

RABC Executive Meeting held October 7, 2015

Attendees: Mike Yee, Mike Conway, Lachlan Salter, Jie Cai, Anshuman Tyagi, Jackie Tsang, David Kurtz, Jason Loney, Chris Trothen, Mike Bitten (Club Professional).

Invited Guest: Valerie.

Absent: Jane Proudfoot (RA Recreation Director).

6:20 pm Meeting called to order.

Old Business:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Mike Y to approve amended minutes, seconded by Mike C. Motion passed.

Open House Exhibition: Mike C recapped the Tuesday, September 15th event. The Club hosted 50 attendees at the Exhibition with 16 guests staying to play with members after the event. Items that still need to be resolved are the RA's donation of a locker rental and thank you gifts for the athletes who were featured. The full financial report will be completed once the auction items have been picked up and gifts have been selected for the athletes.

Morning Open Houses: Chris reported on the Morning Open House. On September 18th, the Club hosted a few people and a couple of them joined. The full week Open House attracted some players who preferred playing with plastic shuttles who were concerned with the added expense of buying feather shuttles. It is expected that the Mon, Wed, Fri time slots might add two new members.

All Access RA pass: Valerie said that when she was investigating membership in the Club she had come across a multi-visit pass offered by the RA that would give access across the facilities programs. This will have to be investigated.

New Business:

Membership Renewal T Shirts: Sign Up list in lounge will be available until end of October at which time members that have not registered a size will have a size chosen for them. Chris brought up that members on alternative membership plans which run from dates other than from September 1st through August 31st are not reflected in the early renewal listing as they are not required to renew their memberships during the period of the offer. If the Club is to continue offering a renewal gift, the program will have to be adjusted to reflect the changing membership plans.

New Member Introductory Offer: Mike Y suggested that once the Badminton Club moves to monthly payment plan that the first month be offered at a reduced rate (as low as \$1) to encourage new members to the Club.

Christmas Tournament: Plan for Christmas tournament includes dinner party, gift bags, bar service on Saturday, decorations and prizes. T Shirts may be included if budget can support the expense. Lachlan will prepare the event poster for the Tournament.

Membership Numbers: The Club was within \$1000 of meeting the budgeted contribution to the RA. Currently, the membership is slightly behind projection perhaps due to pleasant weather. The programs and camps are currently driving the economics of the Club, but revenue from Adult programs can be improved.

ODBA Jr Tournament: The ODBA has requested to change the date of the District Junior Tournament due to a scheduling error that put their tournament in conflict with an OBA tournament scheduled for the same weekend. Motion made by Mike Y to move the ODBA Junior Tournament from May 13-15 to May 20-22, 2016, seconded by Mike C. Motion passed.

RaBadminton.com Website: Chris is setting up pages for the site including tournament page, pages for junior programs and Pro Tips. Emails to info@rabadminton.com will be forwarded to Mike Y, Mike C and Jason. The hosting of the site will be shifted from Google to the RA servers. Chris will distribute information to the Executive on how to use the new website.

Executive Photos: Photos for Executive members should be sent to Jane for display in Badminton Lounge. All photos need to have subject's permission to be displayed.

HP Junior Tournaments: Jie asked about whether the HP3 Training group players were having their tournament needs addressed.

Junior Member Parents' Council: Jie asked if parents could be organized to support Andrew and Javier in the operating details of the junior programs. \This may be done trough the Club website. A doubles ladder could also be established by volunteers.

Parent Play: Jie inquired if something could be done to allow parents to play at the same time as junior members are training on Sundays. No program can be implemented now that the schedule has been set, but can be considered for the future.

Foamy Friday: Jackie suggested hosting another Foamy Friday event on November 20th. This event could be tied to the RA fundraising initiative.

OSGA Qualifier Event: The Ontario Senior Games District event will be held in early November, the members will need to be made aware of court availability issues.

Hot Tub Repairs in Ladies Change room: The hot tub in the Ladies change room is waiting for parts to be repaired. The tub has been out of service for several months and members are asking for reimbursement on their memberships.

Suggestion Box: The key to the suggestion box in the lounge needs to be recovered so that any suggestions can be addressed.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.