

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF SQUASH CASCADES HELD AT
WAKEFIELD SCHOOL AT 7.30 P.M., 25TH OCTOBER 1977.

PRESENT: S. Raymond, A. Hopkins, M. Hopkins, M. Dolgin, B. Colby
W. Pawley, C. Pawley, G. Hill, M. Hill, H. Payne, L. Payne,
B. Hogg, N. Hogg, M. MacGowan, W. Allan, S. Allan,
C. Stewart, I. Stewart, P. Martin, C. Decker, K. Decker,
R. Glass, P. Wilson, N. Patterson, J. Lemelin,
(G. Drury and B. Elvidge omitted to sign the register)

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

President A. Hopkins advised members that approximately \$15,000 had been committed, either in cheques or promises, and further enquiries from prospective members indicated a possible \$3-4,000. In the interim, drawings had been sent to Quebec City for approval and the Cascades Club property was being cadastred and legalised. The legal concerns expressed by the lawyer, Hamilton Quane, were as follows:-

1. the recurring gaps in legal records of the Cascades Club, including membership lists, etc.;
2. the fact that taxes were left unpaid from time to time;
3. lack of a proper site survey;
4. lack of continuity in Minutes of Meetings, and Company Seal.

However, these would be looked into in further detail.

Paul Martin had been collecting information on bylaws and procedures from the Larrimac, Carleton University and Pinecrest clubs. The proposed bylaws will first be submitted to the Executive, revised if necessary and then submitted to the members at a general meeting. There was no deadline set, but A. Hopkins mentioned that the

Rideau Club has no bylaws to date. The general feeling was that we should press on in view of the late construction start, with W. Weynerowski suggesting that the Bylaws be submitted to a general membership meeting as soon as these become available.

M. MacGowan moved, seconded by W. Allan, that the Directors be authorised to proceed with the construction of two Squash Courts, but the motion was not voted on after N. Patterson protested that these Bylaws were necessary NOW rather than after construction.

N. Patterson asked how the Cascades Club would work in conjunction with the Squash Club. For those squash subscribers unaware of the Cascade Club's activities, A. Hopkins reviewed events held for the approximately 50 family memberships of Cascades Club:

Annual Beef B.B.Q., baseball in Summer when enough kids attend, a small summer day program from the past 2 years with student supervision, occasionally a Fall Wine and Cheese party (not always held at the Clubhouse owing to the lack of heat and toilet facilities) and roughly 2 or three meeting of the executive each year.

This then lead to considerable discussion: was membership of the Cascades Club a requirement for squash membership?

It was the opinion of those present that squash members should take out Cascades Club membership, but concern was expressed at the possibility of expanding the "3 mile radius" which was a previously suggested guideline for the membership of the Cascades Club. It appeared that in the past, Cascades Club members were concerned lest the control of the club be lost, and that the club might be run by residents outside of the immediate community. M. MacGowan mentioned that 15 years ago the Cascades area was mainly for summer residents, (cottagers) and the club ran on that basis. However, N. Patterson stated that the basic structure must be clarified, with P. Martin adding, "without upsetting the existing members of the Cascades Club".

MOTION ONE

N. Patterson moved, seconded by G.Hill, that the executive have 3 months to prepare a specific proposal to clarify the structure between the Cascades Club Incorporated and Squash Cascades.

Motion carried unanimously.

Also raised was the question of lifetime members transferred or moving voluntarily out of the area.

MOTION TWO

G. Hill moved, seconded by N. Patterson, that the rules be amended to permit any member who moved outside the National Capital Area to withdraw from the Squash Club and be reimbursed by the Club at the rates set down in the brochure.

Motion carried unanimously.

W. Pawley then presented the following approximate cost estimates:

Courts	12,000
Concrete and block work	8,500
Roof	5,500
Electrical and Heating	4,000
Plumbing	1,200
Framing and Insulation	2,000
Septic System	1,100
Finishing	600
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TOTAL	\$ 34,900
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There was general discussion as to the specifications for the roof (Zagerman steel) and, more importantly, the front wall. These details will be pursued once construction is somewhat further along. Again, concern was expressed that the Cascades Club/Squash Cascades relationship was not clarified, but it was pointed out that the winter deadline for building made delay impossible. Another point raised was that starting to build a \$35,000 structure when only \$15-20,000 was committed was in fact risking a great deal.

Financing of the construction was then discussed, when it was suggested that everyone present should bring in at least one lifetime member.

MOTION THREE

J. Lemelin moved, seconded by C. Pawley, that the maximum number of lifetime memberships available, single and family combined, be fixed at 50 (FIFTY).

Motion carried unanimously.

Also discussed was the option of, say, 10 individual members signing personal bank loans for \$1,000 each. The general opinion appeared to be that a formidable Membership Drive aimed at attracting new subscribers would be the solution to the outstanding \$15,000 necessary to complete construction. Also put forward was the idea of building just one squash court using the money in hand. W. Pawley advised that this would probably effect a saving in the region of \$6,000, but this aspect would be looked into if so required. Again, in view of the urgency attached to building immediately in order to avoid further (winter) construction costs, the following motion was proposed:

MOTION FOUR:

P. Martin moved, seconded by J. Lemelin, that we start immediately with construction of squash facilities, with priority given to getting new members. Furthermore, that the executive be authorised to approach individual members to sign promissory notes for additional money as required.

Motion carried unanimously.

Following a suggestion from W. Weynerowski, approved by J. Lemelin, it was unanimously agreed that the Membership Committee (comprising J. Lemelin, (Chairman) W. Weynerowski, S. Raymond, N. Patterson, M. MacGowan and D. Ross) meet weekly to develop ideas to increase membership of the Squash Club. It was again suggested that every existing subscriber go out and find at least one new member.

MOTION FIVE:

P. Martin moved, seconded by N. Patterson, that unmarried Founding Life Members have the option of converting their single membership to family membership by paying the difference between the cost of family and single life membership.

Motion carried with two abstaining: D. Ross and C. Pawley.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10.30 p.m.