

RABC Executive Meeting held July 17, 2017

Attendees: Mike Yee, Chris Trothen, Jackie Tsang, Mike Conway, Mike Bitten (Club Professional).

Absent: David Kurtz.

6:23 pm: Meeting called to order.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Approval of previous minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Old Business:

Sunday Team League: The total prize money has been reduced from \$1600 to \$1200. with the winner of each session taking \$600 for their team. Format for each session will be a two phase round-robin followed by a four team playoff. There will be no restriction on the strength of teams allowed to play in either session. There will be two start times within each session with half the teams playing from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm and the other half from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Three courts will be reserved for league play from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the other three courts will be reserved for league play from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Chris and Mike B recommended that all 6 courts be reserved from the same start to finish time period to avoid confusion. The league will be restricted to persons 16 years of age or older except under recommendation of Club Pro. Jackie said that she would proof read Mike's league format document.

Court Area Expansion: The proposal has been submitted but the RA has no funding or incentive to go forward.

Fund-raiser for Court Mats: It has been determined that a poker tournament is not a legal means to raise funds and will have to be shelved.

New Business:

Open House: No junior open house will be held this fall as programs are full. The morning will run a week long open house that Chris will arrange, he hopes to have some promotional cards for the Morning Program produced, in an effort to provide information about the program to prospective players, both recreational and competitive so that all morning time slots can be filled. Any product demo will have to be cleared by RA Marketing. Mike B and Jackie will pick a date likely in late September for an evening Open House.

T-shirts: Mike Y wanted to budget for T-shirts for renewing members. The budget was not currently available to determine what funds were available. It was estimated that \$2000 would be required for bulk shirt purchase. Mike B suggested that more small T-shirts should be ordered to reflect that membership. Motion by Mike Y to allocated \$2000 towards the purchase of T-shirts as a gift to members who renew for another year, seconded by Mike C. Motion passed.

Membership Holds: Chris wanted the Badminton Club to have an on hold policy similar to RA Life-fit. Mike Y suggested that Chris draft a policy that he thought the Club should have and address it with the RA.

Compensation for Weight Lifting Competition: In lieu of the \$300 credit offered at the Fieldhouse for the loss of the courts for a weekend, the RA contribute to the purchase of Court Mats for the Club. Mike B has a connection to some used mats that may be available.

Fund-raising at Club Events: Mike Y suggested that fund-raising be introduced at events that the Club holds such as the Christmas tournament.

Intensive Badminton Training: A draft flyer has been prepared for the training sessions outlining the dates and what the program offers.

Oliver Sponsorship Proposal: The Club has a proposal on the table from Oliver sports to be the sole sponsor of the Team league. The offer includes reduced pricing on birds and t-shirts as well as providing prizes and player sponsorships for winners. This proposal will be brought to the RA for approval.

Website Content: Chris said he needs content sent to him to keep the website information current. Mike Y said he would forward Chris the dates for Club events for the following season.

Potential CTV Interview: Chris said that some time in the fall that local CTV news would be by to profile older players at the Club.

Lifestyles 50 plus: Chris has been trying to encourage the RA to get a booth at the Lifestyles Show in order to promote all the RA's facilities and clubs.

RA Centre Events Schedule: Chris has noticed that the RA is failing to put events that are booked at the RA Centre on the RA Centre Event Calendar saying that it is the responsibility of those who present the events to provide their own advertising. This leads to an overall lack of awareness about the RA Centre and its facilities.

Open Play Definition: No changes to the Open play or Family time schedule other than renaming Family time to All -ages Open play.

Membership Pricing: When the budget is available the membership costs will have to be reviewed.

LED Lighting: Chris asked if there had been any follow-up to the suggestion at the Club AGM that LED lighting be considered for the court area.

Shuttle Purchasing: Chris has been looking into the cost of providing members with shuttles and has come up with a cost of \$100 per member for morning players. He also suggested that the Club bypass the RA and order birds to sell to members at no mark-up.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.