

HSRA 2016 Year End Summary

President's Comments on Year 2016 and Going Forward

I feel that the HSRA is headed in a positive and great direction for the New Year.

The re-organization has made us leaner and meaner for 2017 with a new directive that established our goals to help the Pros, Clubs, and Junior Programs here in Houston. We want to use the HSRA web site as a portal of information for all to visit and see the growth of squash in Houston. We want to extend our hand to all organizations in the city to come to us as an informative hub to share with everyone else. The HSRA league hopes to expand with a junior section, along with widening our adult boxes, so all can have competitive matches so that their skills improve and they have fun as well.

I want to thank all who helped us in 2016. And I hope to see more involvement by all HSRA members in activities sponsored by us, and of course any other event related to squash here in town. Growing the game can only happen by everyone's participation and spreading the word.

Background

The HSRA was created as a non-profit Corporation in November 1993 with the purpose as noted in Articles of Incorporation as follows:

- To foster, promote and advance the cause of squash and sportsmanship within the jurisdictional area consisting of the Houston Metropolitan Area;
- To organize and control athletic competition among the members within the jurisdictional area consisting of the Houston Metropolitan Area in the game of squash;
- To represent the interest of members in relation to the US Squash in its territorial subsidiary organizations

Board and Officers

Elected 2015

John Leavy (President)
Andy Hubbard (Secretary)
Jose Betancourt (Treasurer)
Mustaffa Abbas
Carlos Beltran
Juan Caro
John DiFillipo
Ed Montanye
Alfredo Vilas

Current

John Leavy (President)
Andy Hubbard (Secretary)
Mustaffa Abbas
Juan Caro
John DiFillipo

Standing for election – January 2017

John Leavy (President)
Andy Hubbard
Mustafa Abbas
Juan Caro
John DiFilippo

Proposed Term

1 year
1 year
2 years
2 years
2 years

Priorities and Status

April 2015 Key Goals and Priorities

- Improve communications with members
- Grow the sport in our city
- Improve co-operation with US Squash
- Talented HSRA board of directors
- Update HSRA website
- Enhanced pro and amateur tournaments
- Ongoing league development
- Organize refereeing clinic

End 2016 Status

- Held elections and annual meetings
- HSRA documents, including accounts and Board minutes available on website
- Support and coordination with Mission Squash
- Extensive US Squash communication
- Improvements to financial and membership reporting
- Significant changes in board membership
- Board Code of Practice developed and in place
- Confirmed state and IRS compliance
- Costs of sponsorships exceeded income
- Migrated to US Squash website
- Sponsored local tournaments
- Houston ladder not progressed
- Increased league participation
- Social events introduced
- Not progressed

2017 Priorities

- Responsible and transparent governance consistent with HSRA Board Code of Conduct
- Ongoing operation of HSRA leagues and related social activities
- Help pros/clubs deliver enjoyable and profitable tournaments, including new HSRA Top 32
- Further improvements to member communication
- Continued co-operation and support to junior development including Mission Squash