



CALGARY INTERCLUB SQUASH ASSOCIATION

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. Wednesday January 21st, 2015. 7pm. Danish Canadian Club.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Call to order 7:03pm and welcome to all in attendance by President, Ron Coggan. Introduction of new representative filling in for Jack for Doubles Jodie Nykoluk.

Quorum was established and maintained throughout the meeting.

Elected Executive Officers Present:

Ron Coggan – President - (World Health, Southland, SAIT)

Rick Spyker – Vice President (Eau Claire Y)

Beth Barberree – Secretary

Club Appointed Members Present:

Arash Ardeshiricham - Fifth Avenue Club

Wanda Popadynetz - U of C

Craig Hutchings - Glencoe (left at 7:55pm)

Patty Lew-Lapointe – MRU

Bill Aitken - Fit Plus

Colleen Hicke - Winter Club

Alex Altamirano - Fish Creek

Jodie Nykoluk– Doubles

Ken Gellatly – Bow Valley Club (arrived at 7:27pm)

Patty Lew-Lapointe (MRU)

Graeme Edge – Bankers Hall (arrived at 7:06pm)

Committee Only:

Charles Fair

Larry Allen

b. Members Absent with Regrets

Chris Watson – Treasurer

Mark Hartley – West Hillhurst

Kiefer Waite & Brad Radu - Racquet Network Acadia

James Jelinski - WCP

Jack Hoogstraten – Doubles

No members absent without notice.

2. Approval of Agenda
Re- ordering of committee reports was approved by general consensus.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
Minutes adopted with corrections as circulated.

7:10pm Assignment of Chair to Rick Spyker for the duration of the meeting.

4. Reports
 - a. Officers
 - i. President Ron Coggan
 - Bow Valley Squash Foundation – Ron is an active member and interim president.
 - Space in the old Canmore recreation centre is key issue at the moment.
 - Open space in the city – Target vacancy; growing league; working with media.
 - *Forbes* top 10 list of sports – squash #1.
- Rick asks if any support from the league would be of benefit or needed...
- Requests to our respective city councilors about building squash community.

ACTION 01.1: For all reps to think about ways to support advancement of the sport.

- How does this happen? Infrastructure will be key. What does that look like?
 - Grow and maintain.
- ii. Vice President Rick Spyker
Nothing specific to report
 - iii. Secretary Beth Barberree
 - See attached report.
 - Thanks yous and resignation as Secretary of the Board.
 - Discussion about how to fill the vacancy.
 - Request for volunteers – none; Rick offers to fill in as interim.
 - Ron charges to keep eyes open for appropriate individuals outside of the Board.
 - Delegated task of contacting Squash Canada about ideas for guest speakers for our banquet; no response to date.
 - iv. Treasurer Chris Watson
 - In Chris's absence, Ron offers report.
 - Ron has undertaken to gain further understanding about financial obligations for nonprofit organizations due to his recent involvement with Bow Valley squash foundation. Serves us well.
 - \$21, 231.51 is current bank balance; unknown as to whether the cheque for deposit to the Red & white club has cleared.
 - Budgets have been disbursed to committees.
 - League fees are outstanding for MRU, but understand they are coming.
 - Pivotal piece is sponsorship dollars; Rick has his finger on the pulse; emphasis on the importance to maintain current sponsors.

- December meeting – budget issue regarding alcohol at Christmas party
 - Going forward, no liquor on league tab
- b. Committees
 - i. Scheduling Steve Kaltenhauser
 - Rescheduling Steve’s presentation
 - Week 15 issue for unbalanced schedule
 - Must be played by April 7th
 - ii. Playoffs & Banquet Colleen Hicke
 - Tickets and posters by next meeting
 - \$40 ticket cost
 - Games at Winter Club
 - “Reserve date” notice to go on website
 - iii. Website Larry Allen
 - Rick: has received great feedback about the player stats section
 - Ron: programming for doubles is in the works; outstanding request will be done in a couple of weeks
 - Larry: All club reps link – any changes to rep contact information MUST go to Larry; matches not played show as blank now rather than “0”; week 15 matches have been added to the database
 - James’s orientation has hit speedbump with Apple/PC compatibility issue.
 - iv. Bylaws Craig Hutchings
 - Still in the works; feedback has been sparse.
 - v. Player Eligibility Alex Altamirano
 - If match scores are not entered after 48 hours later, reminders are being sent to captains.
 - Critical piece currently is the eligibility of playing up/down.
 - Michael Chick – currently playing out of UofC; played first match at the Winter Club.
 - Details will go to Colleen then formal process will ensue.
 - His play has been included on previous Eligibility report
 - vi. Attendance Report Arash Ardeshiricham
 - Acadia – 2 strikes
 - Eau Claire – 2 strikes
 - Bankers Hall – 2 strikes
 - vii. Sponsorship Rick Spyker
 - No report at the moment; committee needs to coordinate.
 - List need to go to Ron so that he can make personal phone calls to each sponsor.
 - Great time to have a conversation about sponsorship is around social space following matches.
 - Go to your matches prepared with sponsorship materials

ACTION 01.2: Rick to send out particulars of league sponsorship to all reps.

- viii. Rules/League Inquiries Mark Hartley
 - Player with excess backswing videoed and will be distributed as a potentially dangerous situations; learning tool for everyone.
- ix. Mail Chimp Email System James Jelinski
 - See report.

- x. Captains List Wanda Popadynetz
 - nothing

ACTION 01.3: All reps to double check accuracy of captain's list. Format looks wonky.

- xi. League Expansion Ron Coggan
 - covered
- xii. Doubles Interclub Jodie
 - See report.

ACTION 01.4: Ron to discuss sponsorship request directly with Jack

- xiii. Team Selection Peter Schwartz
 - Nothing
- 5. Business Arising
 - None.
- 6. Round Table/Club Feedback All
 - Glencoe: still on course for opening of renos June 1, 2015; Scheduling page of CISA has more info about whites only policy and will stand for doubles players as well
 - Eau Claire – nothing
 - U of C – thank yous to Ron for notice of passing of member of squash community before Christmas
 - MRU – PSA on track; billets needed for pros, please contact Patty directly; Feb 25th to Mar 1st
 - BVC – tournament success; community is growing at the club
 - Winter Club – Mar 10-14; women's PSA event; planning coming along well to include some local wildcard spots; food and beverage service will look a bit different end of January with renos; cafeteria will still be open; captains may elect to go elsewhere; sensitive to needs during playoffs
 - Fit Plus – still no sign of closure; Wednesday play seems to be working out ok with some advance planning and reminders undertaken by Fit Plus captains; take responsibility as away captains as well
 - Doubles – nothing further
 - 5th Avenue – renos in showers and steam rooms over the holidays; rules clinic in February, challenges with Squash Alberta in coordinating dates; regarding the conduct form it seems to be unique to only official officials' more info to follow
 - Fish Creek – Feb 21st family day for recruiting new racquet players; power failure forced reschedule
 - Bankers Hall Club – ProAm next week; tickets still available; shared courts with WCP
 - World Health – Alberta Closed in March; doubles courts are active
 - Southland – busy and growing
- 7. New Business
 - None.
- 8. Next Meeting Date
 - Feb 18th same time and place
- 9. Adjournment
 - 8:29pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT submitted by Beth Barberree

The following decisions and actions were made by this Board via electronic communication since October's meeting:


- Ron's comments on **ACTION: Charles and Beth to craft an appropriate protocol for consistent and fair deliberation of events by way of electronic voting between scheduled Board meetings.**
 - Please be informed that myself, Beth and Charles are working diligently on this. Recent events have cemented the need. The January meeting is the timing goal.

- Gene Marshall – player transfer from U of C to WCP was approved. We may need further discussion as to where league authority lies with respect to permissions on players changing clubs.

- Action item for Ron to review the Interclub Singles 6 Team Divisions where each team needs to add 1 match to their 14 week schedule.
- Background: The 6 Team Divisions are Ladies 1, Ladies 5, Mens 12 and Mens 13.
 - Historically there have been only 1 or 2 6 Team Divisions - this season is the most that we have ever had.
 - A 6 Team Division is an 'unbalanced' Division whereby each team does not play each other an equal number of times - some 2 times and some 3 times.
 - A consequence is unbalanced and unequal final standings. This can affect playoffs and promotion/demotion.
- Each Division has been reviewed and once again as in previous years the solution is:
 - 1) Each Team schedules a Week 15 'Floating Date' makeup match. This ensures that every team plays each other 3 times.
 - 2) Each Division then has 3 'Floating Date' matches to schedule at or before the Season End of April 7th.
 - 3) And the Webmaster can accommodate this easily.

The matches to be made up are:

- 1) Ladies 1 - West Hillhurst/Bankers Hall, World Health/Southland, Winter Club/Mount Royal
 - 2) Ladies 5 - Southland/Bow Valley, West Hillhurst/Mount Royal, World Health/Glencoe
 - 3) Mens 12 - men's 12, Fit Plus at WCP, Winter Club/Fish Creek, Racquet Network/World Health
 - 4) Mens 13 - Fifth Ave/World Health, Southland/Fish Creek, Racquet Network/World Health
- Historically these matches have been played.
 - Scheduling and playing these matches may involve some court access and availability issues on many Tuesdays, so, they should then be scheduled at any time and anywhere at or before the Season End of April 7th.

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- Next step is arranging mutually agreeable dates and times for these matches. And Larry to setup the website. A review of the World Health and Southland options will begin immediately.

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- Action Item 11.1 from our last meeting was for the Rules Committee Craig Hutchings to provide wording clarification of Squash Alberta Membership on the Rules Section of our Website.

- The wording clarifications are below with the Rule Number specified.

3.0 Member - "and is an annually paid for member of Squash Alberta,"

6.1 Player Eligibility - "becomes an annually paid Squash Alberta member ..."

8.1 - c - "ensure they are an eligible player - paid for annual membership of Squash Alberta -

- The Webmaster has updated the Rules wording as specified above.