

US Squash Womens Committee Meeting



US WOMEN'S SQUASH

Date: Wednesday May 3, 2017

Attendees:

AJ Copeland	DC	Paulina Rojek	NY
Sally Russell	Buffalo	Astrid Terry	San Francisco
Karen Arango	Seattle	Katline Cauwels	CT
Sue Greene	Boston	Julia Lane	Dartmouth
Jen Gabler	CT	Lulu Chou	Seattle
Emilie Kraft	Chicago	Jessica Helal	SoCal
Bryce Mintz	Chicago	Kim Clearkin	US Squash
Joyce Davenport	PA	Kevin Klipstein	US Squash
Hope Prockop	Boston		
Laura Umble			
Julie Kessler	PA		

Womens Squash Week

1. WSW 2017 will be September 23 – October 1
2. Logo is attached to this email for people to use for marketing
3. Kenny Scher from Creative Alternatives has been used in the past for shirts. His contact is squashinny@aol.com
4. **Jen, Astrid, Kim to work on setting up registration and then managing the event.**

Howe Cup 2017

1. Dates locked in for November 10-12 for Squash On Fire in DC (8 courts). If required Equinox (4 courts) or GW can be used for overflow.
2. Howe Cup to be referred to as:- 2017 US Squash Womens Team Championships (Howe Cup) presented by Squash-On-Fire
3. **Julie Kessler to liaise with Bill Buckingham from USQ on hotels near the venue.**
4. Organising committee will be lead by AJ Copeland.
5. **Promotion of the event can start now. AJ/Kim to liaise**

Ratings

1. Ratings sub-committee to look at the issue of teams with players outside of ratings guidelines. Emilie, Carole, Karen
2. Players with ratings of 1.5 should be encouraged to enter friendly matches using ClubLocker so that they will get an appropriate rating.

Awards

1. Awards given by the womens committee are the Achievement Bowl and Ferons Woodworth Sportsmanship trophy. Nominations should be solicited from all aspects of Womens Squash not just Howe Cup. Final approval of award winners is required from Kevin. Awards should be given out at an event appropriate to the award winner.
2. **AJ to send out the initial ask for nominees.**

Women's Squash Fund

1. **Us Squash to set up a restricted fund for Womens Squash.**

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2. Funds to be used to help promote participation
 - a. Retention of college players – sub-committee to be lead by Hope Prockop
 - b. Squash Activation days – targeting specific areas/pros to keep women on court. Sub committee of Astrid, Katline
 - c. Funds managed by Kim at US Squash

Women in Sports Day at the US Open

1. Run in conjunction with the Us Open – this year October 10 to celebrate women in Sports.
2. Key note speaker and ability to watch US Open matches
3. Promote within the local clubs amongst the current women squash players to increase visibility of the event within that group and to drive participation at the event from that community.
4. Kim, AJ and Jen to be on the WiSD committee and will report to the group on next actions

Women's Tournament Schedule

1. Create and promote a list of tournaments around the country specifically for women to participate in.
2. Promote the US Nationals and World Masters to the women players to increase participation.
3. Investigate the possibility of adding a second draw for age groups such as an Open and Rec draw.
4. Joyce and Karen to lead the sub-committee

Social Media

1. Plan to use social media to promote all that we do. All sub committees can liaise with US Squash, Laurelle Holley specifically, on the best platforms to use.

Committee Structure

1. Set up a charter which states the structure of the committee:
 - a. *Authority.* What does it do
 - b. *Composition.* What roles should be defined
 - c. *Chairperson.* Who is the Chair
 - d. *Election.* How are the committee members elected
 - e. *Terms* How often are the members re-elected

Date of next meeting: **Kim to send doodle poll for first week of June**