**National Capital Squash**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 21, 2012**

**Minutes**

The following Directors were in attendance: Abir Ray, AJ Copeland, Andrew Mishkin, David Keating, Kenny Mendez, Malcolm Jensen, Page Lansdale, Rod Crider, Steve Weber, Tyler Stillwell.

The meeting was held at 7PM at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda, MD.

David Keating called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

Agenda Items:

1. Election of Officers. The following slate of Officers was presented to the Board for discussion and election:

President Elect Andrew Mishkin

Secretary Page Lansdale

Treasurer Steve Weber

VP IT Rod Crider

VP Juniors Carole Grunberg

VP League Abir Ray

VP Membership Tyler Stilwell

VP Women AJ Copeland

VP Tournaments Hunt Richardson

Discussion. David and the Board thanked Malcolm Jensen for his multi-year efforts as VP of League, after succeeding Kemp Prugh in this capacity. The Board acknowledged Malcolm’s outstanding work on behalf of NCS. David suggested the possibility of adding Josh White as a co-VP of League with Abir Ray, should he be willing to do so. Having two VPs would share the workload and present an unbiased approach to deciding appeals. Abir would be responsible for Divisions 1, 2, and 3 and would hear appeals from Divisions 4, 5, and 6. Josh would be responsible for Divisions 4, 5, and 6 and would hear appeals from Divisions 1, 2, and 3. David and Abir will follow up with Josh regarding his interest to serve in this capacity. David asked Page to review the need to amend the by-laws to allow the co-VP system. Adding Josh White to the slate would be done at a separate board meeting.

Tyler Stilwell indicated his willingness and interest to remain as VP of Membership. The Board agreed that the work of this position will include communication activities such as the monthly newsletter and other push mailings to the membership regarding squash activities in the area. David will consult with Tyler more specifically about communications. A bylaw amendment will be considered at a future meeting to update the title and responsibilities of the position.

Rod Crider moved to approve the slate above. AJ seconded the motion. David called for the vote which carried 10-0 in the affirmative.

1. National Capital Squash Tournament. David strongly suggested that NCS create a new annual district championship tournament similar to that run by Massachusetts Squash as a way to grow the sport and the NCS membership locally. The format characteristics are as follows:

* Men and Women’s Draws; skill levels and age groups
* Consolation rounds
* Matches to be self- scheduled with specific windows for completion dates
* Tournament is open to NCS members only
* Timing would be late fall with completion in early January so as not to compete with Fisher Cup play or Summer League
* No entry fee at first since non-members would join NCS and thereby pay that fee to play the tournament
* Finals would be date specific for spectators, awards, and a party

The Board was generally enthusiastic about the idea and agreed that the tournament would require a committed Tournament Director.

The next meeting will be by conference call in July to consider a budget for the coming fiscal year. David to set the date and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Page Lansdale - Secretary