



CALGARY INTERCLUB SQUASH ASSOCIATION

Special General Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting. Wednesday September 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Danish Canadian Club, 727 – 11 Ave SW

| CLUB /EXECUTIVE | REPRESENTATIVE(S) | Yes | No |
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| President | Peter Schwartz | Y | |
| Vice President | Rick Spyker | Y | |
| Treasurer | Chris Watson | | regret |
| Secretary | Patty Lew-Lapointe | Y | |
| Director | Ron Coggan | Y | |
| Bankers | Graeme Edge | | regret |
| | Stephen Kaltenhauser | | N |
| Bow Valley Club | Crawford Gordon | Y | |
| Calgary Winter Club | Colleen Hicke | Y | |
| Eau Claire Y | Rick Spyker | Y | |
| Fifth Ave | Arash Ardeshiricham | Y | |
| Fish Creek | Charles Fair | y | |
| | Alex Altamirano | Y | |
| Fit Plus | Peter Schwartz | Y | |
| Glencoe | Craig Hutchings | Y | |
| Mount Royal University | Anthony Reimert | Y | |
| | Patty Lew-Lapointe | Y | |
| SAIT | Ron Coggan | Y | |
| Southland | Stuart Rose | | N |
| | Karen MacKeil | Y | |
| U of C | Wanda Popadynetz | Y | |
| Western Canadian Place | James Jelinski | N | |
| West Hillhurst | Mark Hartley | Y | |
| World Health | Chris Watson | | regret |
| | Keith Wellon | | regret |
| | Larry Allen | | regret |
| | Mariette Rabacal | | regret |
| | Olubunmi Oluwole | Y | |
| Squash Alberta | Grant Currie | Y | |
| | Tim Landeryou | Y | |

Agenda

Protocol: Robert's Rules of Order

1. Welcome and Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:04 p.m.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting, August 17, 2016 as written and distributed
 - Motion made by: Rick Spyker, Eau Claire Y
 - Seconded by: Craig Hutching, Glencoe
 - Minutes of August 17, 2016 are approved as written and distributed
3. Reports
 - a. Officers
 - President Peter Schwartz
 - ◆ Thanks to everyone for time spent by everyone to get the season up and running
 - Vice President Rick Spyker
 - ◆ Thanks President for all the background support to the season
 - Secretary Patty Lew-Lapointe
 - ◆ Nothing to report
 - Treasurer Chris Watson
 - ◆ Invoices will be out when Chris returns for the Oct meeting
 - ◆ Targeting payment to be received before year end
 - Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
 - ◆ Junior outreach will run again in Banff
 - ◆ SaSquash will run again
 - ◆ Domi, Kiefer & Melina coaches this year for the Juniors tournament
 - b. Committees
 - ByLaws Craig Hutchings
 - ◆ Sent to Service Alberta on the Aug 30, will take at least 90 days to review
 - ◆ Hope to hear back by Christmas
 - ◆ Inquiry by a group in Grand Prairie for Bylaws help
 - ◆ We are in control of rules within our bylaws – but can't contravene our own bylaws – at the Board level
 - Team Selection Peter Schwartz
 - ◆ Bankers/SAIT last minute team for Mens 4
 - ◆ SAIT L5 will be split into 2 teams to fill in one of the BYEs available to make it a 6 team division – captains will need to be notified and there will be extra matches for scheduling. Ron will take the lead on this.

- Player Eligibility Alex Altamirano
 - ◆ Response from captains to fill team roster was fairly good overall
 - ◆ First week – 124 matches recorded with 1 fabricated score. Captains were not there, and the captain entered the scores without having score sheets (Mens 3). The Captain that had the scoresheets went on vacation.
 - ◆ 144 matches in Pool B played with 9 matches missing as of 4pm today (Sep 21, 2016). This includes matches being played tonight (Sep 21, 2016)
 - ◆ Let Captains know to not duplicate profiles in SportyHQ or in Squash Alberta – this can complicate reporting. If there is a duplicated profile in Squash Alberta, notify Squash Alberta to correct. If there is a duplicate profile in SportyHQ, notify Alex Altamirano. Alex can remove the duplicate profile
 - ◆ There were a few penalty points to be assessed - 13 incidents of not renewing a Squash Alberta membership in time for their matches. Most have been notified. By the end of week, they will all be notified.

- Rules/League Inquiries Mark Hartley
 - ◆ One rule inquiry that has been addressed

- League Inquiries Ron Coggan
 - ◆ One league inquiry to join a team, and got them signed up at SAIT

- Playoffs & Banquet Colleen Hicke
 - ◆ Courts and dining room can be at the Bow Valley Club
 - ◆ World Health has also volunteered courts and dining room
 - ◆ Looking to this Board for budget suggestions and guidelines. Past costs were based on the meal but there are other costs involved, ie. band, bar tab, courtside food & bar fee, bartender fees, room rental fee, service staff fee
 - ◆ Looking forward – where should the budget be? Past, it has been the cheapest meal available at the venue
 - ◆ Peter Schwartz would like to see a better meal than what has been served in the past year as it is the end of season party and would like to attract more people
 - ◆ Budget has been around \$10K but should it be increased or kept the same. Generally, 80% of the operating budget is spent on the banquet. Rest of the cost, 20%, is subsidized through sponsorship
 - ◆ Last year, prices were up and attendance was down - probably not due to the price of the tickets but the economy. No complaints about the ticket prices. There were also a lot of other banquets happening in the same month (all squash related)
 - ◆ Mark Hartley commented that with the economy, better food would be nice but perhaps not too drastic a change
 - ◆ Wanda Popadynetz suggests splitting where matches are played (courts) vs having dinner at a different locations ie. matches at Bow Valley Club and dinner the Elks Golf Club

ACTION ITEM: Everyone to provide thoughts / ideas on Banquet budget and spending for the Banquet Committee. Where do we want to direct our spending to add value for the membership? When? By Next Meeting

- Sponsorship Charles Fair
 - ◆ Kevin Doucet paid to advertise on an email blast. A set amount plus option to pay more if there were any sign ups as a result of the email blast – as of today, NIL
 - ◆ Sponsorship needs to be better on SportyHQ – perhaps rotating
 - ◆ Still an opportunity for insurance quotes to give \$25 to CISA
 - ◆ Charles Fair will send out the info to everyone again for the insurance quotes
 - ◆ Committee still needs to meet more often, to move Sponsorship forward
 - ◆ Arash Ardeshiricham will now lead the Sponsorship Committee due to Graeme Edge's business (which is keeping him busier than expected)
 - ◆ Suggestions – need more multiple levels of sponsorship plus a need to reach out to current and past sponsors

- League Email Blasts James Jelinski
 - ◆ Received by everyone – no comments

- Website Larry Allen, Ron Coggan, Alex Altamirano
 - ◆ Request for some updates have been made but priority had been to get the system up and running for the season
 - ◆ James Jelinski & Steve Kaltenhauser are working on improving the website
 - ◆ Feedback – rosters are easy to update, reports are much better than the old system
 - ◆ Fifth Avenue will be using SportyHQ for their competitive squash ladder and ranking

- Attendance Report Colleen Hicke
 - ◆ Nothing to report

- Squash Alberta Tim Landeryou, Grant Currie
 - ◆ Sept 1 a new ranking system
 - ◆ Important to get Interclub matches updated in SportyHQ to feed the Squash Alberta ranking
 - ◆ Updates to Squash Alberta will run every 2 weeks, and hopefully move to every week
 - ◆ Squash Alberta will now be working on a ranking system for Doubles- based on US racquetball system. This will be integrating Interclub leagues into the rankings
 - ◆ New premiere league for Mens Open players starting
 - ◆ Oct 14-16, 2016 is the Calgary Open at the Calgary Winter Club

- ◆ Squash Canada has agreement with Dunlop for squash balls being offered to us at \$26.60 dozen plus GST for one time delivery to Squash Alberta. There should be supplies available for delivery by end of October. The squash balls can only be used for programs and not for retail sale. Tim Landeryou will send out an email when Squash Alberta is accepting orders
- ◆ There is a coding problem where there is some crossing between CWC and WHC members. It's being looked at right now and may also be cleaning up duplicated club names
- ◆ SportyHQ is not taken into account for tournaments
- ◆ Club dues packages have been sent out

4. Other Business Arising

a. Grand Prix Squash

- Premiere League for Mens Open players to provide more games on the off week to Interclub. It does not affect Interclub. It complements the current Mens Level 1. It is organized by Ryan Jadusingh
- Matches will be played at various club across Calgary
- <http://www.calgarypremiersquashleague.com/>
- League is by invite only
- The matches are ranked on Squash Alberta

b. Email Voting

- One email should have been sent out – Peter will review and decide whether it is necessary to be voted on by email in the future
- Please reply all for the comments

c. College / University Grant

- TGG renewed sponsorship for \$1500 with \$500 going to the college and university tournament as directed by TGG
 - ◆ Concerns: Why do they not have to be SA members to be part of this tournament? Insurance issues?
 - ◆ This college/university tournament is introductory to attract players that have never played squash before
 - ◆ Run like a Squash Alberta program. It is an umbrella event with Squash Alberta; sanctioned by SA
- Monies in the Budget
 - ◆ Do we want to sponsor any programs, like this College/University program?
 - ◆ Is this a good usage of the monies? What is a better usage of the money?
 - ◆ Vision and mandate of CISA needs to be defined, as well as if we decide to sponsor any particular group, ie, University / College programs that will grow squash to those that have never played
 - ◆ Arash Ardeshiricham feels that it shouldn't be passive sponsorship but more active – and suggests a test run to see what we get in return for the monies spent/granted

- ◆ Committee established to look into how to possibly spend the monies comprised of Arash Ardeshiricham, Craig Hutchings, Patty Lew-Lapointe

d. Potential Rule Change – M1/L1 Policy

- Craig Hutchings, Glencoe, was originally approached by Jackie Moss, Jamie Laird and Danielle LeTourneau to play Mens 1
- They have been playing in Mens 1 in the past years
- Craig Hutchings is now looking to exempt the women from playing Ladies 1 in order to play Mens 1
- Concern expressed by Patty Lew-Lapointe, Mount Royal University, that MRU's Ladies 1 team will lose Jackie Moss and not be competitive to play at Level 1, and be short a player for the team
- There is a responsibility to be an ambassador to other women players

MOTION:

For this year and this year only, Mens 1 is an open level for ladies to play without having a commitment to be play in Ladies 1

Motion made by: Craig Hutchings, Glencoe Club

Seconded by: No one

The Motion is dead.

MOTION:

To allow ladies to play Mens 1 with a commitment to play Ladies Level 1 a minimum of 3 times (to be eligible for playoffs)

Motion made by: Craig Hutchings, Glencoe Club

Seconded by: Rick Spyker, Eau Claire Y

Discussions:

Rick Spyker notes that the ladies' first commitment is to Ladies 1 over Mens 1

Voting results: unanimous

Motion passed

5. Round Table/Club Feedback All
- a. Bankers Hall – Nothing to report
 - b. Bow Valley – Nothing to report
 - c. Calgary Winter Club – Calgary Open Oct 14-16, Womens Amateur and PSA coming in 2017
 - d. Eau Claire Y – Nothing to report
 - e. Fifth Avenue Club – Nothing to report
 - f. Fish Creek – Junior program will be offered by Leona Faller & Matt Grigg
 - g. Fitness Plus – Nothing to report
 - h. Glencoe – Renos are ongoing, Jesters Junior Open in Nov, Lapham Grant Doubles in Apr
 - i. MRU - Big thanks to World Health and Bankers Hall in helping MRU in mitigating 5 court conflicts - Sep 30 & Oct 1 is the MRU Season Opener Tournament – primarily for MRU Squash Club members - MRU Open Feb 23-26, 2017, PSA Challenger 5 with a Qualifier round on Feb 22, where we can have up to 8 local players
 - j. SAIT – Grown to 7 Interclub teams utilizing 4 courts
 - k. Southland Leisure – Nothing to report
 - l. U of C – available to help Mens 4 matches – December meeting is Dec 14
 - m. Western Canadian Place – Nothing to report
 - n. West Hillhurst – Nothing to report
 - o. World Health - loss of court 4 until Christmas which will affect some of the start times for home interclub matches – please check SportyHQ for updated times - this season, using a 'four-time' schedule for home games – 6:00, 6:45, 7:30 and 8:15 – to limit the number of late games
 - p. Squash Alberta – Each club is allowed one rules clinic & skills clinic each year
6. New Business
- a. Proposed Rule for IntraClub to sub for more than one Ladies 1 Club – nothing to report by the Rules committee this month – tasked to provide comment for next meeting
7. Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2016
8. Adjournment:
- a. Motion by: Rick Spyker, Eau Claire Y
 - b. Seconded by: Craig Hutchings, Glencoe Club
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

| ACTION | Who | When | Status |
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| Thoughts / Ideas re Year-End Banquet – location, theme, dinner ideas | All | Next Meeting | Open |



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| Proposed Rule: Intraclub Subbing | Rules Committee | Ongoing | Open |
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