

**Regular Monthly Meeting.** Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8.00pm

**Location:** Danish Canadian Club: 727 11 Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0E3

CLUB /EXECUTIVE	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	Committee	Yes	No
<b>President</b>	Peter Schwartz	Team Selection		X
<b>Vice President</b>	Rick Spyker	Playoff / Banquet	X	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mariette Rabacal	Treasurer	X	
<b>Secretary</b>	Anthony Reimert	Playoff / Banquet	X	
<b>Director, Community Relations</b>	Ron Coggan	League Inquiries	X	
<b>Bankers Hall Club (BHC)</b>	PERMANENTLY CLOSED			
<b>Bow Valley Club (BVC)</b>	Darren Thomson			X
<b>Calgary Winter Club (CWC)</b>	Wes Mah	Sponsorship	X	
<b>LaunchCode</b>	Rick Spyker	Playoff / Banquet	X	
<b>Fifth Avenue Club</b>	Kyle Mitton	Website		X
<b>Fish Creek Sports Club</b>	No teams 2021/22 Alex Altamirano	Player Eligibility/Reporting		X
<b>South Calgary Squash Club</b>	Peter Schwartz	Team Selection		X
<b>Glencoe Club</b>	Harvey Huebsch	Rules & Funding	X	
<b>Mount Royal University</b>	Tanya Simpson / Keith Wellon	Playoff / Banquet & Rules	X	
<b>SAIT</b>	Sean McInnes	Future Dates / Attendance	X	
<b>Southland Leisure Centre</b>	Ron Coggan	League Inquiries	X	
<b>University of Calgary</b>	Wanda Popadynetz	December Meeting	X	
<b>Western Canadian Place</b>	No teams 2021/22 James Jelinski	Website / Email Blasts		
<b>West Hillhurst Club</b>	Mark Hartley	Prizes / Rules	X	
<b>Edgemont Athletic</b>	Helen Geodemondt/Vahbiz Bulsara		X	
<b>Edgemont Athletic</b>	Mariette Rabacal	Treasurer	X	
<b>Doubles</b>	Jorge Rabacal	Doubles	X	
<b>Eau Claire YMCA</b>	PERMANENTLY CLOSED			
<b>Squash Alberta</b>	Ken Cross		X	

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**October Regular Monthly Meeting:**

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

- Call to order of the Regular monthly meeting 8.09pm
- Rick Spyker – all club representatives and clubs should be proud of the hard work that we have done to get the season kicked off and started. Good feedback from all players and clubs on the first night of interclub.

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

- Motion to approve the minutes as presented
  - Ron Coggan, Southland (Correct spelling of the name Richard Veronneau)
  - Seconded by Jorge Rabacal, Doubles
- All in favor

**3. Reports**

**a. Officers**

- President Peter Schwartz
  - Not present. Sent a note to Rick Spyker to mention we should be proud of the planning we did to get a full season started and underway.
- Vice President Rick Spyker
  - Nothing to report
- Secretary Anthony Reimert
  - Nothing to report
- Treasurer Mariette Rabacal
  - Balance of \$20,761.69
  - Need to order a cheque book / enter a stop payment – Will work with Rick Spyker, Vice President to get this completed
- Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
  - Restarting Jr. Outreach squash program in Banff
  - They have found a facilitator to replace Brenda Cook in Richard Veronneau
  - Looking to start the program the first week of November
  - Promoting the programs within schools and the community in the Bow Valley Corridor

**b. Committees**

- Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano

- 12 results were already entered from Tuesday's matches but there was more than 12 matches played. Some were entered using the Score Squash App; however can't tell which ones.
- There are 4 teams playing tonight (Wednesday) at South Calgary Squash Club and we are hoping for a timely turnaround on scores being entered.
- There are several matches that will need to be rescheduled and entered at a later date due to Bow Valley Athletic Club not being open.
- At the moment with all matches that were entered each player had a valid Squash Alberta membership.
- Reminder for club reps to let captains know of penalties if scores are not entered on time. If scores are not entered by Thursday evening team captains and club representative will be emailed to get the score entered by Friday at noon to close off weekly matches and report to Squash Alberta accordingly.
- Kyle Mitton, Fifth Avenue Club mentioned there has been good uptake on the Score Squash App
- Ensure that team captains are clearly identified in the Score Squash App
  
- Prizes: Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal
  - Nothing to report
  - Mark will start to keep an eye out for good deals
  
- Rules: Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch
  - Just an update to club representatives to let team captains know that the social is optional for this season and if you choose to partake in the social that everyone pays their own way.
  - Potential shout out through an email blast reminding players of the new rules
    - We are continuing with the rules clinics to get additional points for your interclub team
    - Clubs can reach out to Squash Alberta to set up a rules clinic at their club
    - If you are going to play in Nationals U15 and over must have to be certified club official
  - After reviewing our AGM Bylaws and Squash Alberta Bylaws we may need to make some slight wording adjustments to more closely align with Squash Alberta.
  
- League Inquiries: Ron Coggan
  - No league inquiries as the "button / link" on the Website is still not working correctly
  
- Sponsorship: Wes Mah
  - Reached out to the sponsors on the SportyHQ website
  - Wes Mah, needs to speak with Connor Batchelor to get a list of past sponsors to reach out to
  - Anthony Reimert to provide introduction email to Wes and Connor

- Funding: Harvey Huebsch
  - Nothing to report
  
- Email Blasts: James Jelinski
  - Getting very close to a shout out to the members
  - Kyle Mitton, Fifth Avenue Club and James Jelinski, Western Canadian Place to review any news items / updates / captains lists / minutes that are posted on the Website
  - Upcoming voting for the Squash Alberta Elections – encourage CISA members to register (November 5<sup>th</sup>)
  
- Website: James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton
  - Captain’s list does need to be updated and posted to the Website
  - Harvey Huebsch will send an updated summary of rules to be added onto the website for membership review.
  - Kyle Mitton will upload the minutes to the website
  
- Doubles: Jorge Rabacal
  - Nothing new to report right now
  - Trying to get feedback from Dean Brown and Darren Thomson at Bow Valley to see when to start the doubles season.
  - Last email from Dean Brown - they are planning to open the first week of November
  - Their first week they will try to do a showcase match to attract new doubles interclub members
  - If it gets pushed out much further there may be a recommendation to start in the new year (2022)
  - Jorge Rabacal to ask clubs if non-members could play doubles at Edgemont Athletic, Bow Valley Athletic Club, Glencoe Club or the Calgary Winter Club
  
- Attendance Report / Future Dates: Sean McInnes
  - Bow Valley Athletic Club is at 2 absences (as the club was not open they will not start being penalized until the November meeting)
  - Every other club is in good standing
  
- December Meeting Wanda Popadynetz
  - Wanda Popadynetz is working on setting up something for the December meeting
  - December meeting is not a traditional meeting – it is a thank you to the club representatives for the work that they put in throughout the year.

- Planning for the 15<sup>th</sup> of December
- Squash Alberta Ken Cross
  - Clubs that do not have an official front entry where they check vaccination status the players should be confirming before they play on another to avoid being shut down.
    - We want to ensure everyone is vaccinated to avoid any potential problems and potential shut down if Restriction Exemption Status is not followed
  - Online voting for Squash Alberta
  - Ken working with the University of Calgary Open to have a co-ed draws
    - Trying something different
    - 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> of November is when this is tentatively scheduled for
  - Alberta College and University Championships
  - Election coming up for Squash Alberta [Online voting from November 5 – 14]
    - President: 2 year term
      - Incumbent Alvin Thomas (Edmonton) seeking a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
      - Anna Plato (Calgary) seeking election
    - Executive Officer
      - Ian Buchanan (Edmonton) seeking election
      - Rebecca Ritson-Bennett (Calgary) seeking election
    - Regional Reps based on population
      - Standing: Farouk Shivji and Outgoing: Paul Oppenheim
    - Request from Squash Alberta for Calgary Interclub to put forward a name to act as a regional rep for the Calgary area
  - Sean McInnes, SAIT makes a motion
    - Motion to nominate Vabihz Bulsara to represent Squash Alberta as the Calgary Regional Representative
    - Anthony Reimert, MRU seconds the motion
    - All in favor – Unanimous
    - Motion carries

#### 4. Other Business Arising:

Any other business?

- Team Fees:
  - \$60.00 / team per club – to be charged in full for the 2021 – 2022 season
- General Feedback on First Night:
  - Everyone had great time
- Good feedback from all clubs and members and most teams went for the social

- Last matches of the season
  - Finals date needs to be finalized
  - Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> is Easter Weekend and the 23<sup>rd</sup> is the PSA Open at Bow Valley Club
- Reschedule Final Matches
  - As of right now the last two weeks of the season needs to be rescheduled
- Bow Valley Club:
  - Not ready to start interclub on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October
  - Currently all of their matches home and away are all postponed. They can reschedule their matches when their teams are up and running.
  - We will need to make a decision on what to do with their teams if they are not up and running by November 1, 2021
  - Ensure that your team captains know about the first two matches of the season

## 5. Round Table/Club Feedback:

All Clubs Current Feedback

- **Bow Valley Club**
  - Not present
  - Notes from Dean are that they still plan to open on November 1, 2021
  - First two weeks of interclub matches will be rescheduled
- **Calgary Winter Club**
  - They are doing well – pros are hard at work doing lots of programming
  - Boxes and drop-in is up and running
  - Interclub teams are happy that they are back up and running
  - Calgary Winter Club is excited to be back up and running
- **Edgemont Athletic Club**
  - Matches went well for the first match of Interclub
  - They have 3 women's teams and 4 men's teams at Edgemont
  - The club is doing well and things are starting to pick up a bit
- **Fifth Avenue Club**
  - Things are good at Fifth Avenue Club
  - They have 1 team – they played at Glencoe and it came down to points
  - A lot players on the team but they are hoping this will translate into more teams in the future
- **Fish Creek Sports Club**
  - Club not open
  - No further update at this time

- **Glencoe Club**
  - 40 players playing in box leagues – not a lot of matches being played (could have something to do with the nice fall weather)
  - Had a masters and doubles tournament last week but it was poorly attended
  - October 12<sup>th</sup> – have to have proof of full vaccination (tests are not good enough)
    - Medical exemption is not allowed without a negative test
  - Graeme Schnell, Andrew Schnell and Danielle Letourneau are all playing in the Yorkdale Mall National Championships [October 20<sup>th</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>]
- **Mount Royal University**
  - Had a few teams that kicked off interclub on Tuesday and a few that were on the sidelines due to matches against Bow Valley
  - Activity around the courts is picking up and box league is back up and running
  - A lot of teams continue to partake in the social despite it being optional
- **SAIT**
  - All 4 teams played – all positive response from the team captains
  - They are short players – they have enough players but not enough subs
  - Lots of happy people to be back playing squash again
  - Courts have not been open for a year and a half and on Monday they will be accepting bookings for Students and Staff
- **South Calgary Squash Club**
  - They hosted their season opener tournament
  - \$25.00 was the entry fee
  - They have another tournament coming up in December
  - Very strong turnout for the tournament, good feedback and strong draws
- **Southland Leisure Centre**
  - 2 matches played in the first week
  - One at home and one at SAIT
  - Very difficult to get into the club – need to have proof of vaccination to enter
  - 2 teams at Southland: Men's 7 and Men's 8 – all matches have to be in Pool A
  - Strong drop-in attendance at Southland – every Wednesday evening
  - 4 to 5 players on both teams with good group of spares
- **University of Calgary**
  - Struggling to get a couple more ladies in level 1
  - Teams have been practicing and getting going again at U of C
- **Western Canadian Place**
  - No teams
  - No update at this time



- **West Hillhurst**

- Lost 1 team this year (women's team) merged two of the ladies teams
- They are busy and lots of members

- **LaunchCode**

- They played Mount Royal University last night for their first match
- Brian Fong, Southland team Level 7 will be the first team to be hosted by LaunchCode

## **6. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn, Vabihz Bulsara, Edgemont Athletic
- Seconded Kyle Mitton, Fifth Avenue Club
- Meeting adjourned at 9.28pm

## **7. Next Meeting Date:**

- Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7.00pm [Danish Canadian Club – 727 11 Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta]