Regular Monthly Meeting. Wednesday March 18th 2020 at 7.00pm

Location: Last minute change to conference call due to COVID-19 Pandemic

CLUB /EXECUTIVE	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	Yes	No
President	Peter Schwartz	X	
Vice President	Rick Spyker	X	
Treasurer	Mariette Rabacal		Regrets
Secretary	Anthony Reimert	X	
Director, Community Relations	Ron Coggan	X	
Bankers Hall Club (BHC)	Connor Batchelor	X	
Bow Valley Club (BVC)	Darren Thomson / Brody Vejprava / Ken Cross	X	
Calgary Winter Club (CWC)	Kurt Kennedy	X	
Calgary Winter Club (CWC)	Wes Mah	N/A	
Eau Claire YMCA	Rick Spyker	X	
Fifth Avenue Club	Kyle Mitton	X	
Fish Creek Sports Club	Alex Altamirano	X	
Fitness Plus	Peter Schwartz	X	
Glencoe	Harvey Huebsch	X	
Mount Royal University (MRU)	Anthony Reimert	X	
SAIT	Ben Meszaros	X	
SAIT	Sean McInnes	N/A	
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		Regrets
Doubles	Jorge Rabacal	X	
Squash Alberta	Jack Dale	N/A	
Squash Alberta	Ken Cross	X	
Squash Alberta	Tom Field	N/A	
Squash Alberta	Arthur Hough	N/A	

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MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

1. **Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting**
    - Conference call meeting for the March meeting
        - Called to order at 7.05pm
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes (February Minutes)**
    - Two minor adjustments to the February minutes
        - Conflict of interclub playoffs with National juniors
        - The was a bullet under GYMVMT that said "nothing to report" which needs to be removed
    - Mark Hartley approves the minutes with the small adjustments and Alex Altamirano seconds the minutes

3. Reports

a. Officers

- **President** **Peter Schwartz**
    - Could not get ahold of all club representatives before putting the season on hold; had to act quickly given how fast the public health situation was changing.
    - CISA is in a hold situation until further notice
- **Vice President** **Rick Spyker**
    - Fully supported the direction and swift movement of Peter in putting season on hold
    - Has received good feedback in communication with other club representatives
- **Secretary** **Anthony Reimert**
    - Thanks to Rick Spyker for taking the minutes during the February meeting when Anthony was away.
- **Treasurer** **Mariette Rabacal**
    - Still in Edmonton and unable to call in for tonight's meeting
    - Bank Balance $22,932.59
    - Dues still outstanding:
        - GYMVMT and 5th Avenue Club
        - Keith confirmed that Jon Hill will have invoice sent to the office
        - Confirmed that 5th Avenue Club has provided cheque
    - Apologize to Bankers Hall for receiving their payment and assuming it was GYMVMT having them on the February minutes

- Hopefully work will settle down and Mariette will be able to attend future meetings.
- Alex Altamirano from Fish Creek
  - Fish Creek's payment was completed in Early November
  - Cheque for CISA was lost and wire transfer was sent as second payment

- **Director, Community Relations** **Ron Coggan**
  - Suspended Junior outreach squash in Banff with only 3 sessions left
  - For two reasons
    - Protection of the kids participating in the program
    - Protection of our coach Cam Fishenden
  - Implementing Banff Squash Program
    - First session was scheduled for April 2
    - Try Squash program (maximum 8 kids / adults) for them to be introduced to the sport of squash
  - SAIT and Southland have been completely shut down

b. Committees

- **Player Eligibility/ Reporting:** **Alex Altamirano and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah**
  - 3rd report of player eligibility has been issued covered up to week 11 – all penalty points are also updated to week 11
  - Week 12 there are a couple of cases
    - (2 players competing without squash AB membership)
  - Alex has spotted a player from Mount Royal University that has played 4 games at a higher level
    - Player was notified not to play at a lower level for remainder of season
  - SportyHQ System is all updated and all standings are correct
- **Playoff & Banquets:** **Rick Spyker, Anthony Reimert, and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah**
  - Committee to talk through what the end of season looks like and if we'll be able to hold a banquet
  - Committee had a full plan; however it is unlikely that the COVID-19 pandemic is going to be resolved by late April
  - Focus our efforts into the fall and the 2020 / 2021 playoff and banquet planning
  - Motion:
    - Rick Spyker, motion to cancel remainder of the 2019 / 2020 singles and doubles interclub season including playoffs and banquets effective March 16, 2020
    - Peter Schwartz seconds the motion

- Discussion:
  - Ron Coggan completely agrees with the decision and we do need to have further discussion regarding extra bank balance and prizes for this season
  - Jorge Rabacal – mentioned that all decisions to also include doubles
  - Keith Wellon – agrees to cancel the season
  - Kurt Kennedy – there has been no financial commitment to the Calgary Winter Club for the playoff and banquet
  - Anthony Reimert – potential backlash from teams that have played fewer games, Ben Mezaros and James Jelinski also echoed comments
  - Alex Altamirano - will need to get the final penalty report before finalizing the standings for the 2019 / 2020 season
  - Harvey Huebsch - Has updated all of the Squash Alberta Clinic bonus points
- For the motion: 15 / Abstain: 1 / Against: 0
- Motion Passed
  - The remainder of the 2019 / 2020 singles and doubles interclub season including playoffs and banquets are cancelled effective March 16, 2020

- **Prizes:** **Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal**
  - If the season is now over:
    - Do we consider those in first place now the league winners and those in second place the playoff winners?
    - Do we consider no distinction for 1st and 2nd place and give both teams prizes based on the prize feedback from last year?
    - We could award prizes for first and second given costs will be under budget
  - Commentary:
    - Wanda Popadynetz: It would be nice to have both a women's fit as well as a men's fit.
    - Harvey Huebsch – Is it an option to not give out prizes to save money and avoid confrontation
    - Kurt Kennedy – Thoughts are if you're currently in first place you get the prize.
  - Decided that First place will get the prizes
    - If team is tied second place will also get a prize
    - Special women's prizes for the four women's divisions
  - We will proceed with the presidents plaque on a prorated basis based on games played
    - Men's: Fitness Plus Men's Level 7
    - Women's: University of Calgary Women's Level 3

- Women's Level 1 and Men's Level 1 trophies will be handed out as well on a prorated basis of games played

- **Rules:** **Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch**
  - Have drafted modifications of the Rules concerning ineligibility, defaults, timely reporting of scores, inappropriate behavior and playing at an inappropriate level.
    - This draft will be forwarded to all committee members for input and discussion prior to being voted on
  - 4 situations which are being investigated since the February Meeting:
    - An observation (not a complaint) of possibly not playing at an appropriate level at level 8 per Rule 14.2. Decision was made no action was warranted
    - A complaint of possibly not playing at an appropriate level at level 6 per Rule 14.2. We decided that a two point penalty would be applied.
    - A complaint of possibly not playing at an appropriate level at level 10 per Rule 14.2. We decided that there would not be any penalty.
    - A complaint of inappropriate behavior per rule 14.1 at a Men's level 7 match. With some mitigating circumstances, and remorse demonstrated, we decided that a warning letter would be issued which indicates possible Squash Alberta involvement and more severe action in the event of another complaint in the future.
- **League Inquiries:** **Ron Coggan**
  - Nothing to report
- **Sponsorship:** **Connor Batchelor**
  - No updates regarding new sponsors
  - Logos have been sent to James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton for the Website
- **Funding:** **Harvey Huebsch**
  - Nothing to report
- **Email Blasts:** **James Jelinski**
  - Send email regarding cancellation of the remainder of the season
  - Ron from Southland
    - Report from lots of players saying that they don't get the email blast
    - Over the years players have changed their email and may no longer check the email that is associated with Mail Chimp (we are down to 40% of the membership)
  - Keith Wellon
    - Potentially get email address from SportyHQ
    - Build out an updated mailing list to the membership

- Ken Cross
    - Club Reps get into SportyHQ and ClubLocker accounts to get their data updated
    - Ensure that Club Reps are telling their team captains to update all information on both SportyHQ and ClubLocker

- **Website:** **James Jelinski, Kyle Mitton and Sean McInnes**
    - No updated on Website since the February meeting
    - API is ready for testing [drawing scores from SportyHQ automatically and sending data to ClubLocker]
    - Kyle continues to stay on top of Henry and Luke at SportyHQ to get website up and running.
        - Website needs to be up and running by September for the 2020 / 2021 season
    - Starting to come into the date range where we have leverage
        - No payments until the website is done
        - CISA has paid $2,000.00 so far
- **Doubles:** **Jorge Rabacal**
    - Jorge Rabacal and Alex Altamirano to delete remaining matches in SportyHQ so they do not show up
    - Prizes will follow the same format as singles – prizes for first place
- **Attendance Report:** **Ben Meszaros**
    - Rep from every club on the conference call [Ken Cross filling in for BVC]
    - MRU and WCP both have 2 absences
- **Squash Alberta:** **Ken Cross**
    - 15% of Interclub members took the course
    - Squash Alberta is also on hold – probably won't get Junior and Provincial Closed for this year
    - Alberta Sport Connection was the department that Squash Alberta worked through to access operational grants and event funding.
        - This Department has been reorganized in the new government. Thankfully our key contacts will remain the same. Changes to the funding model are underway and with the COVID Crisis on top of things, we expect to see cuts in our funding for next season.
        - A significant portion of Squash Alberta's operating budget relies on these government grants. We lost $12,500 (50%) in our Provincial Coach funding grant in the second half of this season. We were been told to expect at

least 10 - 15% reductions in our operational grants for next season prior to the COVID crisis.
        - As such, we are uncertain as to the extent our funding will be impacted as a result of this uncertainty
    - With regards to API with SportyHQ and ClubLocker
        - Ken hasn't heard anything from SportyHQ or ClubLocker

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

- We want to ensure that we are looking at the future dates spreadsheet
- Savings about $5,000.00 by not hosting a banquet
- A lot of fitness clubs are on the edge of financial trouble and with the ongoing COVID pandemic some clubs may go bankrupt / close permanently. Something to keep an eye on over the coming months
- Discussion regarding conference call meetings or at least blended meetings for the future [to be discussed in the summer meetings]

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

- Glencoe:
    - Closed on Monday March 16th, completely closed down
    - You need to call the club to get your locker emptied
- Calgary Winter Club
    - Closed effective Monday March 16th
    - With it empty it might accelerate renovations
- YMCA
    - Facility closed and no further word from Eau Claire YMCA
- Fifth Avenue Club
    - Fifth Avenue Club is closed
    - Could be a tough year for downtown clubs depending on how long this lasts
- Fish Creek
    - Nothing to report
- Fitness Plus
    - Nothing to report
- MRU
    - MRU Open had good participation but still down from previous years numbers
    - Graeme Schnell won the PSA event

- Southland
    - Shut down completely
    - Prior to shut down: drop in numbers for squash had doubled and box league was stable
    - Calgary Sport and Social Club is there on Thursdays and participation is growing
- U of C
    - Closed effective March 16th, nothing else to report
- WCP
    - Closed effective March 16th, nothing else to report
- West Hillhurst
    - Closed effective March 16th, nothing else to report
- GYMVMT
    - Closed effective March 16th
    - Summer training for squash is open to other clubs and Keith Wellon can send email to the CISA committee
        - Due to start on May 26th, 2020 [Subject to change]
- Bankers Hall Club
    - Nothing to report
- Bow Valley Club
    - Shut down as of the March 17th

6. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8.28pm
- Alex is putting the tie-breaker into divisions

7. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday April 15th 2020 at 7.00pm (Via Conference Call: 1-833-353-8610 2023761 #)

<u>Action Items from the March 2020 Meeting</u>:

Club representatives to let their captains know that the remainder of the 2019 / 2020 is cancelled along with the playoffs and banquet.

Mark Hartley: to finalize the division winners and contact each of the team captains for their league winning prizes.

For Future Discussion [Summer Meetings] Discussion regarding conference call meetings or at least blended meetings for the future [to be discussed in the summer meetings]