

**Regular Monthly Meeting and AGM:** Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

**Location:** Danish Canadian Club: 727 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0E3

**1. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting**

- a. Call to order of the regular monthly meeting 7.06pm
- b. Quick roundtable to introduce everyone

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes (November Meeting)**

- a. Mark Hartley approves the minutes as presented
- b. Harvey Huebsch seconds the approval

**3. Reports**

**a. Officers**

- **President** **Peter Schwartz**
  - Not present (nothing to report)
- **Vice President** **Rick Spyker**
  - Nothing to report
- **Secretary** **Anthony Reimert**
  - Nothing to report
- **Treasurer** **Mariette Rabacal**
  - Mariette is still working in Edmonton and not able to attend the meeting
    - i. Bank balance is \$21,025.00
    - ii. Since the last meeting fees have been received from: West Hillhurst, World Health, Bow Valley
    - iii. Still need fees from Bankers Hall Club, Fifth Avenue Club, Fish Creek and Fitness Plus
- **Director, Community Relations** **Ron Coggan**
  - SaSquash run over the past weekend 56 participants with 3 matches each held over Friday, Saturday and Sunday
  - \$4,600 fundraising / \$6,000 sponsorship and donations
  - ½ participants were from Capital region
  - Bit of a problem with silent and live auctions items being from Southern AB and a large contingent of players being from out of town
  - Was a Tournament held at SAIT
    - Organized by CISA player
    - Seventh day Adventist church with 30 participants and hopefully most of them get involved in Squash
    - Format – lots of people had never been on court ever before
    - Saturday 6pm – 9pm there was coaching on court and equipment was provided
    - They had a small tournament on Sunday

- Promoting squash to the town of Banff and working with Sport Council in the town of Banff to work with underprivileged children in that area and Brenda cook will be handling that in 2020
- SAIT has hired Nik Rasula on contract with SAIT and doing squash for beginners course in March at SAIT – new email Trojans.squash@SAIT.ca
  - \$80.00 4 weeks starting in March
- All Sport One Day will be handled by Harvey Huebsch as the lead

#### **b. Committees**

- **Player Eligibility/ Reporting:** **Alex Altamirano and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah**
  - Not official 2<sup>nd</sup> release of penalty points was issued
  - Alex has to do a final check over
  - Level 1 – only two players played in a match and put in on position 3 and 4
  - As result of Rules Committee – reverse points of second match and messages and indication was passed onto the captains
  - First half of the season is pretty much taken care of
  - After the first half of the season no players have subbed up too much – when you play at 4 times at higher level you cannot go down
  - Remind captains on subbing report
  - Reporting is still easy, no negative feedback from Squash AB on the reporting but we are waiting on the automated reporting, all results are up to date up to the 14<sup>th</sup> of January matches
  - Encourage captains to use the score squash application for scoring it automatically loads the scores
  - API – it is held up with ClubLocker
- **Playoff & Banquets:** **Rick Spyker, Anthony Reimert, and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah**
  - Not much new news with the Playoff and Banquet committee
  - Winterclub, courtside food, utilize courtside and use the Pub
  - Cannot book out the Pub for food
  - Courtside food and drink and then encourage people to go to the Bar
  - Club Championships were semi-reserved the bar – so we are going to look
  - Ideas for the banquet – give awards at the pub
  - Potentially showcase the Score Squash App
- **Prizes:** **Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal**
  - Keeping an eye out for good deals over the last couple of weeks
  - Jorge is working with Mark but they haven't connected recently

- Try to work with clothing as it has been well received and try to get sponsors for the prizes to keep our costs down and keep the prizes at higher quality
- **ACTION ITEM – Mark to reach out to Connor and discuss options**
- **Rules:** **Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch**
  - No issues since November
  - 48 players have played 4 matches and taken the Rules Course or Clinic
  - 24 players have taken the course but not played the matches
  - Working on when to input the bonus points into the scoring system
  - Would be nice to see the points roughly a month before finals and potentially a last minute update – it creates more meaningful display
- **League Inquiries:** **Ron Coggan**
  - Nothing to report
- **Sponsorship:** **Connor Batchelor**
  - CISA donation letter was distributed to CISA committee and this way it can be shared with anyone that is interested in sponsoring as we become aware.
  - CISA Sponsorship letter was also shared with Peter for his review.
  - I did not yet receive an email from Ken Cross regarding squash demographics and with the Holidays and New Years, I'm sure it just slipped his mind, so I will send him an email to obtain that information
- **Funding:** **Harvey Huebsch**
  - Nothing to report
- **Future Season Dates/Spreadsheet:** **Ben Meszaros**
  - Nothing to report
  - Update on playoff dates
    - Playoff semi finals over two weeks again
    - Finals on Saturday at Calgary Winter Club (April 25)
- **Email Blasts:** **James Jelinski**
  - Promotional item on Score Squash Application
  - Sponsorship into the next email blast
  - Information on bonus points for the 48 members and the 24 members who have taken the course
  - Playoff and Banquet details
- **Website:** **James Jelinski, Kyle Mitton and Sean McInnes**

- Ken mentioned earlier API is delayed until the end of January
- Website is delayed until the end of January and they are working on the API
- Explained on last email that they are frustrated on the lack of attention
- Goal is to get it done by next meeting
- The website committee is very frustrated and they are pushing to have all of the 'read only' items from SportyHQ
- No terms in the contract based on delays
- There will be a spot for minutes and the score squash app
- **Doubles:** **Jorge Rabacal**
  - Jorge not able to attend the meeting
  - Alberta Doubles Open this week hosted by Glencoe. Not too many entries.
  - CWC are hosting a Doubles Century tournament (team combined ages need to add up to at least 100 years)
    - Tournament runs February 20 – 23. It's a fun tournament and very popular in the East. Hope there will be interest. Would appreciate everyone promoting to get a good turnout
  - Interest levels seem to be down in the double community and players are getting together as Doubles committee to figure out how to improve the situation.
- **Attendance Report:** **Ben Meszaros**
  - Bankers Hall - absent today
  - Fitness Plus – absent today
  - Several clubs at one absence but overall very good attendance
- **December Christmas Meeting (Wrap):** **Wanda Popadynetz**
  - People that didn't show up.... CISA is still charged for their meal
  - 2 people did not show up
  - Great feedback and food was fantastic
- **Squash Alberta:** **Ken Cross**
  - Squash Alberta Looking for hosts to hold Rules Clinics
  - Thoughts on getting an email blast out regarding the 48 players that got their 4 matches and did the rules clinic?
    - About 10% of the players that completed the course or clinic are eligible
  - Max 13 people in a course [Full Day] – and up to 100 to do the clinic about 3 hours
  - Clarity on Code of Conduct meeting – how does CISA work with SA?
    - CISA ByLaws allow our committee to have discussion and make decisions
    - If there is situations that go beyond our bylaws then we will get SA involved
  - CISA players are SA members and they have the right to report Code of Conduct to SA

- SA is there to help in any difficult situations and it is more anonymous
  - Edmonton does use SA for their rule decisions and Code of Conduct
- SaSquash used lived scoring it worked well and they only needed to adjust two scores

#### 4. Other Business Arising:

Any other business?

- Week 15 needs to be scheduled for: Ladies' 1, Men's 11 and Men's 12
- Most clubs are scheduled, but check to ensure all is up to date

#### 5. Round Table/Club Feedback:

All Clubs Current Feedback

- Bankers Hall Club
  - Linear Logistics Bankers Hall Club Pro Am
    - Tourney dates are Feb 5-9
    - Entries have been cut off at 130 and again at 140 as we are at our limit now.
    - Waiting list has been created and people are encouraged to still enter and do that via Bob Ballinger. In past years about 20 people have made it in from the wait list to either balance out a draw and/or to replace someone that drops out.
    - Seedings and draws etc will be done starting weekend and this info will be out nice and early for all participants.
    - PSA event will begin on the Thursday. As in past years there will be PSA matches at lunch on both Thursday and Friday as well as in the evenings. Semis on Saturday and finals on Sunday.
    - One of the strongest PSA draws we have had in quite a while....two players in the 60's in world rankings and the top six players are all ranked in the top 90.
    - Defending champ Leonel Cardenas is the top seed. He will play Andrew Schnell in the first round on Thursday night. They played first round last year.....Cardenas survived being match ball down 10-9 in the fifth to beat Andrew. Should be great crowd for that match as well as others.
  - University of Calgary
    - Nothing to Report
  - GYMVMT
    - Not everyone happy with the name change from World Health to GYMVMT
    - HERMVMT was formerly Spa Lady
    - The Old Bay Club downtown is now Ladies only
  - Bow Valley Club
    - Teams tournament starts on Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> and runs to Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Invitation only tournament – they have has a good turn out
  - West Hillhurst
    - They have had a couple of injuries with people getting their fingers stuck in the back glass

- Email has since been sent out saying that they have a fix put in place to prevent future injuries to players
- SAIT
  - They are using Club Locker to run their box league
  - Strong reason you should be doing box leagues through Club Locker has the opportunity to be used towards your Squash Alberta ranking
- Southland
  - Nothing to report
- Eau Claire YMCA
  - Shortening hours and they are testing the hours to see how it works out
  - Will not impact interclub squash until they go over 4 teams
  - Downtown YMCA is struggling to attract members
  - Right now they are keeping the club viable and GM is a squash player herself
- Calgary Winter Club
  - Comment on the Two up Two down model – proposal from a ladies team that the top two teams play the bottom two teams from level 1 in a playoff and if they beat one of them they move up
    - Two up and Two down is a guideline and we will propose to the club selection committee at the end of the season
  - Looking to generate a new model that will attract more ladies to play at the club
- Fish Creek
  - Nothing to report
- WCP
  - Nothing to report
- Fifth Avenue Club
  - Numbers are dwindling at Fifth Avenue Club
  - They currently have 2 teams Men's 5 and Men's 9
  - Club has stabilized but squash membership has dropped off
- MRU
  - Info on MRU PSA
- Glencoe
  - Doubles tournament going on
  - Squash is alive and well at the Glencoe with lots of Junior players
  - Susie King is still away on maternity leave

## 6. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn by Kurt Kennedy
- Anthony Reimert seconds the motion
- Meeting adjourned at 8.47pm

## 7. Next Meeting Date: March Meeting will be on Wednesday March 18, 2020



**Action Items from January 2020 Meeting:**

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