

**RABC Executive Meeting held August 5, 2015**

**Attendees:** Mike Yee, Mike Conway, Chris Trothen, Jie Cai, Anshuman Tyagi, Jane Proudfoot (RA Recreation Director), Mike Bitten (Club Professional).

**Invited Guests:** Andrew Dabeka, Javier Montes, Lachlan Salter.

**Absent:** Jackie Tsang, David Kurtz, Jason Loney.

**6:20 pm Meeting called to order.**

**Fundraiser Event:** Andrew presented his idea for the Club to host an event to celebrate the recent accomplishments of high performance athletes and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mike Bitten as Club Pro. This event will be combined with a fundraising effort to fulfill the Club's commitment to the Badminton Perpetual Excellence Foundation, a sponsor of the Club's Junior High Performance program. This event would be held in conjunction with the Club's Open House schedule. The event would be free admission with funds being raised through donations, activities and silent auction. The event will be planned for either a Tuesday or Thursday of third week of September. Mike C will meet with Andrew to develop an outline for the event.

**Intermediate Junior Program:** The junior training program needs to be expanded to support increased demand and create a section for players to develop between the introductory level and the high performance level. Tuesdays and Thursdays have proven problematic in establishing a junior program. The targeted time slot would be Fridays and Sundays in the afternoons.

**Increased playing opportunities for Junior High Performance Program:** Jie requested that part of the family time on Sunday be dedicated to junior high performance training for the top two tiers. The 7am to 9am time slot was suggested to be offered to potentially 24 players in HP1 and HP2. Jie will survey interest to determine what is required following the tryout stages in early September.

(Andrew and Javier were excused)

**Old Business:**

**Review of Tuesday/ Thursday Usage:** On average for May 19 through June 19 there were an average of 17 players between 3:30 and 6pm. 57 distinct Badminton Members scanned in during this period.

**Junior HP3 Program:** Motion by Mike Y to establish the Intermediate Junior Program (referred to as HP3) dedicating 3 courts on Friday from 4:30 pm to 6:00pm and three courts on Sundays from noon to 2pm. Seconded by Mike C, motion was passed.

**Approval of Previous meeting Minutes:** Anshuman presented corrections to minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion made by Mike Y to approve amended minutes, seconded by Mike C. Motion passed.

**RA Program Guide:** Jane presented the draft for the RA program guide. The seven day trial membership will be added to the guide.

**Morning Multiple Visit Guest Pass:** Motion by Mike Y to establish an 8 visit pass for play in the mornings only Monday through Friday at a cost of \$75 + HST as a pilot program for the 2015-16 season, seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Open House:** Dates in September to be set.

**Early Renewal T-shirts:** Motion by Mike Y that funds be set aside to produce 100 t-shirts to be given as complimentary gifts to members who renew early, seconded by Mike C. Motion Passed.

**RA Financial Performance:** The RA is coming off the worst financial year on record and is under pressure to turn the organization around. Subsequent to this initiative, the RA Board has approved the change of the fiscal year to move the start of the fiscal year to January 1. The Comptroller is making a stub budget to cover the 4 month period between September and December 2015 based on the actual of the previous year. Jane will share stub budget as soon as it is available.

**RA Badminton.com:** Chris volunteered to transfer the Club website from its current hosting to the RA server.

**Ottawa Public Library:** Chris wanted to investigate offering RA Badminton membership through the Ottawa Public Library in the same way that museum and ski passes are offered.

**Shuttles:** Chris asked if the Club could purchase and distribute shuttles. The RA is already selling shuttles so the Club cannot compete in this area.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Approved September 2, 2015