Minutes of HSRA Board Meeting February 26, 2015, 7.30 pm Guadalajara Hacienda

Attendees

John Leavy – Acting President Jen Wyton Alfredo Vilas Carlos Beltran Juan Caro Ed Montanye Andy Hubbard

Meeting Discussion

- Meeting opened
 - Proposed JFL, Seconded EM
- Introductions

Meeting participants introduced themselves and provided a summary of their individual goals and priorities for the HSRA. Issues raised included:

- Generally promote squash in Houston
- Run high quality tournaments
- Improve league structure
- Enhance website
- Support development of new squash facilities
- Support junior programs

League format

A revised format was proposed with 3-4 person teams playing on regular nights, with games followed by drinks and social activity at the clubs. Challenges discussed including the difficulties of scheduling court time at the Met and other clubs

Website

An assistant webmaster is required. All agreed that the website could be improved. Suggestions included a link to the new league format and national / international squash news

Other Issues

- It was recognized that HSRA 'Articles of Incorporation' and 'By Laws' need to be reviewed.
- Need consistent mail coming from HSRA to Members. Suggested using third party vendor such as Constant Contact
- Need volunteers on the 'Membership Committee'. Responsibilities include; Answering mails from Web Site on where to play; Provide information on how to get

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involved and what HSRA does for you; Provide welcoming letters to new members

- HSRA portion of total USSRA membership fee of \$80 is \$15. An increase was discussed, possibly to \$35, bringing the USSRA total to \$100. It was agreed to defer a decision on this pending discussion of HSRA initiatives
- An updated list of Houston squash courts is needed to be provided to US Squash
- A media person is needed to support Twitter, Facebook and other correspondence to US Squash on Houston squash events
- The idea of a new player night was discussed
- It was agreed to schedule a regular HSRA board meeting for the 3rd Thursday of each month, subject to availability.
- The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm

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