

**Regular Monthly Meeting:** September 18, 2019 @ 7.00pm

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

**Agenda of Regular General Meeting:**

- a. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting**
  - a. Call to order the September monthly meeting at 7.19pm
  
- b. Approval of the Previous Month's (August) Minutes**
  - a. Keith Wellon makes a motion to approve the minutes
  - b. Wes Mah seconds the motion
  
- c. Reports**
  - a. President (Peter Schwartz)**
    - i. Thanks to everyone who got the new season up and running smoothly
      1. Big thanks to scheduler, Steve Kaltenhauser for all his hard work
      2. Thanks to Ron Coggan for checking everything over
      3. Alex Altamirano for getting website (SportyHQ) all set up
  - b. Vice President (Rick Spyker)**
    - i. Not in Attendance (no report provided)
  - c. Secretary (Anthony Reimert)**
    - i. Not in Attendance (Ben Meszaros to take minutes for September meeting)
  - d. Treasurer (Mariette Rabacal)**
    - i. \$19,716 in the bank currently
    - ii. There are 14 team for the upcoming season
    - iii. With fewer teams this year it translates to \$840.00 less income based on the current rate of \$60.00 per team
  - e. Director, Community Relations (Ron Coggan)**
    - i. Nothing to report
  
- d. Committees**
  - a. Player Eligibility / Reporting (Wes Mah, Alex Altamirano and Kurt Kennedy)**
    - i. Update was sent out regarding player eligibility on September 18<sup>th</sup> (today)
    - ii. There were about 5 or so people who did not have their memberships before playing
    - iii. There were some people that purchased a 1 – time membership by mistake
    - iv. A few doubles men were still outstanding for memberships
  
  - b. Playoff and Banquets (Rick Spyker, Kurt Kennedy, Wes Mah and Anthony Reimert)**
    - i. Nothing to report
  
  - c. Prizes (Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal)**

- i. Working on some ideas for the upcoming season and playoff winners

**d. Team Selection (Peter Schwartz)**

- i. Mens 2 now have a BYE.
  - 1. Unfortunately this is how the scheduling worked best
  - 2. Byes kept out as much as possible in the scheduling
- ii. Thanks for Steve Kaltenhauser and Ron Coggan for helping out along the way.
- iii. **Ron:**
  - 1. Ladies 1, Mens 11, Mens 12 will require a week 15 match.
  - 2. Mens 12 has been looked after.
  - 3. Mariette's point about 14 less teams. That is an estimated 84 less players. We should review **Why** and **How** we are losing players. We should try and implement growth. At least commit to mechanisms to maintain and grow the league. Everyone should be cognizant of how we can keep the league at the levels it currently is at.
- iv. **Peter:**
  - 1. Have to be careful about how many actual players that we have lost. Difference between losing players and teams. At the end of the year should look at how many players we have lost compared to last year.
- v. SAIT can accommodate additional teams from West Hillhurst if there is enough demand to create new teams
- vi. Fit Plus has too many teams for the amount of courts they have so they have accommodated by having some games on Wednesday nights
- vii. Thanks to everyone who managed to get their responses in early.

**e. Rules (Tamara Burton for Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch)**

- i. In the rules it states that a team has to be submitted in May.
  - 1. Peter to investigate into this rule. Wanda to send an inquiry to Peter.
- ii. Clarification. Took the ref course, full day. Can fail the exam. What the rule is; *you get 0.5 for life. You have to pass. We have not addressed the failure. Rules clinic is a 90 minute in season.*
- iii. If you take the full day course, you will still get the half point for the current season.
- iv. Eligibility:
  - 1. 5 people who have not been members who played last week. Out of those 5 people 2 people are requesting leniency on that.
  - 2. Will review last nights games (September 17<sup>th</sup>) and see how many are did not have their membership.

3. Last year leniency was given due to a system glitch.
4. Will be reviewing each case individually to see what the circumstances are around not having a membership by case from each individual. Will review and see if we propose something next meeting.

v. **Peter:**

1. Need to be very careful about leniency. Want to be careful about setting precedence.
- vi. Someone submitted a request for subbing multiple clubs, before they decide what club they want to play for. We are expecting a request from this person. That decision goes to the committee.
- vii. Don't have scoresheet summary on the website yet. Will be looking to have that posted on the website soon. It includes some important rules on the scoresheet.
- viii. Want to see if it applies to doubles as well.
1. To be sent to Jorge for doubles consideration.
- ix. In discussion on how we are going to gather the information on the 0.5 points.
1. Investigating ways to investigate this more automatically with Ken and Alex. Will be evaluating twice a year.

f. **League Inquiries (Ron Coggan)**

- i. Nothing to Report

g. **Sponsorship (Connor Batchelor)**

- i. No updates to report.
- ii. Want to strategize some new ideas to pursue:
- iii. Drafted an email, general email, that can be sent out to CISA members.
  1. Currently targeted for Ladies 1 sponsor and anything that can be provided
- iv. Need to revamp what we can look at for sponsorship levels.
  1. Anthony stepped up to help and Ron.
- v. With new website, with the new layout, what can we offer to people.
- vi. Connor to put something together, send to Peter for the shout-out.
  1. Specify the value range that we are looking for.
  2. What benefits come with the sponsorship.
- vii. Another idea: would be to do a campaign, want to raise X dollars, and could maybe even try and pivot that into a sponsorship at some point so that you can give back. Might try and entice a company to contribute if they are contributing to a scholarship.

h. **Funding (Harvey Huebsch)**

- i. Nothing to report

**i. Future Season Dates (Ben Meszaros)**

- i. Nothing to report

**j. Email Blasts (Peter Schwartz for James Jelinski)**

- i. Should do an email blast regarding the app and digital scoring
- ii. Include something in the email around sponsorship

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

- i. Need to post the Scoresheet Summary to the website.
- ii. Were told we should see a draft by the end of last week. This did not happen. Still will be some tweaks after that.
- iii. Estimated guess is that the website be mid-October before we roll it out.
- iv. No update on the interface between SportyHQ and Club Locker. Understanding is that it will not be a big issue.
  - 1. Ken: Don't assume that it is going to happen. Recommend to stay on top of them. Dan Heinrich and Ryan from Club Locker.

**l. Doubles (Jorge Rabacal)**

- i. Season started last week. Full schedule is now in SportyHQ.
- ii. Div 1 was dropped. There were only 2 clubs that were committing to teams.
  - 1. The idea is that there is a premier club for top players. The clubs have committed Saturday Afternoons for that.
- iii. Has not been communicated to all players. Seeing some complaints that Division 1 does not exist anymore. So then some Div 1 players are playing in Div 2.
- iv. Bow Valley Div 2 only have 1 team so did Bankers Hall team as well. Have to use World Health for home location for Bankers Hall.
- v. Looks healthy. Expecting there are going to be some problems to schedule things and even out home and away games. There will be some disparity.
- vi. Promoting and encouraging people to ref matches. Each team only have 2 positions. Encouraging people to come in early and ref the matches.

**m. Attendance (Ben Meszaros)**

- i. All in attendance for the August meeting
- ii. 2 clubs were missing this month
  - 1. MRU
  - 2. WCP

**n. December meeting (Wanda Popadeynetz)**

- i. December 11<sup>th</sup> is the date at 7.00pm
- ii. Location is To Be Determined

**o. Squash Alberta (Ken Cross)**

- i. Kudos for getting the season off. Appreciate the undertaking it takes.
- ii. Little behind on getting schedules out.
  1. Waiting for Nationals to get their stuff out. Was holding off for them
  2. Also were waiting for confirmation on sponsorship
  3. Will see the full season schedules early next week
- iii. Really happy how the officiating initiative is going.
  1. Feedback has been really good.
  2. Keep pushing that with your teams.
  3. 3 Clinics coming up. Some will be internal only.
- iv. New event December 14 in Red Deer.
  1. Ladies Teams Tournament.
  2. 1 Day event.
  3. Welcoming all levels.
- v. Will be doing a similar event for the juniors in Red Deer as well.
  1. February 29.
  2. 4 new courts in Red Deer College.
- vi. If anyone is having troubles with membership, give Ken a call. Office if forwarded to his cell phone.

**e. Other Business Arising**

- a. Horrified on the Squash Alberta election process due to the weighting of Calgary and the power that Tom Field has
  - i. Take the power out of the representatives hands and go vote at the AGM
  - ii. Tom Field, the Calgary representative, is not voted in
    1. The 5 regional representatives are all appointed by the directors

**f. Round Table / Club Feedback**

**a. Bankers Hall**

- i. Womens wine and squash October 23
- ii. No frills October 30 - Nov 3 all levels.
- iii. Sept 25 registration start on Club Locker.
- iv. New courts have come out good.

**b. Bow Valley**

- i. Up and running. Courts are open.
- ii. Darren Tompson is back part time.

**c. Calgary Winter Club**

- i. Sub-committee has been struck for a 2020 Pro Doubles event at Calgary Winter Club, including a ProAm event. Tent looking at late September- Early October 2020.
- ii. Junior Gold event coming up on September 20-22, 2019.
- iii. Annual ladies PSA event on March 4-8, 2020.
  - 1. PSA 15 level, great competition
  - 2. Amateur tournament in conjunction with the pro tournament

**d. Eau Clair YMCA**

- i. Nothing

**e. Fifth Ave. Club**

- i. Holding strong with 2 teams.

**f. Fish Creek**

- i. Club pro running junior program from 5-15, has about 25 kids signed up.

**g. Fitness Plus**

- i. Dropped 1 team this year.
- ii. Now at 10 teams.
- iii. Didn't have enough women to fill all those teams so split those players up.

**h. Glencoe**

- i. Some late start times. If anyone went in and download your calendar, it could be inaccurate as there was some adjustments made.
- ii. Convinced Jackie and Jamie to sign up and play somewhere for Women's Level 1.
- iii. What they really want is to play Men's level 1.

**i. MRU**

- i. **Peter** on behalf of Anthony.
- ii. Interclub off to a good start with few scheduling conflicts
- iii. This Saturday fun tournament for students.
  - 1. Team style
  - 2. Small social afterwards.
- iv. MRU Open, preparations are underway
  - 1. Looking for sponsorships
  - 2. If you'd prefer to make a donation it can be tax deductible
  - 3. Feb 19 – 23, 2020

**j. SAIT**

- i. About a month ago, short players for Ladies 4. Seemed to have filled that in. Lots of new students coming in.
- ii. Almost 100% student team play at Fish Creek. SAIT likes to see that.
- iii. We used to validate parking at SAIT.
  - 1. That is no longer an option
  - 2. Best parking lot to use is the multi-level under the soccer pitch

**k. Southland**

- i. Things okay at Southland
  - 1. 2 Men's teams.
  - 2. Glad there was a split between 11 and 12.
- ii. Active drop in group.

**l. UofC**

- i. Nothing

**m. Western Canadian Place (WCP)**

- i. Not present.

**n. West Hillhurst**

- i. 3 lovely new floors on the courts
- ii. About 75 people play box league
- iii. In the process of negotiating with Squash Canada about hosting Women's national team event
- iv. Same number of teams
  - 1. Lots of players looking to play
  - 2. Primarily men, and lots of low level ladies

**o. World Health Edgemont**

- i. Replace 1 of the courts floor.
  - 1. A few loose boards
  - 2. Down for a couple weeks.
- ii. Seem to have a fewer people in box league, Thursday league, interclub.
  - 1. Not drastic but reduced.

**g. Next Meeting:**

- a. Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7.00pm @ Danish Canadian Club; 727 – 11 Avenue SW

**• Motion to Dismiss:**

- a. Motion to Dismiss by Mariette Rabacal from World Health Edgemont
- b. Motion seconded by Kyle Mitton from Fifth Avenue Club
- c. Meeting dismissed at 8.53pm