



# CALGARY INTERCLUB SQUASH ASSOCIATION

Special General Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting. Wednesday October 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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

## Agenda

Protocol: Robert's Rules of Order

1. Welcome and Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting, September 21, 2016 as written and distributed
    - i. Motion made by: Craig Hutchings (Glencoe Club)
    - ii. Seconded by: Arash Ardeshiricham (Fifth Avenue)
    - iii. Minutes of September 21, 2016 are approved as written and distributed
3. Reports
  - a. Officers
    - i. President Peter Schwartz
      - A few words on the passing of Ken Gellatly, rep for Bow Valley Club
      - ✓ Love for Squash, golf and helping people, both with his work and outside of work
      - ✓ Ron Coggan knew Ken for over 10 years and worked with Ken on a number of projects
      - ✓ Ken's son is married to Jim Prentice's daughter
      - ✓ Memorial service for Ken on Monday, October 24, 2016
      - ✓ Ken had been on the interclub committee for many years replacing Doug Ripley
      - ✓ Kens always shared some interesting ideas – sometimes controversial but was never upset if something was turned down
      - ✓ Ken always had good jokes and a great sense of humour
      - ✓ Ken Cross, pro at Bow Valley, is looking at doing a tournament in his name at the Bow Valley Club
      - ✓ Funding committee to discuss and provide a donation to this tournament if it come to fruition
      - ✓ Wrapped up conversation with a toast to Ken
    - ii. Vice President Rick Spyker, absent
      - Nothing to report
    - iii. Secretary Patty Lew-Lapointe, absent
      - Nothing to report
    - iv. Treasurer Chris Watson
      - Current balance is \$16,823.00 with following outstanding cheques
      - ✓ SportyHQ
      - ✓ Tonight's meeting
      - ✓ Sponsorship for the University Squash tournament
    - v. Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
      - Junior Outreach squash has one week in the books
      - Domi Diaz and Kiefer Waite are coaching the kids in Banff

- Currently, there are 20 kids signed up and doing lessons
- They are currently fully funded
- There are kids from Exshaw, Morley, Canmore and Banff
- SaSquash is still a go in January – fundraiser for Jr. Outreach Squash
- Continue to work with the Community SAIT, Southland Leisure Centre and World Health Edgemont to promote squash and hopefully get more courts in the city

b. Committees

i. ByLaws

Craig Hutchings

- Bylaws were rejected
- Based on the information received, it was likely they didn't read our bylaws
- Bylaw committee met after CISA meeting on Oct 19, 2016
  - ✓ We did not blatantly say how we would expel someone from the committee
- After review and changes to the bylaws it has to go back to the membership for another approval vote

ii. Player Eligibility

Alex Altamirano, comments sent to Peter

- Alex received a note from one Captain regarding an incorrect result entered
- Teams are getting better at inputting their results quickly – only chasing a couple of teams each week to get results entered
- With the new Squash Alberta ranking system there will be updated rankings every two weeks.
- There has been 22 case of no Squash Alberta memberships, reminder emails have been sent to each of the players
- Squash Alberta memberships need to be paid in order get credit for results (win/loss)
- If the player is not a member at the time they played their match if they lose the player that played them will not get credit for the win.

iii. Rules Committee

Mark Hartley

- Two issues came up from the last meeting
  - ✓ Bow Valley vs Fish Creek: both teams were short one player so they only had 3 players each. Perhaps adjust the rules to address the subtlety of having only 3 players. In this scenario, the 4<sup>th</sup> player position will be selected as 'Match Not Played' on SportyHQ and there is only a total of 4 points awarded
  - ✓ Discipline – complaint came through for Ladies 2 during a match between Bow Valley and World Health Edgemont. The complaint included verbal abuse of the referee, all the victim (Bow Valley) is looking for is an apology from the player, but apparently since the match, the offender (World Health Edgemont) has quit interclub so there was discussion around it being redundant to punish the player. In discussion it was brought to the attention of the committee that World Health Edgemont can penalize the player as can Squash Alberta. Apparently, this is not the first time that the player has acted out, and it was concluded that there should be a written record of this incident with Calgary Interclub and Squash Alberta.

- ✓ Tom Field and Arthur Hough discussed the Squash Alberta disciplinary process, and it should be used for a reported incident, such as the one discussed. Arthur to provide Mark with the Squash Alberta code of conduct report form to use in this case for Mark to fill out and return

iv. League Inquiries Ron Coggan

- There were no inquiries since last meeting

v. Playoffs & Banquet Colleen Hicke

- Colleen has been in touch with Amanda at Bow Valley Club and Jake at World Health Edgemont
- Commitment was to have a venue by the next meeting, in line with previous discussions we wanted to offer 'something different'
- Capacity at each of the clubs is 120 at Bow Valley and 140 at World Health Edgemont
- In order to have the tournament at Bow Valley, we would need to have courts at Bankers Hall as well, as of right now there is no confirmation from Bob Ballinger on court usage

vi. Prizes Mark Hartley

- Round table discussion on ideas for prizes – Mark is looking for any inspirations that anyone might have
- In past years, there have been positive reviews on shirts
- Fleece sweaters had good feedback from the winners
- Clothing seems to be where people were leaning towards
- Prizes need for both 1<sup>st</sup> place League and Playoff winners
- Mark to bring leftovers to next meeting from previous years

vii. Sponsorship Arash Ardeshiricham

- Kevin Doucet sponsor Calgary Interclub in a previous email mailout. Arash to reach out Kevin (September 27, 2016 was deadline)
- All Interclub members to update their email information they have for Arash – he sent an email out to the committee
- Website – the links to the sponsors pages are not working, some improvement needs to be done to make the sponsors more prominent on the page as well as improve the links
- Ron Coggan has some comments:
  - ✓ Continue communication with Robert Rothenberg (who normally donates \$2000)
  - ✓ Continue communication with George Hanley from the Sleep Company who has been a very good sponsor in the past
- Historically we have gone after Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorship and sponsor on certain events such as food, playoffs, etc.,

viii. Funding Arash Ardeshiricham

- How much money and to what events do we want to sponsor?
- Look into something for Ken Gellatly (Builder's award, etc)

- Before we commit to anything, we will want to check with Ken Gellatly's family and Ken Cross
  - Funding Committee have not had the chance to meet yet
- ix. League Email Blasts James Jelinski
- An email blast was sent out 9 days ago (from meeting day) to 1400 people,.
  - Approximately 700-800 people opened the email
  - Last email included information about the league
- x. Website Larry Allen, Steve Kaltenhauser
- Ron Coggan has stepped back from the website, and letting Alex Altamirano and Steve Kaltenhauser communicate with SportyHQ to achieve desired results
  - Website committee has not met and there are no updates
  - A meeting is planned with SportyHQ to use the website builder. Steve and Alex will attend to streamline and analyze data so Alex can cut down on the man-hours spent on inputting
- xi. Attendance Report Colleen Hicke
- Bankers Hall has two absences – they may need to look at having someone else be the club representative. Graeme Edge is too busy.
  - Not charging Bow Valley Club with an absence for the October meeting
- xii. December Meeting Wanda Popadynetz
- Wanda absent
  - Comments around the table were to look at another place other than Brewsters for the December meeting. Nothing wrong with Brewsters – just felt it might be a good time to try something new
- xiii. Squash Alberta Tom Field, Arthur Hough
- Set up a monthly coffee meeting on the last Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am to discuss anything that is helpful in building squash in Alberta – new clubs, expansion, etc.
  - Single Jump ranking system is up and running as of October 10, 2016.
    - ✓ As of right now, the rankings include interclub week 1, premiere league week 1 and September tournaments
    - ✓ Going forward looking to update rankings on a weekly basis on Tuesday mornings. For this to work as smoothly as possible, they need interclub results by Monday at the latest with a preference for Friday evening.
  - Medicine Hat is experimenting with sending their results from their Intraclub box league
  - Meeting with clubs across Alberta to see if SA can get their box league results
  - Arthur's goal for the year is to get as many clubs as possible into the R2 Ranking system – the more data available, the more accurate the results

- Officiating – SA offers a free rules clinic to every club – so far 4 clubs have had a rules clinic – Fitness Plus, Banker’s Hall x 2, Body Basics in Red Deer
- Certification Clinics this year
  - ✓ Edmonton – December 3 @ Edmonton Squash Club
  - ✓ Calgary – January 7 @ University of Calgary
  - ✓ This is a slide show presentation with no court time
- Skill Clinics are also available for Clubs for 8-12 people – one per club free
- Squash balls ordered through Squash Canada came in today (October 19, 2016) and will be distributed next week
- Tournaments
  - ✓ Jr. Grand Prix has started
  - ✓ Jesters Jr. Open will be at Glencoe
  - ✓ Woman’s double event was a huge success
  - ✓ Calgary Open was a little light with only 104 entries
  - ✓ 74 boys/girls at the World Health Jr. Tournament
  - ✓ University Championships Tournament coming up
    - Jake Hooker, Jack Hoogstraten, Kevin Doucet and Arthur Hough all involved
    - SAIT should have 8 – 10 players
    - U of A has 3 teams, MRU has 2 teams – with maybe a 3<sup>rd</sup> team, U of C has 3 teams
    - November 18-20 at U of C
    - Open to all colleges and universities – students have to be enrolled in a min of 3 classes to be eligible to play on the team

#### 4. Other Business Arising

##### a. Email Voting

- i. Only used for critical votes (questions asked... does it need to be resolved before the next meeting)
- ii. Goes to Executive Committee to determine whether or not this is a critical vote
- iii. There has to be a discussion period and then a vote

##### b. Penalty Points

- i. Discussion regarding augmenting the rules to punish just the individuals vs the whole team
- ii. It was brought to our attention that there is a zero tolerance policy because the Squash Alberta membership is for both Rankings and insurance purposes

##### c. Motion by Craig Hutchings, Glencoe Club

- i. Craig motioned that a club representative can request an email vote as long as it is 48 hours before the decision needs to be made and at least 75% of members are to vote
- ii. This motion was asked to be tabled until the November meeting

##### d. Potential Rule Change – Intradivision subbing

- i. Rules committee is to come up with a motion regarding intraclub subbing before the next meeting and table for discussion

- 5. Round Table/Club Feedback All
  - a. Bankers Hall – nothing to report
  - b. Bow Valley – nothing to report
  - c. Calgary Winter Club – Calgary Open with a Shaw broadcast of Mens and Ladies Final matches as well as a live YouTube streaming – Women’s Weekend and PSA will be March 7-12
  - d. Eau Claire Y – nothing to report
  - e. Fifth Avenue Club – nothing to report
  - f. Fish Creek – nothing to report
  - g. Fitness Plus – Tournament first week of December
  - h. Glencoe – LED court lighting replacement – Jesters AB Open 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November
  - i. MRU – nothing to report
  - j. SAIT – LED lighting in each court- student participation is growing and approaching a critical mass
  - k. Southland Leisure – nothing to report
  - l. U of C – Colin Whitney from Vancouver via England is the new Pro
  - m. Western Canadian Place – WCP is downsizing from 3 courts to 2 courts – one of the courts being converted to a specialty weight room
  - n. West Hillhurst – nothing to report
  - o. World Health – new restaurant manager is Jake Hooker – court 4 has been fixed and is now functional – Masters Tournament November 18-22
  
- 6. New Business
  
- 7. Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2016
  
- 8. Adjournment:
  - a. Motion by: Tom Field, Squash Alberta
  - b. Seconded by: Charles Fair, Fish Creek
  - c. Meeting adjourned at ??? p.m.

| <b>ACTION</b>   | <b>Who</b>      | <b>When</b>  | <b>Status</b> |
|---|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Thoughts / Ideas re Year-End Banquet – location, theme, dinner ideas</b> | All             | Next Meeting | Open          |
| <b>Proposed Rule: Intraclub Subbing</b>                                     | Rules Committee | Ongoing      | Open          |