

# RABC BADMINTON AGM

April 5, 2018

Call to order – 7:04 pm

Quorum was met with more than 35 members in attendance. Nancy Kirkwood and Jill Pomeroy present from the RA.

Minutes from 2017 AGM were adopted – Mike Yee moved, Jacques Gauvreau seconded

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2017 MINUTES** (Chris Trothen)

- The RA was asked to help the club secure a supplier for equipment – still a work in progress
- The RA was asked about the possibility of switching to LED lighting – still a work in progress
  - o Discussion around cost, process and need. Some members recognizing the initial sizeable cost (offset with longer term savings). Some members did not see the need to change.

## **CLUB EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

Absent: Jackie Tsang (Social Coordinator, present first 2 minutes), Mike Conway (Secretary), David Kurtz (Program Coordinator)

### **Treasurer's Report** (Chris Trothen – acting)

- 2017 Revenue - \$496,949 (\$57,648 more than 2016)... thanks to Jr programs and camps
  - o Expenses - \$274,648 (\$42,228 more than 2016)
  - o Contribution - \$222,301 (\$15,361 more than 2016)
- 2018 budget has been approved and expectations are similar to those in 2017 budget
- The club has received RA approval to established a Capital Improvement Fund
  - There is already a small amount in the fund.
  - o The Executive will look at various options for raising funds
  - o Funds may be used for larger capital items i.e. training mats, shuttle trainer, etc.

### **Morning Program** (Chris Trothen)

- The year went well
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday are the more competitive days. These days could accommodate 15 more members
- Tuesday and Thursday are the more recreational days. These days could accommodate 25 more members
- Planned four fun tournaments this year

### **Social Report** (Chris Trothen for Jackie Tsang)

- Plans to continue Thirsty Thursdays or Foamy Fridays and others events in 2018
- Alcoholic beverages are no longer permitted in the Badminton Lounge, possible use of the Fieldhouse. Nancy to look into possible options for the lounge.

### **Chair's Report** (Mike Yee)

- Thanked all the executive for their hard work this past year
- The club is healthy but we need to bolster full membership a bit

### **Badminton Pro's Report** (Mike Bitten)

See handout

### **ELECTION OF 2018 EXECUTIVE**

Returning executive:

- Chair           Mike Yee
- Secretary      Mike Conway
- Social          Jackie Tsang
- Morning Rep   Chris Trothen
- Program        David Kurtz

Kyle Landry – moved to keep, Tony Garcia - seconded

New executive:

- Marketing            David Long
- Tournaments         Angelina Chan

Bev Harvey – moved to elect, Jacques Gauvreau - seconded

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Team League was successful this year

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Effective September, the club will add in new Junior programming on Tuesday and Thursdays (5:30-7:00 pm)
  - o There is demand and this program will generate good revenue for the club and the RA
  - o Tracked usage for 10 years (M. Bitten) and it makes sense
  - o The 2 courts that currently are used for private lessons will be relinquished so there will be 3 courts available for general use.
- By-Laws (Chris Trothen)

- o Slight updates – membership is now 12 months and starts from purchase/renewal date
- o More updates to come, naming changes
- Badminton Survey (Chris Trothen)
  - o Would like to develop and send to members
  - o Working with the RA to compile something similar to the one sent to Squash Club members
- Inter-Club Matches (Chris Trothen)
  - o Put feelers out to other clubs in the city to see if this was of interest
  - o The challenge will be scheduling the time for play as most clubs do not want to give-up their prime-time slot for inter-club matches.
  - o At this point, ODBA will check with all clubs but many are not interested due to lack of court time

#### **OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

- Why has the RA not moved on adding a Pickle ball program (Peter Lemery)
  - o The club has not yet been officially approached (Mike Yee)
- Is there a constitution? Is the club a dedicated badminton club? Could Pickle ball take over prime time? (Martin Jutras)
  - o By-Laws are not that specific to include allocation of court time.(Chris Trothen)
  - o Pickle ball would only get added in low usage times, but may find time in other RA facilities (Mike Yee)
  - o Pickle ball would likely be an RA initiative in consult with the club (Mike Bitten)
- What is being done to repair the leak in the ceiling/roof? (Mike Li, James Bratschur)
  - o Slipping hazard, damage to floor
  - o This issue has been raised before and the RA thought a solution had been found with an agreement with a green energy firm to have the roof repaired and solar panels added. However, to do so meant that the RA had to be serviced by Ottawa Hydro but we are serviced by Public Works. The re-roofing is a significant capital expense and we do not have an update for when the roof will be replaced. The RA is still investigating a possible solution. (Nancy Kirkwood)
  - o We will speak to Property Services about the need to put fresh buckets under the leaks in the evening (Nancy Kirkwood)
- Can the club stay open later in the evening (past 11 pm)? (Mike Li)

- o The reason for closing the badminton courts at 11:00 pm is for member safety and security. Member Services and LifeFIT close at 11:00 pm which reduces our ability to respond to emergencies. Needs a business case, TBD. (Nancy Kirkwood)
- Can the RA do something about Photo Club members who walk to the Photo Studio in their outdoor boots? (James Bratschur)
  - o The Photo Club Studio members will be reminded to enter the badminton courts from the entrance closest to the photo studio door. Also if badminton members bring it to our attention when it occurs, we may be able to identify the person to follow-up with them directly. (Nancy Kirkwood)
- The RA Centre is working on Operational Procedures (Chris Trothen)
- Is there a possibility of “refreshing” the East wing? (Chris Trothen)
- Is it possible to offer a lunchtime league? (Chris Trothen)
- Is it possible to allow women daytime members to access the courts on Sundays for the Women’s Ladder? (Chris Trothen)
- Options for 3 month memberships to be looked at similar to other clubs?
- Investigate whether memberships could be put On Hold? (Chris Trothen)
  - o This was addressed last year.
  - o LifeFIT offers a three month membership hold in order to remain consistent and competitive within the fitness industry. This option is not available to RA Clubs. (Nancy Kirkwood)
- Jacques for Daytime Badminton: to increase numbers may mean longer wait times. Currently there are no wait times during the Morning Program as referenced above.
  - o The RA can definitely identify and target marketing to programs/times that are in need of an increase in membership / participation. (Nancy Kirkwood)

***Meeting Adjourned ~8:30 pm***