

Regular Monthly Meeting. February 16th, 2022 at 7.00pm

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

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

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February Regular Monthly Meeting:

1. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting (February)

- Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (January Minutes)

- Some corrections to previous minutes
 - Under rules around COVID – delete from minutes
 - Mount Royal University report
 - First bullet (30 matches rescheduled) only home matches to be rescheduled
 - Other business arising
 - Comment around discussion whether or not Jackie Moss, Jamie Laird, Leona Grigg etc. could play on Men's team: rules committee agreed to the rule change allowing them to play. **Action:** club reps to contact them to let them know they can play (Harvey and Peter)
- Motion to approve remaining minutes
- Keith Wellon, Mount Royal University approves remaining minutes
- Alex Altamirano, South Calgary Squash Club seconded
- Minutes passed as corrected

3. Reports

a. Officers

- President Peter Schwartz
 - Rick standing in for Peter
 - Peter is playing an interclub match
 - Nothing specific to bring up
 - Top of mind: rescheduling of matches required
 - Alex to see if there are any gaps and will be reporting on this later.
- Vice President Rick Spyker
 - Nothing to report
- Secretary Anthony Reimert
 - Jorge Rabacal filling in for Anthony, nothing to report
- Treasurer Mariette Rabacal
 - Bank balance: \$24,445.54
 - Some clubs have not paid club fees yet: BVAC, Fifth Avenue Club and Edgemont Athletic

- No outstanding payments from sponsors
- We having issues with our account in TD.
 - Looking at perhaps changing accounts within TD or moving to RBC instead
 - Anthony Reimert, Mount Royal University works at RBC and it may make things easier
- Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
 - There is a situation from Banff / Canmore (especially Canmore) where there is some players that would like to play Interclub. May have position available at SAIT, depending on the level.
 - Major thing in Banff is the Junior Outreach Squash Program for Aboriginal players has been an issue; however there is another outreach program that include refugees, temporary foreign workers (young adults) which is promising for the Bow Valley corridor.
 - Arranged a discounted membership at the Banff Rocky Mountain Resort until June.
 - Ron is also able to provide equipment, if they sign up for the membership.

b. Committees

- Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano
 - Player eligibility: Relaxing a little with Alberta Membership. Allowed people (unofficially) up to 2-3 weeks just to give people the opportunity to play. Most people do pay. If there are any issues Alex suggests that we make a motion to apply rules.
 - Reaching out to some captains that don't seem to know the rules. Club reps will need to make sure the captains in their respective clubs know the rules. Reaching out to rules committee to enquire. Also check if players played twice in the same night. Normally only check end of season or every 3 months since it's manual to gather information.
 - Reporting: Automation between SportyHQ / ClubLocker has been working well. There are some (minor) issues; however Ken Cross has been able to assist quickly. Some captains still not putting the scores in on time but they are generally pretty good.
 - Scheduling: Alex sent message to all captains (reps have been informed prior and not cc'ed in the latest emails) for their input on any changes to the schedules. Alex received 49% have been played are rescheduled. Some divisions have not done anything. Some divisions (83%) are complete or provided the required information. Information needs to be provided to Alex and needs to be in a specific format so that it can be updated in SportyHQ. This is important, because, if matches are not played, it will mess up the ranking, etc. We are getting to end of seasons and running out of time to get the matches in. Matches can be played at other clubs or on nights other than Tuesday in order to get them in.
- Prizes: Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal
 - Narrowed down to 5-6 garments. Can't do anything about it now since he does need the specific sizes and numbers before finalizing
 - Anyone with ideas on prizes for runner ups and playoff prizes, please send them to Mark.
 - Main prize for season winners and secondary prizes for playoff winners. **Jorge** and **Mark** to review and distribute amongst committee the options.
 - Prizes:
 - Top team and runner-ups for Ladies 1 and Men's 1

- Mark will look at playoff prizes as well
- Rules: Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch
 - Sub-down issue:
 - Proposing a change to the sub-rules; especially subbing down:
 - *** See email from Keith ***
 - Issue was brought up by the committee and hence the Rules Committee reviewed the rules and came up with this recommendation. Especially to address the abuse the sub rules, in the case that the clubs use subs from 2 levels higher.
 - 2 rule changes proposed. Motion: Keith for new rules. Alex seconded. Discussion:
 - Wes: Does not think it's needed.
 - Ron: Someone was of the opinion that the rule was not upheld in a particular situation. He does not think it's needed.
 - **Harvey comments:** Confusion around subs filling in at a particular situation and the person did not believe the rules were being upheld. If the rule does get passed, it may even encourage the captains to do this. Captains monitor and should bring it up. Comes down to educating Reps / Captains.
 - Ken – feels players know levels and know when they get someone too good for their level. Reps should have meeting with captains to discuss interclub being fair play.
 - Alex – policing the rule is not easy – nothing in the system to help with it so it is manual. Could also change the rules that, if a sub is being pulled down, that person needs to play in position 1. If going up, maybe play in 4th position. The rules are there and can be used to protect teams from abusing the sub rule. It is also the spirit of the game.
 - Mark – Need to emphasize the spirit of the game and ranking the positions appropriately, instead of playing around with the ranking to take advantage of players / positions. Need players / captains to follow up and complain.
 - Rick – With ability to reschedule matches, if 2 players are required, reschedule instead.
 - Vote to adopt rule changes in the next season: 3 for; 7 against and 1 abstain.
 - Motion denied.
 - **Action:** Need to educate reps / captains to understand the current rule, the spirit of the rule / interclub and report any misuse. Communication to go out prior to next season.
 - Rules committee to look at the rules to be applied at the end of the season due to reschedule of matches.
- Playoff & Banquet Committee: Rick Spyker and Anthony Reimert
 - Saturday April 23, 2022 at Edgemont Athlete Club. Restaurant still not open yet. Rick and Anthony will be meeting with Omar to get a better understanding of the menu, pricing and format.
- League Inquiries: Ron Coggan

- Still no “League Inquiries” button on the website. Matthew and Kyle say the button does work. Ron will check.
- Women Level 2:
 - 6 team division but seems there are 2 bye weeks.
 - BVAC dropped out at last minute and caused the bye weeks.
- ScoreSquash to be used for logging scores but for last week teams will need to log manually.
- Sponsorship: Wes Mah
 - Contacted Rothenberg Capital and \$2,000.00 confirmed. Mariette to send invoice
 - To sponsor Ladies Level 1 Trophy:
 - Spoke to people at Calgary Winter Club but since Calgary Winter Club does not have a Ladies Level 1 team people are not willing to sponsor.
 - Others not interested in additional sponsorship.
 - Why do we have special prizes for Level 1 (Men’s / Ladies) in a non-professional league?
 - Why specific sponsorship for them?
 - Rethink this by Wes and Anthony. Maybe repurpose the sponsorship to everything else [Banquets, Tin advertising, Prize Sponsor etc.]
- Funding: Harvey Huebsch
 - Nothing to report
- Email Blasts: James Jelinski
 - Nothing to report
- Website: James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton
 - Moving scoresheets to the website
- Doubles: Jorge Rabacal
 - Nothing to report
- Attendance Report / Future Dates: Sean McInnes
 - ** Rick to send me email **
- Squash Alberta Ken Cross
 - COVID: Squash Alberta adopted Alberta Health policies.
 - Things to be aware:
 - BVAC hosting PSA tournament
 - Glass court will be in town from Apr 6 – Apr 26 (Apr 11 - 15 is the PSA event)
 - BVAC may reach out to clubs to see if they want to host tournaments / events
 - Juniors at Victoria will see the court going for that tournament as well.
 - March / April - 1 day Ladies team event
 - Referee certifications: Up to clubs to request a clinic

4. Other Business Arising:

Any other business?

- Nothing to report

5. Round Table/Club Feedback:

All Clubs Current Feedback

- **Bow Valley Athletic Club**
 - Not a lot to report
- **Calgary Winter Club**
 - Following Alberta Health rules. [Restriction Exemption Program (REP) no longer in place]
 - Hosting early March PSA women's tournament (Mar 3 - 6).
 - 20 ladies entered and long wait list. Restricted access / entrance because of COVID.
 - Amateur tournament goes along with it
- **Edgemont Athletic Club**
 - REP program not in place
 - Renovations are going well
- **Fifth Avenue Club**
 - REP is no longer in place
 - Rescheduling of matches not happened yet
- **Glencoe Club**
 - REP is no longer in place
 - Lots of teams have rescheduled matches, but not all
 - Adrian de Vries new assistance Pro
 - Bob Ballinger sitting in for Susie King while on maternity leave
 - Some juniors playing in the Jesters tournament
- **LaunchCode**
 - No REP program in place
 - Getting a lot of feedback of them being great hosts
- **Mount Royal University**
 - Issued communication to all recreation members and for now they are keeping the REP rules and require vaccinations to enter the facility
 - MRU Open Tournament in 2 weeks time: 37 men and 19 woman registered so far
 - Alberta Open: low sign-up
- **SAIT**
 - REP is out; however masks still required in public spaces
 - Issues with court not being available
 - Only people who are students / staff have access to courts

- Heating and air conditioning in the courts is being fixed.
- **South Calgary Squash Club**
 - No longer require proof of vaccination
 - Junior program is very successful
 - More than 30 kids in Junior tournament
 - Box leagues are improving and getting bigger
 - Membership stable
 - Tournament March 9th to 13th [\$30.00 for Squash Alberta Members]
- **Southland Leisure Centre**
 - REP not in place but masks still required in public spaces
 - Box league going well
 - Minor matches to be rescheduled
- **University of Calgary**
 - No masks on court required anymore
 - REP not in place anymore
- **West Hillhurst**
 - No longer participating in the REP
 - Masks not required
 - Club champs in a couple of weeks

6. Adjournment

- Wes Mah, Calgary Winter Club motion to end monthly meeting
- Seconded by Alex Altamirano, South Calgary Squash Club
- Meeting adjourned 8.52pm

7. Next Meeting Date:

- Wednesday March 16th, 2022 at 7.00pm at the Danish Canadian Club