



Calgary Interclub Squash Association – CISL Monthly Meeting (2023 / 2024 Season)



 Date / Time	October 18, 2023 @ 19:00
 Location	Danish Canadian Club: 727 - 11th Avenue S.W.; Calgary, Alberta; T2R 0E3 TEL: (403) 261-9774

Officers

Position	Representative	Attendance	
		Yes	No
President	Peter Schwartz	X	
Vise President	Rick Spyker	X	
Treasurer	Mariette Rabacal		X
Secretary	Jorge Rabacal		X
Director, Community Relations	TBD		

Clubs and Representatives

Club	Representative(s)	Attendance	
		Yes	No
Acadia Recreation Centre	Kyle /James	X	
Bow Valley Athletic Club (BVAC)	Greg Pocherewny	X	
Calgary Winter Club (CWC)	Wes Mah	X	
Edgemont Athletic (EA)	Jorge Rabacal / Mariette Rabacal		X
Glencoe Club	Harvey Huebsch	X	
Mount Royal University (MRU)	Tanya Simpson	X	
South Calgary Squash Club (SCAC)	Peter Schwartz	X	
Southland Leisure Centre	Michael	X	
University of Calgary (UofC)	Wanda Popadynetz	X	
West Hillhurst Club	Mark Hartley	X	

Committees and Other

Club	Representative(s)	Attendance	
		Yes	No
December Meeting	Wanda Popadynetz	X	
Email Blast	James Jelinski	X	
Funding	Harvey Huebsch	X	
Playoffs & Banquet	Rick Spyker	X	
League Enquiries	Peter	X	
Prizes	Mark / Jorge	X	
Rules	Harvey / Mark / Keith	X	
Sponsorship	Wes Mah	X	
Team Selection	Peter Schwartz	X	
SportyHQ and Reports	Alex Altamirano / Tanya	X	
Squash Alberta	Ken Cross		X
Website	Kyle Mitton / James Jelinski	X	



Calgary Interclub Squash League Monthly Meeting (Agenda)

1. **Call to order:** 7:03 PM

2. **Approval of previous month's minutes (August Minutes):**

- a) Updates required: no changes required
- b) Motion to Approve: Mark Hartley
- c) Second: Tanya Simpson

3. **Reports**

a) **Officers:**

- i) President Peter Schwartz
 - Squash will be a sport of the 2028 LA Olympics - good news for our sport
- ii) Vice President Rick Spyker
 - Acting as Secretary tonight.
- iii) Secretary Jorge Rabacal
 - none
- iv) Treasurer Mariette Rabacal
 - Team fee invoices have been sent out.
 - Mount Royal and West Hillhurst have paid.
 - If someone needs a copy of invoices, please drop Mariette an email.
 - Reminder of change in Rule 5.3 involving penalty points for late payment of team fees.
 - 5.3. Each team (the collective members of the team) is required to pay a team fee to CISA, due upon invoice; such fee to be determined at the discretion of the Board and reviewed on an annual basis. Any team that has not paid their CISL team fees by January 1 will be penalized 1 point per match during the period that their dues remain outstanding penalty point
 - Bank balance: \$11,881.32
- v) Director, Community Relations TBD
 - N/A

b. Committees

- i) Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano / Tanya
 - Committee membership
 - Alex is stepping away from being an active member of the Eligibility Committee to helping behind the scenes to this committee members and also acting as an escalation point for challenging Squash Alberta and SPortyHQ account / software and reporting issues.
 - Sean is stepping in and has begun training.
 - Mens 1 - BVAC/SCSC - Late score entry penalty point was issued.
 - Clubs involved submitted a complaint which was reviewed by the Rules Committee.
 - Rules Committee reviewed and cancelled the penalty point.
 - Discussion occurred around the veracity of the decision.
 - Rules Decision was/is final.
 - Player Eligibility Committee made a number of specific rule change requests (9.13, 9.21) to the Rules Committee for consideration to simplify eligibility processing/administration burden.

- There have been minimal infractions in a number of years.
- 6 hours per week effort required from the Player Eligibility Committee to assess/analyze, which is not sustainable.
- **DECISION:**
 - Committee decided to move to a self-policing model for eligibility rules and stop ongoing Player Eligibility Committee analysis.
 - **ACTION:** Rules Committee will draft an email for reps to send to captains reminding them of eligibility rules.
- **DECISION:** Eligibility Committee requested that the Rules Committee take over communication of all penalty and bonus points. - **AGREED**
- Reminder that for divisions with a week 15, team captains are responsible to schedule the week 15 match. Week 15 will be added to SportyHQ in the next couple of weeks

ii) Playoff and Banquet Planning: Rick Spyker

- April 20, 2024 is the date agreed upon last meeting.
- 13 divisions requires 6 courts for 7.5 hours, with courtside liquor/beverage service available.
- Both U of C and MRU will not allow courtside liquor
- CWC - have tentatively booked 7 courts between 12:00 (earliest time available) through 7:30
- Glencoe - hosted last season and have other priorities at the club that weekend.
- Edgemont Athletic - availability TBD.
- Most likely will select CWC.

iii) Prizes: Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal

- nothing to report at this point in the season

iv) Rules: Mark Hartley, Harvey Huebsch and Keith

- Concern with Squash AB membership purchase processing error traps for our members.
 - Committee will draft an email to Ken Cross outlining concerns and suggested solutions.
- One Time Squash AB Membership
 - No longer available through Squash AB.
 - Squash AB is looking at options for annual memberships to be valid for 12 months after purchase.
- **ACTION:** Sean to update website with help location and list of generic emails such as Rules, Scoring, Eligibility, Sponsorship, etc.

v) League Inquiries: Peter

- none

vi) Sponsorship: Wes Mah

- Fifth Ring is a new website sponsor. Thanks to Greg.
- Reminder to prepare and issue email blast (action item from last meeting)

vii) Funding: Harvey Huebsch

- none

viii) Email Blasts: James Jelinski

- James will draft up a sponsorship help email blast for review by Peter and Wes before sending to our members.

ix) Website: James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton

- Planning to post more frequent news items, general squash info, league activities, league rules, who's who, etc.



- Goal is to drive more traffic to our website.

- Sean is joining the website committee.
- Sean has established a google drive location for league documents. Will share access credentials with relevant committee members.

x) Attendance Report / Future Dates: Mike

- No more than 1 absence from any clubs.

xi) Squash Alberta Ken Cross

- Reviewing court towel use in Squash AB sanctioned events similar to what pro events are now doing with towels in buckets in the front of the court.

xii) December meeting

- Dec 13, 2023
- Wanda is open to ideas for location.

4. Other Business Arising:

- a) Discussion on whether or not we can / should apply for AGLC license - Tanya and Jorge are reviewing.
- b) Ron Coggan Award - Mark presented an idea for an annual/bi-annual CISA builder/contributor type of award that the committee would propose and decide.

5. Round Table/Club Feedback:

All Clubs Current Feedback

a) Acadia Recreation Centre

- Ladies level 4 hosting their first home game of the season next week.

b) Bow Valley Athletic Club

- nothing to report

c) Calgary Winter Club

- Suzie King is the new head pro.
- April 20th courts are tentatively booked from noon to 730 for CISA finals

d) Edgemont Athletic

- Some players (especially in lower leagues) are struggling getting players to sign-up for Squash Alberta membership and with loading scores in SportyHQ
- Both Jon and Jorge are educating and helping as we hear about things.

e) Glencoe Club

- RocktoberFest squash next week
- Thirsty Thursdays is key recruiting activity
- Graham Schnell playing in PanAm games.
- Using Club Locker for box leagues

f) Mount Royal University

- Busy with lessons, internal ladders, internal tournament such as Spooktacula

g) South Calgary Squash Club

- Completed first tournament of the season with 45 players
- Juniors program is full up on Sunday with 50 jrs and 2 coaches.
- Tournament planned for December

h) Southland Leisure Centre

- nothing to report

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- i) **University of Calgary**
 - nothing to report
- j) **West Hillhurst**
 - all good

6. Adjournment

- a) Motion: Mike
- b) Second: Tanya
- c) Time: 8:59

7. Next Meeting Date:

- a) November 15, 2023

8. Action Items (Open):

	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
4	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
5	Every member / rep needs to be on a committee. Next month's meeting bring it up	Peter	
7	Look at possibility of us applying for AGLC license: 1. Make sure our bylaws allow us to do so (Rules committee to investigate) 2. If we're allowed and committee agrees, we need to fill in necessary application	Jorge / Tanya	Ongoing
8	Send out email blast asking everyone to help with sponsorship. Work on message and send out email	Peter / Wes / James	Ongoing
10	Provide feedback to Wes on current sponsorship package	All	Ongoing
11	Sean to send out emails and passwords so that committee officers can start using those emails instead of personal ones	Sean	
12	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"> ● GoogleDrive is setup ● Sean to provide relevant committee members access credentials 	Sean	Ongoing
13	Update SportyHQ with revised dates for Interclub finals	James	
15	Rules Committee will draft an email for reps to send to captains reminding them of eligibility rules.	Tanya	New
16	Update website with help location and list of generic emails such as Rules, Scoring, Eligibility, Sponsorship, etc.	Sean	New
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9. Action Items (Closed):

	Action	Owner	Status
3	One time Squash membership – what can be done about payment and perhaps have reduced rates for half season? Looking at rolling membership (12 month not specific month) – Ken checking.		Closed
6	AGM notice to be sent for August.	Jorge	Closed
9	Send the current sponsorship package and each one provides feedback	Wes	Closed
14	Club reps for CWC, EA, UofC, Glencoe to get back to Rick if they would like to host the Interclub finals for this season at their individual clubs.	Wes, Jorge, Wanda and Harvey	Closed