**Regular Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday November 20th at 7.00pm

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

**AGENDA OF THE REGULAR GENERAL MEETING:**

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

a. Call to order of the regular monthly meeting at 7.03pm
b. No roundtable

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

a. Connor Batchelor approves the October minutes
b. Wanda Popadynetz seconds the approval

**3. Reports**

**a. President (Peter Schwartz)**

- Nothing to report

**b. Vice President (Rick Spyker)**

- Nothing to report

**c. Secretary (Anthony Reimert)**

- Nothing to report

**d. Treasurer (Mariette Rabacal)**

i. Balance of account is $22,872.72
ii. Thanks to all of the clubs that have paid their invoices
iii. Following clubs have not paid their annual dues
    - Bankers Hall Club
    - Bow Valley Club
    - Fifth Avenue Club
    - Fish Creek Sports Club
    - Fitness Plus
    - West Hillhurst
    - World Health Edgemont
iv. If you require a copy of the invoice or a receipt please contact Mariette
v. Please get them in by December

e. **Director, Community Relations (Ron Coggan)**
   i. Very successful AB College and University Championships
   ii. SAIT was generous giving out cinch bags and T-Shirts for the SAIT students
   iii. SaSquash goes live on Monday morning – register early as it sells out quickly
   iv. Sponsorship, Donations and Auction items are on pace or slightly ahead of last year
   v. Squash Alberta donated $500.00 to Junior Outreach Squash
   vi. Inquiry from Pakistan for a player to play in the tournament
   vii. Approached by Town of Banff to create an initiative to grow the sport of squash in Banff with the Help of Banff Rocky Mountain Resort
   viii. Looking for Coaches that are in Canmore or Banff to help with the initiative
   ix. Coordinating with another interclub player a tournament for Seven Day Adventist Church (fundraising tournament)

**4. Committees**

a. **Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah)**
   i. Summary of first weeks penalty reports mailed out to committee members
   ii. Very few cases through the first 4 weeks – there have been some instances with no Squash Alberta Memberships but the auto-renewal through ClubLocker has helped
   iii. Eligibility is caught up until the 5th and 6th week, there were no cases in week 5, week 6 is just waiting on the Squash Alberta report for Alex to complete the cross check.
   iv. Feedback from Alex: does not like to be ignored when he is requesting to update the scores in the system and he is trying to get the players to enter scores (it usually involves Men's Level 1)
   v. 5 teams that are missing the scoresheets from Tuesday's matches 3 of the missing entries are from Men's level 1 [2 weeks with no communication at all from the captains]
   vi. The Score Squash application from SportyHQ is working correctly
   vii. Rules 11.5, if results are not entered you will forfeit the result
   viii. Please encourage all winning teams to enter scores within 48 hours of the match being played

**b. Playoff & Banquets: (Rick Spyker, Anthony Reimert, and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah)**

i. Current plan is Saturday April 25th

ii. To have the playoffs at the Winter Club and have the evening at the Bar/Pub within the Winter Club

iii. League would cover food and people would cover their drinks

iv. Working on some sponsorship opportunities to get everything in order

v. We are trying to recreate some of the excitement that we have had in the past

vi. We are planning for a no cost event

**c. Prizes: (Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal)**

i. Nothing to report on prizes

ii. Watching for specials and nothing further to report

iii. If you have suggestions please email Mark

**d. Rules: (Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch)**

i. A player from Eau Claire YMCA was ineligible and notification was sent out a few days after this and he did not receive the email message and then he got penalized the second match that he played without a membership

- Has been a member for 7 years, he mentioned that he did renew
- Rules committee is working on a solution on how to deal the points

ii. When Alex sends the emails out, please try and stay on top of the email and talk to impacted players and/or teams

iii. Ensure that the captains list is updated, it needs to be done by an administrator (Ron or Alex) so please forward to Alex or Ron for updates

iv. Rules committee is reviewing some of the Penalty Points from Alex and will come with their rulings on a case by case basis.

v. Went over the subbing up rules

**e. League Inquiries: (Ron Coggan)**

i. Nothing to report

**f. Sponsorship: (Connor Batchelor)**

i. Drafted email and forgot to send to committee members

ii. Actual sponsors – Harrow is going to sponsor 2 racquets ($450.00 value) and they would be able to do a cash sponsorship if we use Harrow clothing

iii. Confirmed Ladies Level 1 Sponsor – They would like to remain anonymous

iv. Brody and Connor working together to create a package on what they are getting out of their sponsorship

v. Following up with last year sponsors

vi. Will be getting Demographics on the Squash Alberta Membership - working with Ken Cross

**g. Funding: (Harvey Huebsch)**

i. Nothing to report

**h. Future Season Dates/Spreadsheet: (Ben Meszaros)**

i. 3 divisions that need a week 15 (Men's 11 and 12 and Ladies Level 1

**i. Email Blasts: (James Jelinski)**

i. No email blasts have been sent out

ii. Email will be sent out when the new website is up

**j. Website: (James Jelinski, Kyle Mitton and Sean McInnes)**

i. Contract Signed with SportyHQ

ii. Calgarysquash.ab.ca has been changed over to SportyHQ hosting

iii. Since last month there has been no progress in the Website

iv. Reached out to Henry and has not heard back

v. Trying to get this completed, as the cheque was sent out to Henry at SportyHQ

- Rick confirms cheque was signed on November 1, 2019

vi. If we cannot get the Website completed we would have to look at potential breach of contract and forfeit the $2,000.00

vii. As of right now website committee will continue to keep on Henry and ensure that the Website gets done

viii. They are working on the API for Squash Alberta as well

**k. Doubles: (Jorge Rabacal)**

i. Nothing to report

ii. Posters regarding Century Doubles Tournament to be sent out

- Age of combined players has to 100 or more
- Winter Club is putting on the tournament

iii. Need to Follow up with Jorge regarding the team fees and ensuring that all of the players are Squash Alberta members

**l. Attendance Report: (Ben Meszaros)**

i. Everyone was here last month

ii. This week only Doubles and World Health Edgemont are missing this month

**m. December 2019 Christmas Meeting: (Wanda Popadynetz)**

i. December 11th at 7.00pm

ii. It is at Binh Minh (Formerly the Laurier Lounge)

iii. Please ensure that you can make it to the dinner because you pay in advance

**n. Squash Alberta: (Ken Cross)**

iv. Juniors membership is up 22% year over year

v. More Adult Members Year over year as well

- 11 more women memberships (245 to 256 YoY)
- 30 more men memberships (973 to 1003 YoY)

vi. Officiating Powerpoint – unfortunately it cannot be shared as you have to be a course conductor to have access to the Powerpoint

vii. If you are certified then you can have access to specific training modules

viii. Squash Canada rankings are now on a pilot until the end of the season based on the Club Locker rating system

ix. They are most concerned around the Junior ranking system

x. Right now Squash Alberta is running ratings and rankings and Squash Alberta will look at comparing the 2 ratings and rankings at the end of the year to decide how they will move forward

**6. Round Table/Club Feedback:**

**a. Glencoe Club**

i. Everything good at Glencoe, they hosted a premier league match on November 25th and they hosted a November 13th Doubles premier league match

ii. They have big renovations going on which is impacting the entry

iii. Ozzie Vallejos' brother is helping coaching some of the junior programs

iv. Next Thursday is the final for the first half of their Thirsty Thursday league

v. Lots going on with their internal clubs and they had 600 kids at their Halloween Party

vi. CEO (Greg Lundmark) of Glencoe is retiring at the end of the year and they are promoting their current GM into the CEO role and the new GM will come from the riverside club in Saskatoon.

vii. First Friday drop-in started a couple of weeks ago and it was a lot of fun

**b. Bow Valley**

i. Teams tournament will run at the end of January Wednesday to Friday

a. Teams consist of A, B, C, D player and a doubles team

**c. Bankers Hall**

i. Pro-Am tournament will run from February 5 to 9 2020
ii. 16 man professional draw
iii. Reach out to Bob if you know any sponsors

**d. West Hillhurst**

i. Nothing to report

**e. Mount Royal University**

i. Christmas fun tournament will run on Saturday December 7th
ii. Tournament takes in food bank donations for MRU's Season of Giving

**f. Fitness Plus**

i. Fit Plus Men's Open will run from December 4th to December 8th
ii. Have capacity for about 50 entrants

**g. YMCA**

i. Next February there will be a change of hours at the Eau Claire YMCA
ii. Membership has continued to drop so they are planning to reduce hours and will have an impact on interclub (shutting down at 8.30pm)
iii. They may have to shift days or split over multiple days if they get more teams

**h. Southland Leisure Centre**

i. Having some issues with drop-in but other than that everything is rolling smoothly

**i. SAIT**

i. Seeing a drop in intermural participation over the last 4 or 5 years with participants dropping from 900 to 450

**j. Western Canadian Place**

i. Nothing to report

**k. Fifth Avenue Club**

i. Nothing to report

**l. Calgary Winter Club**

i. Café area will start to undergo renovation in December and will be more of an inconvenience than anything else
ii. Hosting their Pro-Am Women's event and they are looking at different fundraising ideas. They sold spirits from Krang Spirits in Cochrane and non-alcoholic beer.
iii. They are hosting a respect in Sport policy and would like all team interclub captains to attend.

**m. Fish Creek**

i. After 6.00pm you can use the reserved spots that surround the Fish Creek club when looking for parking

ii. Junior program at Fish Creek has been very successful and they are seeing more participants

iii. Lots of kids around the club with the Karate program that see the squash as well

**n. University of Calgary**

i. Colin Whitney is doing a lot of lessons for players that are 7 years old and up

ii. Lesson times are Wednesday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

**o. World Health Edgemont**

i. They had to cancel the Masters tournament at World Health due to low enrolment numbers and the cost of running the tournament

ii. Perhaps too many divisions and not enough competition in each division keeps players from signing up

**7. Adjournment**

i. Christmas meeting will be our next meeting at Binh Minh Kitchen and Bar
ii. Please give Wanda as much notice as possible if you cannot make it
iii. Monday morning at 8.00am registration for Banff SaSquash opens
iv. Rick Spyker make a motion to adjourn
v. Mark Hartley seconds the motion
vi. Meeting adjourned at 8.27pm

**8. Next Meeting Date:** December 11th 2019 at Binh Minh Kitchen and Bar: 1111 7 Street SW Calgary, AB

**Actions from Last Meeting:**

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