**National Capital Squash (NCS)**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Draft**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2016**

The meeting was conducted via a telephone conference call, which began at 7pm and ended after 8:30pm. The following directors were present at the meeting, a quorum:

* Leslie Connolly
* David Keating
* AJ Copeland
* Elizabeth Holderer
* Abir Ray
* Steve Maebus
* Nicolas Valderrama
* Fabien Sarran
* Mercedes Young

Andrew Mishkin sent his apologies for missing the meeting due to being called away on an urgent work issue and offered to help with any follow-up tasks.

The first item discussed was to review and affirm Member Directors. Leslie noted the NCS bylaws state: “Any Board member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned due to non-participation and his/her position as a voting representative Director or Officer shall be declared vacant, unless the Board affirmatively votes to retain that Director as a member of the Board.” In addition, Leslie received formal resignations from Schuylar and Brad, leaving all member director positions vacant. Discussion among the board then pursued that those deemed terminated due to missed meetings should at least be notified and given an opportunity to affirm the status of their interest, since serving on the NCS board is a volunteer position and not everyone was included on the email list for the new season’s meeting schedule. A motion was then passed with no objections in favor of giving the member director terminated such notification. Further discussion revolved around recruiting additional Member Directors in accordance with bylaws and that NCS will continue to seek candidates and elect on a rolling basis. Leslie then offered to put together a slate and send via election buddy that would include confirmation of Andrew Mishkin, Tyler Stilwel, Connie Yongmei, and others who express an interest in serving.

The next item listed on the agenda was “affirmation of receipt and compliance with Article IX bylaws – Conflict of Interest.” Leslie informed the board that NCS’s 501c status requires the NCS board annually review that every board member is not directly profiting from board membership. Leslie clarified that she has no financial interest in McLean Squash Club nor any of its tournaments and events, so Abir Ray said he was the only member to whom this Article may apply. He said that he and Squash Revolution have never unduly benefited from his volunteering for NCS and offered a professional legal opinion if required. After discussion, Leslie determined the board could proceed at the moment with the utmost caution regarding this matter.

Next, the board discussed planning for the upcoming year and how to increase exposure to squash and interest in our region. A discussion of possible juniors events or junior round robins, perhaps at GW, pursued. Possible different marketing initiatives were also discussed. David offered to send the board an article about other region’s junior programs that could be used for information or as a model, in addition to squash marketing resources. Then, the squash court in Fairfax county was discussed with the possibility for racquetball court conversion initiates. A discussion ensued of a possible new program paying pros to plan events for exposing squash to new markets and potential new players, as well as grants and scholarships to play. Leslie will write up the details for this proposal.

Lastly, AJ gave an update on the Howe Cup to be held in DC and Women’s Squash Week event. She updated on all the great planning and organizational progress, including teams comprised of many levels, sponsorships, donations, and enthusiastic participation for these upcoming events.

The meeting was then adjourned.