

Ottawa Disc Golf Club 2024 AGM
March 18, 2024
7pm @ Rainbow Bistro

Board members in attendance: Laurie Dotto, Justin Correia, Ken Darcovich, Dietrich Sider,
Mike Adams (Approx Attendance: 27)
Meeting begins: 7:20 pm

Tribute to Jeff Lariviere, presented by member Carl Visser

- Let's all Toast Old Man River!

Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

- Moved by Colin McDonald, Seconded by Justin Correia

President's Report (presented by Laurie Dotto)

- Very strong year, membership reached 144, good participation in leagues & events
- ODGC members went to Provincials, Nationals, World Juniors, and US Masters in 2023
- New course committee made lots of progress in 2023
- New ODGC website launched, Discord launched, up to 18 channels
- Communications Survey completed in Nov 2023
- Pelican brought home after 8 years absence
- Ottawa High School tournaments, (14 schools, 123 participants, 23% female)
- Ice League raised \$2100 for the Ottawa Food bank, thx Ben & Jeff
- Udisc stats, big increase in Kemptville. Total stats up. Reminder to udisc your rounds, or use the casual round feature.

- Leagues and events - TOSS, LETS, Chain Maidens, Glowie Leagues, Putting Leagues, IceBowl, CWE, Plaid Jacket, Camp Fortune, High School Tourney, Pelican

Treasurer's Report (presented by Ken Darcovich)

- In 2023 the Board moved away from holding funds for a future course to investing in new equipment (new Ice League baskets, low weight club discs &, new Kanata baskets) and continuing to sponsor local events & tournaments, plus ODGC website upgrade.
- After spending \$9310 in 2023, our cash Balance was down \$5500 to a present balance of \$6,451. 2024 expenses - sponsorships, affiliation fees & operating budget for Kanata

New Course Committee

- Now 5 members, Larry Pegg, Lee Donovan, Ken Lange, Dave Waithe, Laurie
- New for 2024: City of Ottawa has approved a 9 hole course at CentrepoinTE, hopefully q2 / q3 install, all City funded City of Gatineau has approved a 9 hole x 2 tee pilot project for two years course at Lac Beauchamp, including disc rental on site, also City funded.
- Focus for 2024: Explore new course options, pop-up tournaments and demonstrate viability of locations. Possible new park in Barrhaven for 2025-2026, early stages.
- If anyone knows a place for a potential course, or wants to join this committee, please speak to one of the course committee members.

Communications (presented by Dan Abthorpe)

- 2023 Survey results presented by new communications lead Dan Abthorpe
- Current ODGC communications, 55% rate good & excellent. Compared to 2022, 50% rated it the same & 45% rated it better.
- Preferred media - email, facebook, discord, website.
- Underutilized - website & email. Mostly people are on Discord for general information, events & community. Discord is filling a need for the club and has become very popular.
- ODGC info most wanted - info about leagues, tourneys, events. To enhance comms, ODGC needs to be more bilingual, use more socials, with more frequency, and surprisingly many asked for a newsletter.
- Comms plan 2024 - more website, socials & emails. Formality and consistency, use facebook and discord as community groups. One email account will be posting

Board Elections (presented by Don Lane, Elections Officer)

- Current board: Justin Correia, Ken Darcovich and Dee Sider (through 2025), Angelica Haggert, Mike Adams & Dave Waithe (Terms ending now).
- With three director positions open only Dave Waithe & Dan Abthorpe were nominated so they are acclaimed and no election is needed. The board will appoint a 6th director in the next few months.

Priorities for 2024 still hold true from the 2022 ODGC member survey

- Build new courses, grow the membership, support local events, strengthen communications & introduce more people to DG

Open Floor

- New teepads for Kanata? proposal is in, likely astroturf. City to install in Q2-Q3. We should reclaim our baskets when they are replaced.
- Can ODGC be incorporated? It would help if we were registered. Board needs to reconsider this option. Ottawa Tourism will only talk to registered groups!
- Seniors Kanata funfest disc golf on May 28 - volunteers needed
- Can TDs help run more events - a big cost up front, so would ODGC assist with funding? i.e. Short term loans. Requests can be sent to the club.
 - Ken - we do want to support things and encourage people, the Board will create criteria this year for sponsorship.
- Upcoming 2024 Tournaments:
 - Larrimac will host the new Larrimac Open, 27th Plaid and LETS League
 - 5th edition of phe-nominingue - Oct 5 and 6, B tier
 - Maitland fun tourney - March 23rd at 10am
 - WGE - Sunday May 19, in Kemptville, - there will be a turkey raffle

Adjournment at 8: 35 pm

- Moved by Lee
- Seconded by Sebastien