

**Regular Monthly Meeting.** Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7.00pm

**Location:** Conference Call Meeting: 1-833-353-8610 access code **2023761#**

| CLUB /EXECUTIVE               | REPRESENTATIVE(S)             | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|----|
| President                     | Peter Schwartz                | X   |    |
| Vice President                | Rick Spyker                   | X   |    |
| Treasurer                     | Mariette Rabacal              |     |    |
| Secretary                     | Anthony Reimert               | X   |    |
| Director, Community Relations | Ron Coggan                    | X   |    |
| Bankers Hall Club (BHC)       | Connor Batchelor              | X   |    |
| Bow Valley Club (BVC)         | N/A – Club Permanently Closed |     | X  |
| Calgary Winter Club (CWC)     | Wes Mah                       | X   |    |
| Eau Claire YMCA               | Rick Spyker                   | X   |    |
| Fifth Avenue Club             | Kyle Mitton                   |     |    |
| Fish Creek Sports Club        | Alex Altamirano               | X   |    |
| Club TBD                      | Peter Schwartz                | X   |    |
| Glencoe                       | Harvey Huebsch                | X   |    |
| Mount Royal University (MRU)  | Anthony Reimert               | X   |    |
| SAIT                          | Ben Meszaros                  | X   |    |
| SAIT                          | Sean McInnes                  |     | X  |
| Southland Leisure Centre      | Ron Coggan                    | X   |    |
| University of Calgary (UofC)  | Wanda Popadynetz              | X   |    |
| Western Canadian Place (WCP)  | James Jelinski                | X   |    |
| West Hillhurst Club           | Mark Hartley                  | X   |    |
| World Health Edgemont (WHE)   | Keith Wellon                  | X   |    |
| World Health Edgemont (WHE)   | Mariette Rabacal              | X   |    |
| Doubles                       | Jorge Rabacal                 | X   |    |
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| Squash Alberta                | Ken Cross                     | X   |    |
| Squash Alberta                | Arthur Hough                  |     | X  |
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**October Regular Monthly Meeting:**

**1. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting (October)**

- a. Call to order of the regular monthly meeting at 7.23pm

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes (September Minutes)**

- a. Wes Mah, Calgary Winter Club, makes the motion to approve the minutes as is
- b. Harvey Huebsch, Glencoe Club, seconds the motion
- c. Minutes passed as presented

**3. Reports**

**a. Officers**

- President Peter Schwartz
  - Nothing to report
- Vice President Rick Spyker
  - Nothing to report
- Secretary Anthony Reimert
  - Checked in with Danish Canadian Club and they continue to remain closed during the pandemic.
- Treasurer Mariette Rabacal
  - Full report given in the AGM
  - Current bank balance at the end of June 30, 2020 was \$23,491.97
  - As CISA decides what to do with the second half of the season we need to consider budget restraints due to lower fundraising and less revenue in 2020.
  - Recommended by the Mariette that we come up with a budget and have it reviewed by the committee before making any decisions.
- Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
  - SaSquash in January 2021 will not be able to proceed due to government guidelines so the organizing committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the tournament.
  - Banff Rocky Mountain Resort has a \$200.00 unlimited membership from October to the end of April 2021
    - Call the front desk to book a court
    - Regular drop in fee is \$20.00
    - The Banff Rocky Mountain Resort is looking to sell memberships
  - Danish Canadian Club is currently closed

- Junior Outreach Squash is not running; they are waiting for the Public School System in Exshaw, Morely and Banff to see how they are dealing with the pandemic.
- Looking to start the Junior outreach squash program in late winter or early spring
- Inquiry from Andrew Poetker – asking about cohorts being able to play in Banff

**b. Committees**

- Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano and Wes Mah
  - Nothing to report until season gets started
- Contingency Planning: Rick Spyker, Ben Meszaros, James Jelinski, Keith Wellon, Wes Mah, Jorge Rabacal & Ken Cross
  - **Goal:** CISA wishes to enable some form of competitive league play in early 2021.
  - **Challenges/Opportunities:**
    1. Most clubs will not be prepared to host traditional interclub league play in early 2021.
    2. Many of our players will not be prepared to play in early 2021.
    3. CISA league play would be one of the few opportunities for organized and competitive play with new/other players (i.e. not expected to be any other formal tournaments in the near term)
  - **Approach:**
    1. Identify Clubs that may be willing to host league play in early 2021
      - Examples most likely clubs that are looking for new/interim revenue streams
        - U of C is already hosting, for a fee, some organized play by non-members
        - Fifth Ave – have indicated willingness to host
        - Western Canada Place – willing to host but operating hours are limited .... May be interested in hosting for a fee
        - Acadia?
    2. Re-asses player interest
    3. Consider League Structure Alternatives
      - Potential to remain at Status Quo
        - Teams by Club
        - Divisions by Skill
        - Men’s and Ladies’ Divisions
        - Bi-Weekly Play on Tuesdays
      - Alternatives
        - Teams league – each team with variety of skill levels
        - Players from variety of clubs on each team
        - Premiere type format that is inclusive to all levels

- Weekly of biweekly play for 'x' months
  - Tuesday evening league and/or weekend morning league
  - Etc.
- 4. Funding: Some combination of player / team fees and CISA Sponsorship
  - Player / Team fee paid up front as a commitment to participate
  - CISA may want to consider some level of sponsorship
- 5. Sanctioned Play
  - In light of COVID-19 risks, ensure CISA and Squash Alberta Sanction our plan to play
- **Discussion:**
  - What happens in the new year will be very different than what we have seen in the past years and won't resemble a typical season
  - Most of the clubs are not going to be ready or host traditional league play or allow guests at all
  - We will require further polling of the players and more up to date data as the last poll was done during the summer
  - We're not 100% sure how many players would be ready to play in 2021
- Ron Coggan
  - Look at Edmonton Squash Club as a model for the 2021 season
- Ken Cross
  - U of C is open on Sundays and Mondays and they have 5 or 6 courts available on most nights
- James Jelinski
  - Is there an option of using the Bow Valley Club and making our own cohort at the unused courts at Bow Valley Club for a short period of time?
  - (Rick Spyker) There is a group that is working with the Bow Valley Club that has experience in Fitness Facilities and Hotels that is looking to reopen Bow Valley Club in some capacity
- Harvey Huebsch
  - Key guidelines that we will need to follow and manage are cohorts of 50 people
  - We need to break people up into smaller cohorts
- Bankers Hall / GYMVMT INTRAClub
  - Could not come to terms on how they were going to run the cohort and manage contact tracing

- Prizes: Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal
  - Nothing to report until season gets started
- Rules: Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch
  - Nothing to report until season gets started
- League Inquiries: Ron Coggan
  - Discussion with Kyle Mitton and website committee to ensure the new website “contact us” button inquiries get directed to Ron or committee member who wants to be involved.
  - Ideally there would be two people where we can answer the inquiries
  - At the peak there was always 1 to 2 inquiries each month
  - If you want to be a part of the inquiry button on the CISA website please reach out to Ron Coggan or Kyle Mitton
- Team Selection: Peter Schwartz
  - Nothing to report until new format is decided upon
- Sponsorship: Connor Batchelor
  - Nothing to report
- Funding: Harvey Huebsch
  - Nothing to report
- Email Blasts: James Jelinski
  - Sent out email blast on the AGM
  - Needs to update the mail chimp email list and getting the new emails out of SportyHQ and ClubLocker
  - We still won’t reach everybody but it will be better than it is now
  - Next email blast later November to seek out interest of players for a 2021 season
- Website: James Jelinski, Kyle Mitton and Sean McInnes
  - Website committee was able to get a hold of SportyHQ and have a meeting with the design team
  - Website is in good working condition and operating
  - There are a few kinks and loose ends to finish up and then there will be a website in the near future that is updated, functional and dynamic
  - Kyle has reached out to a few of us for some finishing touches
- Doubles: Jorge Rabacal
  - Nothing to report
- Attendance Report / Future Dates: Ben Meszaros

- Western Canadian Place – 1 absence so far
- Squash Alberta: Ken Cross
  - Setting some small controlled Jr. Squad camps at U of C in November they are using them as a trial. Each small camp will have 8 people
  - If it goes well they will assess and perhaps move forward with more camps
  - Good chunk of funding from JumpStart (this will be used towards programs to deliver to Indigenous Groups and Underprivileged children)
  - Renewal rate for Squash Alberta memberships
    - Currently have 150 members last year was over 1600 members
    - Revenue is significantly down
  - Will be doing a 50/50 fundraiser in the near future

**4. Other Business Arising:** Any other business?

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**5. Round Table/Club Feedback:** All Clubs Current Feedback

- Southland
  - They are thinking of opening on November 1, 2020
  - Prior to COVID they were wide open to guests because it is a public facility
  - Looking to open up for Squash on November 1
- Bankers Hall Club
  - The proposed INTRA club league with BHC and GYMVMT was changed to be just in club play. BHC have 24 members (maximum amount for the format) playing each Tuesday for five weeks in a team format comprised of all levels of play. The next cycle of this will begin in mid-November for another five weeks. As there is more players wanting to be a part of it this league will run on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
  - Box League has been in full swing for a month now with approximately 50 people playing and more to add in for the next cycle starting up next week.
  - Club activity is getting a bit busier each week including squash despite downtown still being fairly quiet in terms of people working. As of today BHC is still closed on weekends but the plan is to open up for one day (likely a Saturday) with reduced hours (perhaps 6 hours).
  - Continue to have new squash members and now have 35 new squash members since we re-opened June 26.
  - Have an application to book workout sessions
  - Guests are allowed but name and contact details need to be in the booking system
- Calgary Winter Club
  - Do not allow guests
  - Box league, classes, and adult training but numbers are still down from last year

- Looking to get more things going in the winter
- Eau Claire YMCA
  - Facility open but with limited hours
  - Squash and Racquetball are only open for solo hitting
  - Guests are allowed but only solo hitting
- Fifth Avenue Club
  - Club is open and Squash is open
  - Kyle Mitton will follow up on hosting opportunities at Fifth Avenue
- Fish Creek
  - Guests are not allowed at the club as the club is still closed
  - No specific date to when they are going to reopen
  - Specific deal not met yet with the new ownership group
- Glencoe
  - No guests are allowed
  - Squash is alive and well – they have box leagues, thirsty Thursdays and they have managed small cohort groups of 50 people and anyone who is inactive gets removed from the cohort and the next in line on the waiting list comes into the cohort
  - They have enhanced cleaning and safety protocols
  - They have had 6 or 7 announcements of people who had COVID-19 and no instances of transmission within the club and there is a lot of contact tracing and record keeping
- Mount Royal University
  - Not open to public members or guests
  - Currently in phase 2 of their re-open plan with current students and staff members allowed to use the gym facilities
  - Squash courts are not opened
- SAIT
  - Facility is still closed
  - No indication on when SAIT will reopen
- U of C
  - Playing with cohorts
  - There is 14 people that play at 7.45pm and there may be some courts available on Monday and Sundays and the court times are 6.00pm and 8.00pm
  - No guests are allowed; only players a part of specified cohorts
  - Reach out to Tina [tdenton@ucalgary.ca] with your cohort to book your timeslots

- Western Canada Place
  - Open Monday to Friday 6am to 6pm
  - Facility is open to guests coming in
  - Squash is open and there is a few people playing
- West Hillhurst
  - They are very busy
  - It is only open for members and they do this for contact tracing
  - Opened with restrictions
- GYMVMT
  - Squash is available only for members
  - Jonathan has a few leagues going but with limited numbers
  - They will continue to monitor the cases of COVID
  - As of right now it will stay at members only

#### **6. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting Jorge Rabacal, Doubles
- Seconded by Mark Hartley, West Hillhurst
- Meeting adjourned at 8.34pm

**7. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7.00pm [Format TBD]

#### **Action Items from the September 2020 Meeting:**

- If you want to be a part of the inquiry button on the CISA website please reach out to Ron Coggan or Kyle Mitton