

The Saskatchewan Racquetball Association



2016 Annual General Meeting Package

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YMCA Saskatoon**

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AGM Agenda 2016

- 1) Call 2016 SRA AGM to order
- 2) Nominations for board to be ceased
Positions to be filled:
 - Director of Domestic Development
 - Director of Membership
 - Director of Communications
- 2) Approve minutes from 2015 AGM
- 3) 2015-2016 Audited financials - Debbie
- 4) 2016-2017 Budget – Sara
- 5) Board Reports
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Executive Director
 - Director of Domestic Development
 - Director of Membership
 - Director of High Performance
 - Director of Communications
 - Secretary
- 6) Other Business
- 7) General Motions
- 8) Elections
- 9) Thanks to SaskSport for their continued support in our Sport.
- 10) Adjournment

Saskatchewan Racquetball Association

2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2015

Attendees: Board members: Karla D, Alison S, Tim F, Debbie F, Chris E, Lorne R, Sara T, and Sean P

Members: Ross Richardson, Spencer Mohr, Graham Tamaki, Brian Mohr, Jim Chow, Lee Connell, James Landeryou, Greg Calette, Gerald Eby, Randy van Achte

1. President announced the nominations for High Performance Director and Vice President closed.
2. President called the meeting to order 1422.
3. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes.
Motion to approve: Alison Schlichemeyer
Seconded: Chris Exner
All in favour, Carried.
4. Presentation of 2014-15 Draft audited financials – Sarah Toth
 - The financial records were received late last night from the auditors.
 - Some numbers were moved because they were placed in the wrong category.
 - There is a slight difference in the accounts payable because a couple of September cheques were backdated to August to include in the 2014-15 fiscal year.
 - Going forward GST will not be shown as an expense.
 - Significant increase in the under section C. Participation due to the RBC grant.
5. Motion to approve the 2014-15 draft audited financials.
Motion to approve: James Landeryou
Seconded: Tim Frattinger
All in favour, Carried.
6. Presentation of 2015-16 Budget – Sara Toth
 - The Annual Funding Application – Revenue and Expenses Budgets were tabled.
 - There is an increase in MAP funding.
 - Anticipate an increase in Future Best funding.
 - Expect membership fees to remain the same.
 - Didn't do any fund raising last year and don't expect any this year.
 - Expenses are expected to relatively stay the same.
 - Insurance costs seem high, Sara will be reviewing this.
 - There will be some staff travel costs this year due to one of the members now lives in Regina.
 - SK Sport would like to see an increase in the category Capacity & Interaction.
 - We had good success with social media advertising and TV promotion time.
 - There is no RBC grant this year so this will impact our capacity in new recruiting. Clubs will need to be more creative.

- Sport Medicine and Science accepted our application in the spring. This funding will be used to develop our provincial team athletes.
- An annually fee of \$1000 is paid to Racquetball Canada.

Questions/Concerns:

James Landeryou believes the Sport Medicine and Science fund only lasts till the end of this year and is concerned it has not been used yet.

Is the University of Saskatchewan considered a national training centre? Board will look into this.

7. Motion to approve the 2015-16 budget.

Motion to approve: Ross Richardson

Seconded: Spencer Mohr

All in favour, Carried.

8. Board Reports

A quick review by each Board member was provided.

Domestic Development – typo should read Christine Richardson not Richard.

Questions/Concerns:

Regarding the 2014/15 Payout Amounts to Clubs, why does Karen Hala’s program receive so much funding? An explanation was provided by the Board.

Some one asked what is the breakdown of expenses from the River Racquet Club? An explanation was provided. Most of the cost is due to coaching fees to elite and developing athletes.

9. Motion to accept the 2014/15 Board Reports.

Motion to accept: Lorne Renouf

Seconded: Sean Prentice

All in favour, Carried.

10. Other Business

Board acknowledged the importance of looking at local members first when “requests for purchase” (i.e. purchasing of equipment) are made.

SRA currently does not have a policy on how we allocate membership funding. A Membership Policy will be developed.

Board will review funding breakdown between senior and junior provincial players attending Nationals since the number of junior players has dropped significantly.

11. General Motions

Motion to approve By-Law changes:

- Address change of Executive Director;
- Word change in Section 2: Membership, Article 2.1 Qualification;
- Definition and addition of Associate Club Membership in Section 2: Membership, Article 2.2 Types of Members; and
- Addition of new class of member Associate Member in Section 2: Membership, Article 2.2 Types of Membership

Motion to approve: Lee Connell

Seconded: Graham Tamaki
All in favour. Carried.

12. Elections

- Positions open for election: Vice President and High Performance Director
- Vice President – Sean Prentice by acclamation
- High Performance Director – Spencer Mohr by acclamation

13. Appointment of Auditor 2015/16

Motion to stay with Marcia Herback: James Landeryou

Seconded: Brian Mohr

All in favour. Carried.

14. Acknowledgements

Thank you to SK Sport and Racquetball Canada for their continuing support to our organization.

Thank you to Lorne Renouf as the outgoing High Performance Director.

15. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn: Chris Exner

Seconded: Sean Prentice

All in favour. Carried

Adjourned at 1515.

2015-16 REPORTS

President's Report

Our past year has continued to roll out our sport to many elementary and high schools throughout the province. We are slowly starting to see some growth in programs in both Saskatoon and Regina.

We continue to struggle with facilities and programming in some of smaller centers. The board has discussed perhaps hosting a tournament with some advertising and a learn to play day in Yorktown to help generate some interest in that community. Thank you to Ian Cook for heading to Moose Jaw to run some programs there for us.

We will be undergoing our 3 year assessment with SaskSport in early December and hope to use that report to assist us in our future programming at the grassroots level as well as continue to assist our High Performance athletes in their training and competitions.

Our memberships have been revamped to include Individual, Associate and Clubs. We hope this will assist us in our tracking of active members and school programming participants more effectively.

Congratulations to Ian Frattinger who won gold in the boys' 14-and-under singles division, Graham Frattinger claimed silver in the boys' 18-and-under event. The pair then combined to win gold in boys' 18-and-under doubles. Cassie Prentice in girls' 14-and-under singles won gold.

Once again we would like to thank SaskSport for their continued support to our sport. Without SaskSport and our generous volunteers we would cease to operate.

Karla Drury
President

Vice President's Report

As vice-president in charge of tournaments I am sad to say that Regina lost the Orr Center courts, but I still fore see the precision tournament running at the Ymca. All of Saskatoon tournaments are running even though they are in small numbers. I also have good faith in Moose Jaws tournament starting again this year. So stay tuned to Sask Racquetball website or R2 website for your upcoming tournament dates.

Vice-president Sean Prentice

Director of Domestic Development's Report

The Saskatchewan Racquetball Association ran another season of the "Lets Play" racquetball program for schools. This program involves the SRA sending a coach to a school in Saskatchewan to teach kids the sport of racquetball in their own school gymnasium. Last season

we only ran the program in Saskatoon and surrounding areas as the ORR centre was running their own school programs in Regina, and we have little to no coaching available in other cities. The Lets Play racquetball sessions were more successful this year because we had a better follow up procedure for the kids. We invited them to a “free” learn to play clinic at the YMCA. “Lets Play” is a great opportunity to expose the sport of racquetball to multiple students at a time, in hopes to get them to come out to our club lessons. Last season, every school we went to signed up as an associate member of the SRA. Regina Racquet and Recreation was set up to administer the courts at the ORR center in Regina. They were successful with their programs including participation from 12 public and catholic schools. Thank you for everyone for their hard work coaching and trying to bring in new bodies to the sport!

The SRA plans many clinics throughout the year, attendance usually seems to be an issue, and many get cancelled. In order for us to get Yorkton and Moose Jaw going, we really need coaches in these areas. We hope to do more “Let’s Play Clinic’s” in the new season in these areas.

We held two community sport initiation workshops this past year. One in Saskatoon, and one in Regina. All together we have 9 new coaches that received their certification. We hope to run more of these clinics in Moose Jaw and Yorkton this year. As a reminder, the SRA requires all coaches to have their Respect in Sport Course completed.

The SRA ran a successful novice tournament at the PAC at the University. We had 8 men enter the tournament who all became members of our association. Going forward we would like to run more novice leagues to keep these players engaged. Congratulations to Christine Richardson for running a Battle of the Borders Tournament, new to Saskatchewan. Thank you again to all of our coaches and program developers. Lets continue to get more and more people involved in this sport!

Thanks,

Alison Schlichemeyer
Director of Domestic Development

High Performance’s Report

The 2015/2016 racquetball season was a growing experience for me as the High Performance Director. With this being my first year there was lots that I needed to learn in order to perform these duties.

The High Performance portfolio includes Future Best and the Athlete Assistance Program. This position is also responsible for the Junior Provincial team and the Senior Provincial team, as well as their coach selection.

The Future Best is funding provided by Sask Sport and is based on the athlete’s performance from the previous year. Future Best also looks at the player’s potential to make a National Team in the near future. Future Best is designed to target and encourage the “Gap” athletes (the in-between) who are looking to move between the elite Junior/collegiate level and the Elite/Open level.

The Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) is designed, to help athletes 29 years of age and under, who are attending selection events with the goal of making a National Elite of Development team in the future.

The Junior Provincial team was composed of three players Graham Frattinger, Ian Frattinger, and Cassie Prentice. This team, which was lead by coach Robert Barclay, produced five medals in the singles division – which were two gold, and one silver, with a gold and a silver in the doubles division.

We had a total of 12 athletes that made it down to Burlington for Senior Nationals. With two coaches Ross Richardson, and Loren Prentice.

Humbly submitted,
 Spencer Mohr
 Director of High Performance

Membership and Rankings Report

The numbers of registered members for the following clubs are as follows for the past two fiscal periods:

	2015/16	2014/15
Regina Racquet and Recreation	13	--
Racquetball Regina (League)	48	31
Regina YMCA	10	21
Moose Jaw YMCA	29	29
Saskatoon YMCA	59	174
Saskatoon River Racquet	73	89
Prince Albert Cal Fit	17	24
Yorkton Gloria Hayden	10	17
Total	259	385

The Regina Racquet and Recreation club was established due to the 4 new racquetball courts that were installed in the Regina Orr Centre.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year, several schools participated in the Let's Learn to Play Program. Following is the list of schools and participants. There was a total of 1,457 students that participated in the program.

School Name	City	Age Group	Female	Male	Aboriginal	Total
King George Community School	Saskatoon	9-10 yr	6	14	18	38
Brevoort Park School	Saskatoon	K-8 yr	108	133	28	307
Warman High School	Warman	16 yr	13	17	5	35
Davidson High School	Davidson	9-16 yr	65	57		122

Warman Community Middle School	Warman	9-13 yr	271	298		569
Queen Elizabeth School	Saskatoon	K-6 yr	55	65		120
Miller Comprehensive School	Regina	17-18 yr	5	39		44
Dr. Martin Leboldus High School	Regina	17-18 yr	9	12		21
Campbell Collegiate	Regina	17-18 yr	27	57		84
Sheldon- William Collegiate	Regina	17-18 yr	17	42		39
Archbishop M.C O'Neill High School	Regina	17-18 yr	10	21		31
Michael A Riffel High School	Regina	17-18 yr	22	0		22
Winston Knoll Collegiate	Regina	17-18 yr	6	19		25

The SRA Board will continue to initiate and promote programs to increase the membership.

Sincerely,
Tim Frattinger

Communications Report

It has been a pretty steady year on the communications and marketing front. Recently some changes to racquetballsask.com went live. More minor changes are still in the works, but the live changes give the site a clean mobile friendly appearance. This should have a noticeable impact on our traffic coming from search engines. In the past year racquetballsask.com had approximately 3500 sessions from 2500 visitors.

Scott Connell, former sports writer for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix, has been contracted to write pre/post event articles for the SRA. These will be submitted to the local papers with the hopes that they will be printed in addition to being posted on our site.

We remain the most “liked” provincial racquetball association in Canada on Facebook. We have run a number of paid ads on Facebook, with good success, to promote our Let’s Play program and other Learn to Play type events. Danielle Drury has also recently agreed to help out with @saskracquetball on Twitter. We may consider doing similar advertisements on Twitter as our following grows.

Chris Exner
Director of Marketing and Communications

Executive Director Report

This has been a challenging but rewarding first full year with the association. With the excitement of the Pan-Am Games behind us and Juniors moving into the Senior ranks, with the new facility at The Orr Centre opening and facilities around the province pulling back on court access, it proved to be an exciting year.

We had some challenges with our Membership Assistance Program policies, implemented new Dispute, Conflict Resolution, Code of Conduct and Appeal Policies, and we’ve reorganized many of our existing policies into a new format. We have streamlined our membership

procedures, introduced new sanction and hosting grant practices and clarified many financial policies. But there is still work to be done! I look forward to working closely with our Secretary/Treasurer as we clarify and update the board's policies and procedures in the year to come.

As we head into another one of Sask Sport's 3 year assessments, I am confident that we will maintain our C ranking and will improve on many single items in the report. Although not an easy task for someone who was not with the association at the time, I managed to complete the Sask Sport Annual Report for the 2014-15 fiscal year with the help of many board members. I also submitted the Annual Funding application this summer and have embarked on the Annual Report for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

I look forward to assisting and engaging the association's Board of Directors and membership to review, plan, implement, achieve, evaluate and report our objectives.

Sincerely,
Sara Toth

Racquetball Canada Report

No annual report at this time.

Club Reports:

Regina Racquet and Recreation Club Report – Ross Richardson November 2, 2016

Regina Racquet and Recreation looks forward to the opportunity of continuing to build upon the successes achieved in its first year administering the 2015 Pan Am games racquetball courts located in Regina

The following is the summary of the High School Racquetball Programming that ran through the four Pan Am courts administered and operated by Regina Racquet and Recreation located at Orr Centre in Regina. The High School Program ran from November 2015 to mid June 2016.

The RRR High School program was highlighted and proved very beneficial in Racquetball Canada reporting to Sport Canada for activities undertaken towards grassroots sport development. No other club or organization in Canada had this level of success in introductory school programming.

A total 482 court hours of racquetball introductory programming was provided to 782 students (614 male and 168 female) from 9 Regina Public and Catholic School system High Schools. Each class from the high schools attended 4, 5 or 6 one hour sessions depending on the class bookings made by each PE teacher at each high school. These sessions were part of the student's semester long Physical Education program. Participation in each out of school activity (such as the introductory racquetball programming) was expected from each student.

The participating Regina High Schools were Campbell Collegiate, Sheldon-Williams High School, Winston Knoll High School, Dr. Martin Leboldus High School, Riffel Composite High School, Archbishop O'Neill High School, Martin Sports Academy and High School, Luther College, Miller Collegiate.

The four Pan Am racquetball courts also gave wallyball teams the opportunity to begin to play again. Womens and Mixed Team League play took place three nights a week.

Racquetball Regina ran its league on the courts administered by Regina Racquet and Recreation. The Orr Centre Regina is part of the holdings of John Orr – Orr Developments of Saskatoon. In the spring of 2016, Orr Developments fell under Creditor Protection because of accumulated debt.

<http://www.insolvencies.deloitte.ca/en-ca/101133330and101149825SKLtd>

Regina Racquet and Recreation has a 5 year lease with Orr Centre to manage and promote racquetball and related activities on the 4 racquetball courts.

The four racquetball courts are owned by Racquetball Canada.

Regina Racquet and Recreation has attempted to set up a face to face meeting with John Orr to understand the financial situation of Orr Developments and the impact on operating the courts this fall season. The attempts to set up the face to face meeting began August 29th with telephone calls going to voice mail and emails without reply. To date, no discussion has taken place.

On September 9th, the outside entrance door locks to the court/gym area were changed by Orr Centre without notice to Regina Racquet and Recreation. That same day, Regina Racquet and Recreation learned the court/gym area had been leased to Calvary Bible Studies by Orr Centre on Sundays – again without correspondence to Regina Racquet and Recreation. The bible study group only used the court/gym area for three Sundays. Apparently their arrangement was on a week by week basis and the group did not want to be involved in some sort of conflict.

At this time, Regina Racquet and Recreation awaits the outcome of the January 2017 Deloitte creditor review. Regina Racquet and Recreation has been in contact with Deloitte to ensure they are aware of the situation. Should the management/ownership situation of the Orr Centre Regina change as a result of the January 2017 creditor review, Regina Racquet and Recreation is willing to consider the daily management and promotion of the Pan Am racquetball courts.

YMCA of Regina

Greetings from the YMCA of Regina, Downtown location! I would like to start off by thanking Saskatchewan Racquetball for all of its support in the short time I have been in the Director position downtown! It is very much appreciated and has helped us to expand our racquetball community while bringing in some new participants to the sport!

This year we have had the pleasure of also accommodating the Regina Racquetball League, as their facility has been closed down. This is a relationship we would love to keep going as it has not only added more exposure to the sport for our members but increased our membership overall as well! Our clinics for the fall have been dramatically more well attended than what we had last year and this very promising especially given that most of these are youth and children who are new to the sport!

For the upcoming year I hope to continue to offer the clinics as well as upgrading some of the equipment for general use within the YMCA. We have lots of stuff for our clinics but would be nice to be able to accommodate those who would like to drop in and play, or all of the high school rentals we do for the Racquetball Courts. We have had about 15 such bookings this fall already!

I think the fall has been very promising and it something I hope we can build off of going forward as we do have some very dedicated members at the YMCA to the sport! We even have

some retired players with coaching certification that have offered to do lessons for free for any of our members who would like to learn the basics!

Thanks again for all of the support! We look forward to working with SRA for the time being and going forward!

Shane Ashby, Fitness Director -YMCA of Regina - Downtown

Moose Jaw Family YMCA

No report at this time

YMCA of Saskatoon

No report at this time

Gloria Hayden Community Centre

Located in Yorkton, the Gloria Hayden Community Centre houses a full size hardwood floor gymnasium, two convertible courts for squash, racquetball, wallyball, and handball, as well as a 140 meter walking track above the gymnasium. The centre is also complete with change room facilities including showers and lockers. Operating from October 1st to the May long weekend, the GHCC sees many events held within its walls, from children's birthday parties, to local sports clubs, to provincial tournaments. Racquetball membership continues to grow, with more people becoming involved in the sport each year, which could not be done without the support of the Saskatchewan Racquetball Association. MAP funding, Learn-to-Play Days, and coaching development are important aspects to any club, and the SRA does a great job in providing these services to the association members. If you're ever in Yorkton, be sure to drop by and enjoy a game in our facility.

Prince Albert Racquetball Association

No report at this time

Racquetball Regina

No report at this time

2015/16 Payout Amounts by Club

Club Name	2015-16 Reported Members	Club Membership Paid	MAP paid out	PAR-Intro/Part	PAR-URP	PAR-Competitions	PAR-Coaching	Ex-Training	Total Club Payouts
YMCA Stoon	59	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,157.00						\$ 2,157.00
RRACMA Stoon	73	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,246.00			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 516.36	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 9,302.36
YMCA MJ	29	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,135.00						\$ 1,135.00
Yorkton	10	\$ 50.00	\$ -						\$ -
PARA	17	\$ -	\$ -						\$ -
Racquetball Regina League	48	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,164.00			\$ 1,250.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 2,914.00
Regina Racquet and Recreation	13	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 6,930.00
Regina YMCA	10	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,998.00						\$ 1,998.00
Totals	259	\$ 350.00	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,016.36	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 24,436.36
Program Assistance									
Category	2016 SRA Expenses	2016 paid to clubs							
PAR - Intro/Part	\$ 13,379.00	\$ 4,260.00							
PAR - URP	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,170.00							
PAR - Competitions	\$ 5,031.00	\$ 4,250.00							
PAR - Coaching	\$ 4,155.00	\$ 1,016.00							
EX - Training	\$ 2,076.00	\$ 1,540.00							
Total	\$ 25,811.00	\$ 12,236.00							

2015-16 Board of Directors & Staff:

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