

## CISL Monthly Meeting - Minutes

### Meeting Date and Location

	May 21, 2025 @ 19:00
	Danish Canadian Club 727 11th Ave SW, Calgary AB T2R 0E3, Canada

### Officers

Position	Representative	Attendance
President	Peter Schwartz	✓
Vise President	Rick Spyker	✓
Treasurer	Mariette Rabacal	✓
Secretary	Jorge Rabacal	✓
Director, Community Relations	TBD	

### Clubs and Representatives

Club	Representative(s)	Attendance
Acadia Recreation Centre	James Jelinski	✓
Bow Valley Athletic Club (BVAC)	Greg Pocherewny	✓
Calgary Winter Club (CWC)	Wes Mah	✓
Edgemont Athletic (EA)	Jorge Rabacal / Mariette Rabacal	✓
Glencoe Club	Harvey Huebsch	✓
Mount Royal University (MRU)	Tanya Simpson	✓
South Calgary Squash Club (SCAC)	Peter Schwartz	✓
Southland Leisure Centre	Michael Macdonald / Ron Cogan	✓
University of Calgary (U of C)	Wanda Popadynetz (Standing in: James Hodge)	✓
West Hillhurst Club	Mark Hartley	✓

### Committees and Other

Committee	Representative(s)	Attendance
December Meeting	Wanda Popadynetz	✓
Email Blast	James Jelinski	✓
Funding	Harvey Huebsch	✓
League Enquiries	Peter Schwartz	✓
Playoffs & Banquet	Rick Spyker	✓
Prizes	Mark / Jorge	✓
Rules	Harvey / Mark / Keith	✓
Sponsorship	Wes Mah	✓
SportyHQ and Reports	Alex Altamirano / Tanya	✓
Squash Alberta	Ken Cross	✓



Committee	Representative(s)	Attendance
Team Selection	Peter Schwartz	✓
Website	James Jelinski	✓

## Agenda Items

1. Call to order: 19:11
2. Approval of previous month's minutes (April 2025 Minutes):

Approval	Representative / Comment
Motion to Approve	Mark
Second	Alex
Updates Comments	Minor updates based on Keith, Alex and Harvey

## 3. Reporting

### a. Officer's Updates / Feedback

Position	Representative	Update / Feedback
President	Peter Schwartz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thank the Danish Club for hosting us for +30 years</li> <li>○ Thank Rick, Wes for putting up the finals event</li> </ul>
Vise President	Rick Spyker	○ Nothing
Treasurer	Mariette Rabacal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bank balance is \$24,385.92 (after all paid, roughly \$15K)</li> <li>○ Everyone has paid now, including Mo / Derek</li> </ul>
Secretary	Jorge Rabacal	○ Nothing to report
Director, Community Relations	TBD	○ N/A

### b. Committees Updates / Feedback

#### 1. Player Eligibility/ Reporting:

**Alex Altamirano / Tanya / Sean**

- Nothing to report
- Question from Ron: Previously, a summary was produced by Alex, so, may create it going forward – next season
- Peter thanked team for all the work
- Notes around automatic renewals and credit card expirations. May have issues because dates are now different than the league season. Reporting and analyzing may need more attention. We will send shout-out before start of season. We'll have to see what happens.
- Alex thanked Tanya and team for the work done and stepping up in helping Alex

#### 2. Playoff and Banquet Planning:

**Rick Spyker**

- Great day at the CWC. Rick thanked CWC and team to make it smooth
- Thanks for some of the reps that showed up and were around providing support
- Thanks to the sponsors, especially Mo and Derek (Thanks Wes for getting the sponsorship)
- Good that Chris helped with ref'ing some of the matches. He was there for the entire day. Gave him a gift certificate.
- The cost for the entire day was slightly less than last year, even though lots of food and drinks were the same
- Prizes were slightly delayed due to some issues in delivery, but, all sorted out.
- Have extra tote bags.



- Overall, great day.
- 3. Prizes:** **Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal**
  - Nothing more to say. All prizes have been delivered
  - Reps to ask captains to get feedback on prizes for next season
- 4. Rules:** **Mark Hartley, Harvey Huebsch and Keith**
  - Some contention matches in the finals: Level 1 (2 players – Edgemont and South Calgary) and Level 4 (Edgemont) walked off the court before match was done. Note sent from the Committee to the players, cc Squash Alberta
- 5. League Inquiries:** **Peter**
  - Nothing
- 6. Sponsorship:** **Wes Mah**
  - Thanked all our sponsors
  - Rothenberg is pulling out, so, we'll have to reach out to others, like Derek and see if he is willing to take over. Harvey to talk to Derek about it and need to sync with Wes.
  - Thanks to Mark and Greg for their sponsorship
- 7. Email Blasts:** **James Jelinski**
  - Email blast to be sent out for the special meeting for bylaws
  - Sent email out for finals, otherwise quiet
- 8. Website:** **James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton**
  - Over Summer will be working on updates on the website, general cleanup
  - James to review the actions to cleanup
  - Alex checked with SportyHQ App on the issue when matches are rescheduled or scores updated after the event.
  - There was an update done which may have caused issues, but, not sure if that was the case
  - Alex does ask the people using the app to make sure the scores have been in fact captured in SportyHQ.
  - Around 60%-70% of the matches have been scored with the app, instead of paper / manual capture
- 9. Attendance Report / Future Dates:** **Mike**
  - Attendance good. No clubs absent for more than 2 times.
  - **Action:** Future days, next meeting. Reach out to Ken if Squash Alberta for known tournament dates.
  - Semi-finals played over 2 weeks worked out quite well – consider that for next season.
  - Think about the sequence of matches / levels. Start time of 14:00 also worked out better. Again, things to consider.
- 10. Squash Alberta** **Ken Cross**
  - Overall, good season.
  - Membership numbers sustained over last year, 1374 members (Alberta) – Calgary were around 600, similar to last year.
  - Question that was asked if Squash Alberta would demand all players be officials (either rules clinic or more). Program started last 2 seasons ago seemed to be working well, but, Ken asked what this committee's opinion is on that. Peter said it's something to think about. A lot of people in Alberta are PSO (Province Level) certified. Officials are shrinking overall in Canada, so, something to think about in terms of getting new officials.

- Continue with same program as last seasons, but, if reps could reach out to players to see what their opinion is.
- There is a course in WSO which is free and Squash Canada is looking at equivalence to what Squash Canada's course is at \$35.
- If it is mandatory, we also have to police it.

**11. Team selection**

**Peter**

- Peter will provide a first draft for next month (2 up / 2 down) and over mid to late August clubs to provide feedback.

**4. Other Business Arising:**

1. Reminder that, starting June, monthly meetings will be at BVAC. (Reimburse twice per year, but, will need to have a receipt. Either paper or Indigo App can be used to pay for parking). After 6PM, parking is flat fee. Reimburse \$5 max per parking).
2. Quick discussion on 2025/2026 season starter so we can start planning with clubs.
3. For 2025 / 2026, Alex will start playing around with the scheduling of league in SportyHQ (instead of using Steve), so, if emails are sent out automatically, so, people should ignore them. For now, will most likely use Steve for next season, anyway.
4. Eau Claire, "soft" open in June, so, not sure if there will be a team from Eau Claire for next season. Still have 2 squash courts – for now.

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

	Club	Comment / Feedback
1.	Acadia Recreation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Running thin this season, may be thinner / non-existent for next season.</li> </ul>
2.	Bow Valley Athletic Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pretty quiet. House leagues going on.</li> <li>▪ Tournament this weekend.</li> <li>▪ Greg is thinking of retiring from being rep</li> </ul>
3.	Calgary Winter Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hosted finals, Ladies 1 won.</li> <li>▪ Club champs completed.</li> <li>▪ Club planning to renovate, specifically the racquet area – a couple of years out still.</li> <li>▪ Anticipating at least 9/10 men and 2 ladies teams.</li> </ul>
4.	Edgemont Athletic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quiet</li> <li>▪ New Squash Pro Assistant started this month: Matthew Toth</li> </ul>
5.	Glencoe Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some players went to Ontario</li> <li>▪ End of May, Junior tournament going on</li> <li>▪ Chris will be standing in for Harvey because of surgery</li> <li>▪ Quiet time</li> </ul>
6.	Mount Royal University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Similar teams for next season, but, will see how the teams will be. Mens 2 may dismantel</li> </ul>
7.	South Calgary Squash Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Club did well for the season</li> <li>▪ Club championships with BBQ at the club</li> <li>▪ Starting to slowdown for season</li> <li>▪ Hopefully similar number of</li> </ul>

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8.	Southland Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hoping to hang on to same teams for next season</li> <li>▪ Waiting for confirmation on work that is going on for September timeframe, not sure what the impact will be for the squash.</li> </ul>
9.	University of Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nothing to report</li> </ul>
10.	West Hillhurst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Great season.</li> <li>▪ Club championships last month</li> <li>▪ Similar number of teams for next season.</li> </ul>

**6. Action items (Please see Appendix A below)**

**7. Adjournment:**

	Comment
<b>Motion</b>	Tanya
<b>Second</b>	Michael
<b>Time</b>	20:13
<b>Next Meeting</b>	June 18, 2025 @ 19:00 (BVAC)

**Appendix A – Action Items (Open / Ongoing):**

	Action	Owner	Status
1	As per AGM: Secretary to diarize reminder for future June meetings to plan for AGM in August going forward	Jorge	Ongoing
2	Action from the AGM to improve financial standings: Options to consider: a) More sponsorship (look at it next year); b) Increase fees; c) Review budget	All	Ongoing
3	SportyHQ scoring App is being used more frequently. Get feedback from clubs. Reschedules seem to be an issue. Odd glitch with recording scores. James to get back to SportyHQ to see if they can fix it.	James	Ongoing
4	Every member / rep needs to be on a committee. Bring it up at next month's meeting.	Peter	
5	Provide feedback to Wes on current sponsorship package	All	Ongoing
6	Sean to investigate using something like GoogleDrive for our files so that everyone can have online access to them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GoogleDrive is setup</li> <li>● Sean to provide relevant committee members access credentials</li> </ul>	Sean	Ongoing
8	No ladies sponsor right now. Wes to work on getting a sponsor over the Summer	Wes	Ongoing
17	Feb: Wes to follow-up on invoices / payment from Racquet Central and Rothenberg.	Wes	
18	Feb: Harvey will reach out to James / Alex to see if we can remove the tab for spares from SPortyHQ. It may have been there for some time, but, nobody noticed it.	Harvey	
19	Feb: Rules committee to suggest whether to update the rules or send shout-out regarding “Default” matches and how to deal with it.	Harvey	
20	Feb: There is an issue with the wording under the “Teams Selection”. 1. Harvey to review rule. 2. Peter to provide wording to Harvey.	Harvey Peter	
22	Feb: James to review SportyHQ (and CISL website) to fix / update some of the items brought up. Example: Season 2023/2024 not in SPortyHQ, on CISL Website, old “News” about season starter (2021/2022); Season: 2023-2024 – just looks like it hasn’t been kept up to date?	James	
23	Jorge to show James / Alex what I meant and included in the minutes / actions	Jorge	Closed
24	For the playoffs, Alex to talk to Tanya to have the scores displayed on the TV in CWC	Alex / Tanya	

**Appendix B - Action Items (Closed):**

	Action	Owner	Status
7	Email blast at the beginning of next season announcing increase (August)	James	Closed
9	Follow-up on scoring rescheduled matches in scoring app – not able to be resolved	James / Kyle	Closed
10	Look at the budget available with the dues and then determine path forward. Maybe we should consider other sponsorships.	Wes	Closed
11	Ron will think about ideas and see if he can leverage his relationships.	Ron	Closed
12	Peter and Rick to thank Steve for the work he did (again) in getting the schedule for this season done.	Rick / Peter	Closed
13	We should start looking at other locations for our monthly meetings because of the potential for the Danish Club not being available for us anymore.	All	Closed
14	A message was composed to be included in a shout out to reduce the friction of keeping Club Locker and SportyHQ in sync for renewing or new members. <b>Sean, please include the club reps in email so reps can chase</b>	Sean	Closed
15	Please see if there are any other event going on for the weekend (Apr 26) and report back. (UoC has the Junior Bronze Finals and awards. Not sure if this event could have an impact of the finals)	Michael	Closed
16	Jorge to contact Dean from BVAC to use their clubs for our monthly meetings. Spoke to Dean and he is ok with hosting us. For the days that functions are going on, we can either use court side area or we can use a different club. We'll make it flexible and deal with these by exception basis.	Jorge	Closed
21	Feb: Rick will need to check where the trophies are so that they can be collected for the season end	Rick	Closed
23	Feb: Can West Hillhurst also host meeting in the bar? <b>Mark</b> to follow-up No, cannot host.	Mark	Closed
24	Feb: Jorge to send email to James / Alex with list of things to fix from actions list. Cleanup location information online. SAIT / Launch Code / Fish Creek / etc	Jorge	Closed



**Appendix C – Notes, information and other:**

1.