Board Meeting

President – Leslie Connolly

President-Elect –

VP of League – Abir Ray (Jonathan Leslie to help)

VP of Women – AJ Copeland (AJ to think about grooming)

Treasurer -Steve Webber (is OK doing this)

VP of IT

VP of Tournaments --

VP of Juniors – Steve Maebus???

VP of Membership and Communication -- David Keating

At Large – Andrew Mishkin.

Talk directors

Possible other candidates?

Jonathan Leslie

Stephen O’Dwyer  
Maria Porras

Clark Ohstrom/Henry Oshtrom

Maureen Wylie

Area pros?

Mac Awalt

**Running the National Capital Championships**

Spending to organize. Last year allocated $750 to run the event.

Approve spending the same again?

Mac Awalt to run it? Other ideas?

Discussion about how to do the National Championships. Need to get people aware of what their next round is.

One weekend tournament is where we are landing on.

If the software can do this, then we can run it. The biggest pain in the ass is getting the scores in and notifying people that the SW is there.

Leslie to check with US Squash about capabilities of.

May 18. Have St. James and Squash On Fire bid.

Semis and Finals on one day.

Let pros know.

**US Masters coming to Squash on Fire**

Draws seem to reflect history more than normal.

$185 person

March 29-31

SL Green will start before that – how can we get juniors in to watch the SL Green?

*Add this to newsletter. Through the league captains.*

*Just advertise and promote.*

**Update on League**

Changes recommended

Feedback on how it is going thus far.

**Juniors Play Dates**

Updates on that

**World Masters Team Championships**

Venue is Ronald Regan Center

Looking for sponsors. – How much does NCS want to contribute?

Drumming up interest.

Committee meets Mondays

* **Launching Mini Lead up events**

We are pushing this concept live and will be testing various Team formats to see which ones get the best results and traction.  We have a tentative date for the first event that we are in the process of confirming.  More to come.

* + **Tentative date:** Feb. 20  (5 PM – 8 PM timeframe)
  + **Target community:**  Lawyers
  + **Format**:  Head-to-head team match.  Participants can sign up and working with Team Captains and SOF staff, players will be assigned to a balanced Team.  Each Team will have an assigned Coach to help with both pre-event training and match coaching.
* **PR Update -** Brand Guild (our PR firm) is actively pitching stories now to news outlets and has a great track record of getting results.  We will of course share any developments on this front.
* **Networking events** – if there are any upcoming events you might be attending (either personally or professionally) and there could be an opportunity to share the vision for the World Teams, **please let Conor know** to try and coordinate schedules.
* **Sponsorship** 
  + **Goal:**  by mid-Feb getting commitments from bigger sponsors
  + **Next:**  Continued targeting and engagement of lower tier 25-50K sponsors
  + **Upcoming new discussions:**  Qatar Airlines, JP Morgan Chase, RBC & Visa

Many thanks for all your help and continued support towards making squash history!

**Other Business**

For our clinic and exhibition match with James Willstrop and Eddie Charlton at MRHC next Friday 25th, could NCS sponsor Play Squash Academy with $2K?

In return we offer to NCS members up to 5 adult clinic spots at 4-6pm plus 10 tickets to the exhibition match at 6.30pm.  Clinic participants can watch the exhibition match for free, so we are offering 15 complimentary seats.  Otherwise the fees are $200 p.p. for the adult clinic (value of 5 comps = $1,000) and $75 p.p. for the exhibition match (value of 10 comps = $750).  After the exhibition we will host a social with hors d'oeuvres from the club's  restaurant.

See [http://playsquashacademy.com/2019-exhibition-clinic-with-james-willstrop-and-miguel-rodriguez/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fplaysquashacademy.com%2F2019-exhibition-clinic-with-james-willstrop-and-miguel-rodriguez%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C12ea013b1403434d080008d67bd17be9%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636832536997691206&sdata=X6%2B3tYzwgsNzn5zHm5a45LeycrDChznBx7Z7FZthm%2FU%3D&reserved=0)

Please let us know if this arrangement will work.

Thank you,

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**NY-DC championship**

Interest in having a championship tournament between NYC and DC. Interest? Location would be The ST. James.

Ideas for Format?

Money to help organize?

AJ Likes the idea.

David has been trying to get the National District Team Championship. Best way to think about it is like Howe Cup, but

Lesser contribution for no spots. We could have promoted it, found juniors who could have participated. Now we don’t have any time to do it. Would be 100% for it. Came to Potomac Squash which is going to contribute. Jahangir started talking in November. Rodrigues fell through.

Will do a blast email.