

Regular Monthly Meeting and AGM: Wednesday October 16th at 7.00pm

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

AGENDA OF THE REGULAR GENERAL MEETING:

1. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting

- a. Call to order of regular monthly meeting 7.07pm
- b. Quick roundtable to introduce Bill Aitken (Fitness Plus) and Brody Vejprava (Bow Valley)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (September Meeting)

- a. Harvey Huebsch makes a motion to approve the minutes
- b. Bill Aitken seconds the motion

3. Reports

a. President (Peter Schwartz)

- i. Not present, nothing sent to Rick or Bill to commentate on

b. Vice President (Rick Spyker)

- i. Commentary on minutes regarding ensuring that correct language and wording is used in the minutes as these will be posted on the new website when it is up and running

c. Secretary (Anthony Reimert)

- i. ACTION ITEM: Anthony to make slight adjustment to wording used in September minutes

d. Treasurer (Mariette Rabacal)

- i. 7 dollars shy of 19,500 dollars
- ii. All invoices are out to the clubs
- iii. ACTION ITEM: Team Fees are due upon receipt (by November meeting at latest)
- iv. Financials are all sent off to Edmonton for approval
- v. No invoice from SportyHQ as of yet

e. Director, Community Relations (Ron Coggan)

- i. Junior Outreach Squash (Banff, Canmore, Exshaw, Morley) turnout has been massive and they have had close to 20 kids each night and they have kids that have graduated from school and they want to come back and help out by coaching
- ii. They are doing a rules clinic and they have 5 kids that would like to take the level 1 coaching course so they can help Cam Fishenden
- iii. Ron provided a handout for the Banff SasSquash tournament with registration opening up near the end of November
- iv. Mount Royal, UofC, SAIT, UofA and hopefully Red Deer college to play in the University Championships [November 15 to November 17 at University of Calgary]

4. Committees

a. Player Eligibility/ Reporting (Alex Altamirano and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah)

- i. Player Eligibility: Squash AB membership automated renewal was a great success for almost all players. Some players did not acknowledge the automation and they have been penalized. Up to now there have been 21 cases of not having a valid membership and 2 of these cases are for the same player.
- ii. Emails regarding eligibility go to the captain of the team and the club representative.
- iii. Any review of the penalty points a player has been assessed go to the rules committee for decision.
- iv. Most of the players have renewed their membership. Only 2 players are 'new' and in most cases it is renewals that were not accepted or they were rejected through the Squash Alberta site.
- v. Captains have been prompt to update the scores prior to the Thursday night cutoff.
 - o By Friday at noon Alex reaches out to Captains and Reps to get the results entered into the system.
- vi. Reporting requirement from ClubLocker:
 - o Trying to resolve an issue for the information that ClubLocker needs.
 - o We do not have rankings in the system for the upcoming tournament (Calgary Open at U of C) and in the near future they will have rankings updated on a weekly basis on Monday nights.
 - o Almost everything has been figured out so SportyHQ can send the proper data to ClubLocker.
 - o Long term goal is to not have a lot of manual work behind the scenes.
- vii. If representatives are hearing concerns from members please do not hesitate to bring up concerns to the Reporting committee (Squash Alberta Membership, Rankings or otherwise)
- viii. Driving factor for ClubLocker was to have a Canada Wide rating system (not a ranking but a rating) Squash Canada is going through the pains of slowly transitioning to this new rating system
- ix. All results are time stamped and will put all of the rankings in orders when they are all entered into the ClubLocker system.

b. Playoff & Banquets (Rick Spyker, Anthony Reimert and Kurt Kennedy / Wes Mah)

- i. Rick, Anthony and Kurt need to get together before the next meeting (November) to discuss

- c. Prizes (Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal)**
 - i. Always open for suggestions and opinions, and they are working on some conceptual ideas for the 2020 league winners and playoff winners
 - ii. We are looking at looking at League and Playoff Budgets as well as overall awards
 - iii. Looking for a direct sponsorship for league prizes and playoff sponsorship or we need to increase overall budget
- d. Team Selection (Peter Schwartz)**
 - i. Nothing to report
- e. Rules (Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch)**
 - i. They didn't have a meeting over the past month
 - ii. So far there have been 21 infractions and 2 people that have made formal complaints
 - iii. Looking for a way of monitoring the 0.5 bonus points for doing the Rules clinics or certification courses
 - o Each player has to play at least 4 games on the same team before they are awarded the bonus point
 - iv. For any voting that happens between meetings:
 - o Standard email voting process goes to rules committee and if we need to vote the email goes through the secretary
- f. League Inquiries (Ron Coggan)**
 - i. Zero league inquiries
 - ii. When new website is up and running all league inquiries will get forwarded to Ron through the link on the webpage.
- g. Sponsorship (Connor Batchelor)**
 - i. Couple of updates: 2 emails that will be drafted and sent out:
 - o 1 as a shoutout email letting everyone know that we are looking for sponsorship
 - o 2 a letter for the type of funding that we are looking for.
 - ii. ACTION ITEM: Letters / Draft Emails are ready to be shared. Ensure that letter is circulated with Club Reps and then they ask people that they know.
 - iii. Followed up with Trico Homes etc. along with some Sponsors that Ron had passed on to Connor.
- h. Funding (Harvey Huebsch)**
 - i. Ken asked if CISA would fund and sponsor Alberta University and College Championships like we have done that in the past.
 - o Harvey makes a motion to provide \$500.00 in funding to the Alberta University College Championships
 - o Kurt Kennedy seconds the motions

- Commentary:
 - \$500.00 was the same as we sponsored last year
 - Unanimous decision to sponsor
- i. Future Season Dates/Spreadsheet (Ben Meszaros)**
 - i. Ben not present, no new information or nothing to be passed along
- j. Email Blasts (James Jelinski)**
 - ii. Nothing sent since the beginning of the season
 - iii. Sending an email blast out on Sponsorship and the Score Squash App
 - iv. Score Squash App when used properly will upload scores right away
 - Still use paper scoring or at least write down the scores in case of technology failure because there has been some issues with entering the scores
 - Some issues that have occurred is only 2 of the 4 matches are being recorded
 - Cannot update the team's roster from the App
- k. Website (James Jelinski, Kyle Mitton and Sean McInnes)**
 - i. Work in progress for the Website – SportyHQ has been getting everything put together
 - ii. We want to send out an email to the membership to promote the App and the Website all in one email Blast
 - Ask by Website committee is to try it out and please provide feedback if you're getting errors or would like to see something different.
 - iii. Have a calgarysquash.ab.ca new website live, but in its early stages in a month or two the new website should be fully up and running.
- l. Doubles (Mariette for Jorge Rabacal)**
 - i. 25 matches so far this season
 - ii. Would like to put on a rules clinic at one of their doubles events
 - iii. Mixed Doubles in Edmonton this upcoming weekend which will have a Rules Clinic as part of the event.
- m. Attendance Report (Ben Meszaros)**
 - i. Everyone club is represented this evening
 - ii. Couple absences but no one close to being penalized
- n. December 2019 Christmas Meeting (Wanda Popadynetz)**
 - i. December 11th at 7.00pm
 - ii. Working with Wes Mah to work on a food and beverage deal
 - iii. Squash Alberta tradition is to get the first round of drinks
- o. Squash Alberta (Ken Cross)**
 - i. Officiating initiative has gone well 68 have gone through 38 on certification clinic and 30 on rules clinic
 - ii. Red Deer just had a clinic and had about 12 people through

- iii. Membership is up about 12%
- iv. 10% increase in Juniors and goals is to get in the 1500 – 1600 members
- v. Trying to get the rankings system linked up properly with SportyHQ
- vi. Goal is to get 200 people certified and through clinics
- vii. Squash Alberta will be in Grand Prairie in December and they have 100 people in their community playing squash
- viii. 5 regions to be accepted into the 2023 Alberta Winter Games
- ix. Question for Squash Alberta?
 - o Can power point be shared that is used in the certification course?
- x. Squash Alberta has \$11,000 in their budget to get members Club Level Certified
- xi. Certification is for life if you pass the course
 - o This means if you pass you get the 0.5 bonus point for life
 - o If you fail the exam you only get the 0.5 bonus point for that season
 - o Rules Clinic is only the 0.5 bonus point for that season
- xii. For the 2019 and 2020 season the clinics will be free but they have not decided yet what they will do in future years for pricing.

5. Other Business Arising:

- i. No other business arriving

6. Round Table/Club Feedback:

a. Glencoe Club

- i. Masters next week, and Jesters tournament in a few weeks, and first Friday drop in a couple weeks ago which was a lot of fun

b. Bow Valley

- i. New courts have been getting some buzz around the club
- ii. Having a level 1 team back at Bow Valley has been getting some more people into squash
- iii. Winter Club is planning on bringing in some Pro Doubles players and Bow Valley was hoping they could help out and hopefully get a little tour of the pro doubles players around the city
- iv. Their doubles players are a little upset that they do not have a level 1 doubles interclub team

c. Bankers Hall

- i. No Frills Tournament will run from October 30th to November 3rd
 - i. Currently about 20 spots still available for registration
- ii. Women's Wine and Squash Night will take place on Wednesday October 23rd
 - i. Courts from 5.30pm to 8.00pm
 - ii. Wine tasting from Vinestyles

- d. West Hillhurst**
 - i. Nothing to report
- e. Mount Royal University**
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Fitness Plus**
 - i. Nothing to report
- g. YMCA**
 - i. Nothing to report
- h. Southland Leisure Centre**
 - i. Box league continues to grow
 - ii. Currently have 2 men's teams and would love to see a ladies team there next year
- i. SAIT**
 - i. As of July 1 no parking included and the best place to park is the multi-level parkade which is \$7.00 per night
 - ii. Intermural drop in and Box League is stable
 - iii. SAIT to have a good showing at the Alberta University and College Championships
 - i. SAIT also providing T-Shirts and some swag for the players
- j. Western Canadian Place**
 - i. Nothing to report
- k. Fifth Avenue Club**
 - i. Nothing to report
- l. Calgary Winter Club**
 - i. Another renovation is planned for April to December (mostly café area and will just be more of an inconvenience than anything)
- m. Fish Creek**
 - i. Nothing to report
- n. University of Calgary**
 - i. Free parking at Father David Bauer arena if you're looking for parking at the U of C tournament or during interclub
- o. World Health Edgemont**
 - i. Looking to replace floors on Court 4
 - ii. They have the Masters Tournament coming up in the middle of November
 - i. Looking for entries for this tournament

7. Adjournment

- i. Thanks for the commitment as we all know that this is a volunteer position
- ii. Mariette Rabacal makes a motion to adjourn
- iii. Brody Vejprava seconds the motion
- iv. Meeting Adjourned at 8.29pm

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