

2015 RABC Annual General Meeting

March 25, 2015

7:11 pm Meeting was called to order. Quorum reached with 29 voting members present.

Adoption of minutes of previous AGM: Motion was made by Mike Yee to approve the minutes of the 2014 RABC AGM, seconded by Mike Conway. The motion was passed.

Business arising from 2014 AGM:

1. Wilf Côté had asked if Morning members could be allowed to access the small exercise room in the afternoons as well as the morning hours. ***The response from the Association was that morning members would be allowed to stay and use the exercise room if they entered the lower east wing area before the noon cut-off time but would not be granted access through the turnstile if they arrived after noon. Wilf said that he was not satisfied with that answer.***
2. Mike C had said that the Club Executive would make the AGM agenda and previous AGM minutes available to members through the Club website. ***Jim Staley said that he had been unable to download the documents from the website. The Executive will make the effort to send the documents via email to members as well as posting on the website.***

Socials Report – presented by Jackie Tsang:

The Club hosted Open House events in the fall to encourage new adult members in both the evenings and the mornings as well as for potential junior members and their parents.

The Club also held the first Foamy Friday event, a social event with bar service complimenting activities and games featuring the Club's Pros. It is hoped that this successful event will become a fixture on the Club's social calendar.

Financial Report – presented by Anshuman Tyagi:

The Club continues the support programs introduced previously wherein the Club provides up to \$3000 annually in coaching support for junior high performance athletes and \$3000 in awards to members who participate at designated National Championships.

In addition this season, the Club will provide up to \$1000 to help support the expenses for a coach to travel with the Club's elite players to National Tournaments.

In order to offset the loss of revenue (approximately \$30,000) due to the discontinuation of the Sports-Etudes program at the RA, increased control was placed on discretionary spending. Both the Junior High Performance Program and the Elite Training Program were restructured to bring in more revenue. An extra week of summer badminton camp was added.

While membership has increased in the junior and weekend categories there has been a drop in morning and full adult membership that will need to be addressed.

Chairperson's Report – presented by Mike Yee:

The Club continues to have a strong crew of Professionals headed by Pro Mike Bitten and supported by assistants Andrew Dabeka, Javier Montes and Joseph Rogers. This allows the Club to provide training opportunities such as the Tuesday night clinics which have covered a variety of topics this season.

Election of Officers:

The following members accepted nomination to their positions:

- Chairperson: Mike Yee
- Secretary: Mike Conway
- Treasurer: Anshuman Tyagi
- Junior Programs: Jie Cai
- Membership Coordinator: David Kurtz
- Socials: Jackie Tsang

The positions of Vice-Chairperson, Marketing Coordinator, Morning Coordinator and Tournament Coordinator were not filled.

Jason Loney was made Vice-Chairperson and Chris Trothen Morning Coordinator at RABC Executive Meeting April 15, 2015. Lachlan Salter was made Tournament Coordinator at RABC Executive Meeting September 2, 2015. Valerie Duchesneau was made Marketing Coordinator at RABC Executive Meeting November 4, 2015.

New Business:

Term Length for Executive Members: The concern was raised that a one year term might not long enough for an Executive Member to effectively administer their position and perhaps a 2 year term might be more suitable. ***The Executive considered the pros and cons of allowing an elected member to select a one or two year term and reached a***

consensus that given the history of low Executive turnover that there was little need to change the current election structure.

Membership Growth Initiatives: The Executive is moving forward on several initiatives to boost membership numbers including:

1. the introduction of a corporate membership for companies in the area;
2. a redefined fee structure that would allow members to pay their membership in monthly payments rather than a single yearly fee thereby reducing the financial burden of becoming a member or renewing a membership;
3. Opening clinics and training programs to non members.

Junior Membership Hours: Jie Cai raised the concern that it is difficult to find a balance between introducing new programs and respecting the members who are already an important part of the Club.

Volunteers Needed: There is a constant need for volunteers within the Club. The Executive would like to establish a playboard monitor program and a standing tournament committee to look at bringing events to the RABC.

Levy for Portable Courts: The Executive is looking to impose a levy of \$10 upon each member for the specific purpose of purchasing a matted court for the Club. The goal would be to eventually cover all six courts with the portable court mats in hopes of improving the footing on the courts and providing a better experience for members. ***The adding of a levy to membership in order to raise capital does not seem practical under the current RA structure.***

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.