when received Mike Y will report back to Carlos and make arrangements for funding Club programs. Chris added that head received a sponsorship document from RA Marketing director Brian Merrett which he would like to post on the website. He had also received interest from a newly opened sports store that would like to offer members a discount. Mike Y added that as ODBA members, RABC members are entitled to a discount at SportsExperts stores.

RA Marketing Policy: The marketing department at the RA has enacted a policy that any Club clothing purchases are to go through Gaudaur. Anshuman asked if they would match prices found elsewhere. Mike C asked what would happen if Gaudaur were not able to provide clothing which matched the Club's existing team uniforms. Emily said those issues would have to be addressed with Jane as they arose,

RABC AGM: The Club's Annual General Meeting has been set for 7pm on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. A nomination committee still has to be formed, Mike Y asked if anyone interested could contact him. Mike C said that he would provide the previous meeting minutes and the nomination forms to Chris so that they could be posted along with the meeting announcement on the Club website. With the RA changing their Fiscal Year Period, the RABC may have to consider changing the date of the AGM to reflect new budgeting dates.

Club Championships: Mike B and Lachlan will make arrangements for the Club Championships to be held April 1-3, 2016. RA policy will be in place that Food service must be provided within the RA and not at outside venues. Club Junior Championships will be held within Junior hours on a Saturday.

Insurance Issues for Junior s travelling to Tournaments.: Jie brought up that parents were concerned about liability issues with Juniors travelling to tournaments. On court issues would be covered by insurance through the tournament venue or OBA. Jie, Andrew and Javier will meet with Jane to discuss what can be done and if a waiver will be sufficient information to provide to parents.

Annual Membership: Chris said that members who had registered after January 1, 2016 were still being sold pro-rated memberships until the end of August.

Whirlpool Update: The whirlpool baths in the east locker rooms have been shutdown. No investigation into the installation of required safety equipment or repair of the Women's whirlpool has yet been done. RA Property management will meet with the RA Board in February to discuss converting the baths into steam rooms.

Social Media Presence: Chris wanted to explore creating a facebook page for the Club. Valerie said that she would contact Jane regarding what the Club can do in terms of establishing a presence on social media.

Foamy Friday: Foamy Friday has been scheduled for February 12th. Chris will put information up on Club website.

ODBA AGM: Fei has asked if delegates can be provided with guest passes to allow play following their meeting on April 12, 2016. Mike Y said that RA policy is to provide a room and free play for one meeting per year.

New Clinics: Valerie has contacted various presidents of local badminton clubs with information on the clinics added for 2016. The new schedule has been posted on the website.

Seven Day Trial Pass: The registration desk is now limiting the seven day pass to a onetime only offer for each person. The pass was highly popular through the Christmas Holiday Period. Proper usage of the Playboard tends to be an issue.

Budget 2016: Anshuman has received the budget information from the RA and will forward the information to the Executive Members for comments or concerns. He will meet with RA in the following week.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

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