

Regular Monthly Meeting: October 19, 2022 at 7.00pm

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

| CLUB /EXECUTIVE | REPRESENTATIVE(S) | Committee | Yes | No |
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| President | Peter Schwartz | Team Selection | X | |
| Vice President | Rick Spyker | Playoffs & Banquet | X | |
| Treasurer | Mariette Rabacal | Treasurer | | X |
| Secretary | Anthony Reimert | Playoffs & Banquet | X | |
| Director, Community Relations | Ron Coggan | League Inquiries | X | |
| Bankers Hall Club (BHC) | PERMANENTLY CLOSED | | | |
| Bow Valley Athletic Club (BVAC) | Greg Pocherewny | TBD | X | |
| Calgary Winter Club (CWC) | Wes Mah | Sponsorship | X | |
| LaunchCode | Rick Spyker | Playoffs & Banquet | X | |
| Fifth Avenue Club | Kyle Mitton | Website | X | |
| Fish Creek Sports Club | No teams 2022/23 Alex Altamirano | Player Eligibility/Reporting | X | |
| South Calgary Squash Club | Peter Schwartz | Team Selection | X | |
| Glencoe Club | Harvey Huebsch | Rules & Funding | X | |
| Mount Royal University | Tanya Simpson | Player Eligibility/Reporting | X | |
| SAIT | No teams 2022/23 Sean McInnes | Future Dates / Attendance | X | |
| Southland Leisure Centre | Clayton Bischoff | TBD | X | |
| University of Calgary | Wanda Popadynetz | December Meeting | X | |
| Western Canadian Place | No teams 2021/22 James Jelinski | Website / Email Blasts | X | |
| West Hillhurst Club | Mark Hartley | Prizes / Rules | X | |
| Edgemont Athletic | Jorge Rabacal / Laura Huck | Prizes / TBD | | X |
| Edgemont Athletic | Mariette Rabacal | Treasurer | | X |
| Acadia Recreation Centre | Fergal Kelly / James Jelinski | TBD / Website & Emails | X | |
| Eau Claire YMCA | PERMANENTLY CLOSED | | | |
| Doubles | Jorge Rabacal | Prizes | | X |
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| Squash Alberta | 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 at 7.02pm

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (September Minutes)

- Sean McInnes, SAIT approves the minutes as presented
- Tanya Simpson, MRU seconds the minutes as presented
- Minutes passed as presented

3. Reports

a. Officers

- President Peter Schwartz
 - Nothing to report
- Vice President Rick Spyker
 - Nothing to report
- Secretary Anthony Reimert
 - Nothing to report
- Treasurer Mariette Rabacal
 - Email update:
 - Cannot get the latest balance as she does not have access to a Canadian cell phone to authenticate online banking. Should not be too different from the September monthly meeting; however updated balance will be provided at AGM & November meeting.
- Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
 - Banff, more participants than expected that are signing up for their Jr. Outreach Squash Program
 - They were running 2 x 1.5 hour sessions now they will be running 3 x 1 hour sessions
 - Overwhelmed with the number of people that want to play; this is in thanks to Kevin Arnsdorf recruiting through all of the schools in the Bow Valley Corridor
 - They have all different levels: juniors, beginner adults, experienced adults

b. Committees

- Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano / Tanya Simpson
 - First release of the penalty points was sent out. Six players participated without Squash Alberta memberships and report will be sent to captains
 - Reps to check on SportyHQ for Squash Alberta Membership for each of their players

- Tanya Simpson to put together a one page guide on how to check for Squash Alberta memberships on the SportyHQ site
- Push back to Squash Alberta to see if we can get an updated list from Ken Cross on updated Squash Alberta memberships
- Prizes: Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal
 - Nothing to report, still early in the year but open to ideas
- Rules: Mark Hartley and Harvey Huebsch
 - Couple of ladies have been playing for men's teams but they continue to play level 1 ladies as well
 - There was a misunderstanding with the hosting rules with Ladies 3 with West Hillhurst; however the issue can be solved by Edgemont Athletic paying for their own drinks when West Hillhurst hosts Edgemont Athletic. Both club representatives to talk to the captains and come up with an agreed upon arrangement (Mark Hartley, West Hillhurst and Jorge Rabacal Edgemont Athletic)
- Playoff and Banquet Committee Rick Spyker and Anthony Reimert
 - Looking at hosting the finals at Glencoe
 - Harvey Huebsch has been talking to David Duncalf to set up the finals' logistics
 - The challenge at the Glencoe is budgeting and costs around courtside food and drink and potentially a banquet. Will work with the catering team for a solution after the doubles pro-am. The pro-am will provide a rough estimate to costs of courtside food.
 - Idea would be to have a later start at 12.30pm and have a courtside social / cocktail party into the evening. We currently have the banquet room booked for that night but it can be cancelled if necessary.
- League Inquiries: Ron Coggan
 - Fellow from Okotoks has reached out to see where he can drop in and play squash in the south
 - Same individual has also reached out directly to Peter Schwartz, SCSC
 - Peter has responded but no further response from the individual
 - Ron Coggan is going to reach out and let him know his options [Acadia, Southland, SCSC, MRU]
- Sponsorship: Wes Mah
 - Confirmed that Mighty Oak Promotions has sponsored again for the 2022 / 2023 season
 - Need to update the sponsorship sheet and send out to the Reps to have it distributed throughout their clubs
 - Look for items like Prize Sponsors, Banquet Sponsors, Website / Scoresheet Advertising
- Funding: Harvey Huebsch
 - Nothing to report
- Bylaws / Annual General Meeting Harvey Huebsch
 - Need to have 21 days notice for the AGM

- Fiscal Year end is May 31st and we should have our AGM in June each year to elect new executive team for the upcoming season
- Bylaws mention that we should be doing it within 60 days of year end; however we need to confirm with Mariette Rabacal that this is not too tight for final year end expenses.
- Email Blasts: James Jelinski
 - AGM, Sponsorship, Referee Clinics (Ken Cross), Sponsorship (Wes Mah)
- Website: James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton
 - No changes to report on the Website
 - Updated rules have been sent by Harvey Huebsch to Kyle Mitton and they have been uploaded to the website
 - Looking for the finalization of the live scoring on the Website; they will not get paid until this is completed.
 - They have mentioned that they are working on a live scoring app.
- Doubles: Jorge Rabacal
 - League is starting this Thursday (October 20th) Division 2 has two teams per club (exception of BVAC who only has one) and for Division 3 is one team per club
 - Doubles will play every other Thursday to start. Should the interest increase, they can adjust to make it every week.
 - Week 1 (Oct 20) Division 2 plays
 - Week 2 (October 27) Division 3 starts
 - Schedule will exclude BVAC since the Premier League will be run on Thursday's out of BVAC.
 - There were a couple of issues uploading the schedule to SportyHQ, but, with Alex's help and a couple of adjustments to the files the double's schedule has been uploaded to SportyHQ.
 - Division 3 is clean. BVAC Home matches distributed across other clubs.
 - Division 2 has a couple of issues on February 9th and February 23rd that need to be fixed. With the BVAC home matches being distributed some matches may need to be played in a later time slot [7.15pm]
- Attendance Report / Future Dates: Sean McInnes
 - No concerns on attendance
 - Edgemont Athletic – missing from the October meeting
- Squash Alberta Ken Cross
 - If your club wants refereeing clinics, please reach out to Ken Cross at Squash Alberta to book

4. Other Business Arising: Any other business?

- Last night had an incident at Southland Leisure Centre

- During play the fire alarm went off and the building was evacuated; the squash players did not leave the building and Southland Leisure Management is not pleased with how the team reacted
- The email reprimand from Southland Leisure Centre has asked for a report by Friday October 21, 2022 with details regarding what happened on Tuesday evening
- Bow Valley Squash Foundation was written up in the Rocky Mountain Outlook Paper twice with the most recent article published on October 15th, 2022.

5. Round Table/Club Feedback:

All Clubs Current Feedback

- **Acadia Recreation Centre**
 - One interclub team at level 2 – they are doing well
 - Drop in \$20.00 / hour for a court if anyone is looking for cheap drop in
- **Bow Valley Athletic Club**
 - They have a new food service provider (Ranchman's Club is providing the catering)
 - They will be hosting the Canadian Open 2023 with a Bronze Level PSA Event
 - Runs from February 13th – February 17th
 - \$12,000 USD Total Purse for the Women
 - \$55,000 USD Total Purse for the Men
- **Calgary Winter Club**
 - Hosting the Doubles Pro-Am (Enzo Dipietro is taking care of tickets)
 - One player in level 2 had an expired credit card which resulted in an expired Squash Alberta membership; penalty points have been applied.
- **Edgemont Athletic**
 - Nothing to report
- **Fifth Avenue Club**
 - They have introduced a 24 hour entry to the club; by doing so they have reduced staff so visiting teams need to be let into the club via the home team.
 - Fifth Avenue has relayed this message to other captains visiting them
- **Glencoe Club**
 - All teams are working pretty well (Teams 7 & 8 have switched spots due to their capabilities)
 - Doubles interclub starts on October 20th at Glencoe
 - Wednesday box league is getting started again
 - Masters' tournament runs the week of October 24th
- **LaunchCode**
 - LaunchCode had a penalty point assessed but the feedback from the player eligibility committee was well received

- **Mount Royal University**
 - Have a Halloween Tournament that is coming up at the end of the month
 - Two programs running covered by Squash Alberta
 - Beginners junior program
 - Beginners women's program
 - Have had two new ladies join the club since their first women's program concluded
- **South Calgary Squash Club**
 - Had their season opener tournament - 46 players joined
 - Tournament held Wednesday to Sunday
 - Plan on hosting another tournament in the first week of December
 - They have a good junior program of ~40 juniors every Sunday
 - Coaches include Leona Grigg, Matt Grigg, Ozzie Vallejos, Kyla Grigg
- **Southland Leisure Centre**
 - Nothing to report
- **University of Calgary**
 - They had a SAIT team that came over to play out of U of C and they didn't have Squash Alberta Memberships [misunderstanding as they thought it was a one time membership fee]
 - Everything else has been running smooth at the squash club
- **West Hillhurst**
 - Everything is running smoothly
 - Nothing further to report

6. Adjournment

- Wanda Popadynetz, University of Calgary makes a motion to adjourn the meeting
- Greg Pocherewny, Bow Valley Athletic Club seconds the motion
- Meeting adjourned at 8.00pm

7. Next Meeting Date:

- ***November 16th, 2022 at 7.00pm Danish Canadian Club [727 11th Avenue SW Calgary, AB]***
- ***This will also be our AGM***

8. Action Items:

- Tanya Simpson to produce one-page guide on how to check squash Alberta memberships on the SportyHQ website
- Anthony Reimert and Wes Mah to put together a sponsorship letter to share in the email blast
- Email blast reminder about the AGM along with the Ref Clinics and bonus points.