**KINGSTON SQUASH ASSOCIATION**

**START OF SEASON BOARD EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**SIZZLE RESTAURANT**

**20 SEP 2018 @ 7 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Louis Cyr

Terry Fitzpatrick

Ross Kircher

Peter Gamble

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| **Item** | **Topic** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Welcome**: Ross Kircher is taking back his old Board Executive position as Secretary and Communications from Laurence Ashworth, as well as reverting back to A/B Queen’s team captain. Welcome back Ross, and thank you Laurence for all your help. | Louis |
| 2 | **Regular Season**   * Number of teams: As per last season, number of teams is now confirmed: 8 A/B, 6 C and 4 D, for a total of 18 teams, so no BYEs as all divisions have an even # of teams. * Scheduling: Schedules have been sorted out for all 3 divisions. A/B will play 24 matches and finish on 20 Mar 2019. C and D will play a similar number of matches but will finish 2 weeks later due to Thanksgiving weekend, Remembrance Day on 12 Nov and Family Day on 18 Feb. * Captains’ List: Just a bit of info missing, including team names, need it as soon as possible. * Team Fees: No change with amount and deadline; $200 by 31 Oct 2018 to Terry, preferably by email transfer. * Insurance for Queen’s: KSA will pay again this fee this year, likely around $200, Ross to coordinate with Terry. * Team Balls: Was again discussed and decision was made that it is a hosting team responsibility to purchase. * Code of Conduct: Was already sent to team captains; they must ensure all their players read and sign it, and let me know once completed. * Match Results: Although there is discussion about looking into the Club Locker software, until we hear more from Squash Ontario, we will stay with Rankenstein for individual results and our google account for team results. As always, hosting team is responsible to enter these results weekly. * After Match Social: Received confirmation from Iron Duke that they’re good to go again this season; cheaper rate on beer and a free nachos plate per 4 players. * Intercity League Committee: As per last year, there will be a KSA committee to address any issues being raised to the KSA Executive Board. Suggestion was made to have one team captain per division. As chairperson, I will represent A/B, Peter Gamble has again volunteered for C, and we need one D captain. * Most Improved Player and Best Sportsmanship: A suggestion was made to consider rewarding players in these 2 categories. After discussion, it was agreed that each division would decide on one player for each category. Before the end of the season championship, team captains for each division will get together and decide who should be the recipient for each category. Awards/prizes have not been decided yet, more to come on this. | KSA Board  Wes & Peter  Team captains  Team captains  Ross/Terry  Team captains  Team captains  Team captains  Louis  D team captains  Team captains |
| 3 | **Finance**: Terry brought us up to speed where we stand financially. Currently we have about $4200 in the bank, and the budget forecast is for a $750 surplus this season. | Terry |
| 4 | **Misc**   * KSA Newsletter: Ross will liaise with Doug Ronson to get things rolling for a possible monthly KSA Newsletter. * Junior Program at Garrison: First session started on Sunday 16 Sep 2018; 7 kids registered. * Women's League: There is a possibility that Squash Ontario might be able to help us with their Black Knight Play Squash Program. The intent is one or two Thursday nights per month. Louis has been discussing with Lisa Coates (who is the Queen’s Women’s coach) about the idea of having some of the Queen’s women take on the Ladies’ program, while receiving a stipend for doing so. Stacy Bell is also interested in helping out with this. More to follow. * Squash Ontario Women’s Masters Team Tournament Taking place at Garrison 21-23 Sep 2018. Lisa Coates is the organizer; 64 players have registered. * Squash Day in Canada: This is happening on Sat 13 Oct. In the past, Queen’s has had an open house on a couple of occasions. Ross is to verify with Lisa and Queen’s if this would be feasible. All other clubs are encouraged to pass the word around at their own facility, and may be have free squash for the day. * Squash Ontario Rules Clinic: Will again be at Garrison; date is 25 Oct 2018 at 7 pm * Calcutta at Garrison: Will take place on Fri 2 Nov at 7 pm. Max of 16 players; $10 entry fee; Larry Howes is coordinating. * Garrison Open: 30 Nov-2 Dec 2018; already sanctioned by Squash Ontario and on their website. * Other Tournaments: Require dates for other local tournaments (Gananoque and Picton) * COSA Tournament: COSA is quite keen in having a tournament of some sort (COSA East-West-North); possible date is likely in late fall 2018; Louis and David will coordinate with other COSA reps * Limestone City Squash Classic: Dates: 29-31 Mar 2019 at Garrison * KSA Championship: RMC exams will be 12-27 Apr 2019, so we will have to change dates to 5-6 Apr instead of 12-13 Apr as previously planned. Other option is to keep 12-13 Apr, but this means going to Queen’s (if courts are available) and a cost of about $2K for courts fees. Decision will be made at next meeting. . | Ross/Doug  Louis  Louis  Louis  Ross  Louis  Louis  Wes/Peter  Louis/David  Shannon & David  KSA Board |
| 5 | **KSA Board Executive Meetings**: Suggestion was made to hold meetings every 2 months instead of monthly, which was agreed to, except for beginning and wrap-up of season, when there will be monthly meetings. Next meeting is planned for Thursday 1 Nov at 7 pm at Sizzle restaurant. | KSA Board |
| 6 | **Adjournment**: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm | Louis |

2018-19 KSA Board Executive Members

Chair - Louis Cyr, Garrison (cyr.louis@hotmail.com)

Communications/Board Secretary – Ross Kircher, Queen’s (7rjk2@queensu.ca)

Finance – Terry Fitzpatrick, YMCA (terryfitz@bell.net)

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Scheduling C and D – Peter Gamble, Picton (petergamble@sympatico.ca)

Women’s League – TBC

Website – David Sly, Garrison (davidsquash@gmail.com)

KSA Championship – Shannon Fisher, Garrison (shannon@fisherautoparts.net) & David Sly

Trophies/Cups/Plaques – Dale Garrah, YMCA, (dale@garrah.com)