

Regular Monthly Meeting: August 21, 2019 at 7.00pm

Location: The Glencoe Club: 636 29 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2S 0P1

Agenda of Regular General Meeting:

- **Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting**
 - a. Call to order the August monthly meeting at 7.08pm
 - b. Quick roundtable to introduce new people sitting in for this month's meeting and any new representatives.

- **Approval of the Previous Month's (June) Minutes**
 - a. Harvey Huebsch makes a motion to approve minutes as presented
 - b. Kurt Kennedy seconds the motion to approve the minutes

- **Reports**
 - a. **President (Peter Schwartz)**
 - i. Welcome to the 2019 / 2020 Calgary Interclub Squash Season
 - ii. Attendance requirements for the year is that your club must have attended at least 7 of the 10 meetings throughout the year or the following season your team fees will double for your club.
 - iii. Reminder that all club representatives do have to be on at least one committee
 - b. **Vice President (Rick Spyker)**
 - i. Rick commended the Saturday August 17th Officiating Certification Course that was hosted at the Glencoe from 9.00am – 3.30pm
 - ii. The Course was a free program offered by Squash Alberta to help members learn the basics of officiating and Rod McDougall did a great job breaking down different scenarios and creating dialogue with the close to 15 members that attended the session
 - c. **Secretary (Anthony Reimert)**
 - i. Nothing to report over the summer
 - d. **Treasurer (Mariette Rabacal)**
 - i. Due to unforeseen work commitments Mariette was unable to attend but did pass on her treasury summary:
 - 1. Bank balance is currently at \$17,854.85; however this balance will be at \$19,854.85 if she factors in the cheque from Rothenberg Capital Partners that has not yet been deposited.
 - 2. The next AGM meeting does need to be scheduled soon (next meeting if possible) as the financials and annual return do need to be filed soon.
 - 3. The cheque book needs to be returned by Anthony Reimert and then Rick Spyker can take the cheque book and Mariette can arrange pickup

e. Director, Community Relations (Ron Coggan)

- i. Nothing to report from a community relations standpoint

• **Committees**

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

- i. Alex was unable to attend the meeting but did pass on an email.
- ii. Player Eligibility Committee is here to help the club representatives with information and to avoid misunderstanding with their players when their membership status is validated or not.
- iii. Alex did provide a report that will be sent out to all club representatives to show the Squash Alberta membership participation from players that played last year
- iv. Alex also provided a summary on how to register for your Squash Alberta membership if you did not have one last year or need to renew.
- v. Both files along with email from Alex will be distributed to Club Representatives by Secretary, Anthony Reimert.

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

- i. Nothing significant to report – committee will get together and start proposing some ideas for the Interclub Finals Season Wrap Up
- ii. Semi-Finals back to 2 Tuesdays and Finals day on the Saturday
 1. Semi-Finals will be held on April 14th and 21st
 2. Finals will be held on Saturday April 25th, 2020

c. Prizes (Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal)

- i. Nothing to report

d. Team Selection (Peter Schwartz)

- i. Eau Claire YMCA
 1. All good with their team selections
- ii. Southland
 1. Totally fine with their teams and they have seen an increase in the number of players this year
- iii. SAIT
 1. Almost everything in in good shape with just a couple issues:
 - a. SAIT has 9 teams but 3 of those teams are in men's 10 (looking to switch one of their level 10 teams with a team that is in level 9 currently)
 - b. Ladies 5 they have enough players to field a team; however a lot of them are spares so they would like one or two more full time players for Ladies 5

- iv. University of Calgary
 - 1. Conflict with Ladies Level 2:
 - a. They would like to enter their new team at level 2; however currently they are put into level 3 to avoid bye situations in multiple levels
 - b. One suggestion brought up was to switch spots with one of the two Calgary Winter Club teams that are both in level 2 currently
- v. Calgary Winter Club
 - 1. Will take away the Ladies level 2 request from University of Calgary
 - 2. They will not be losing Gina Schille's level 1 team
 - 3. They have team moving up to Ladies level 1 and that team would prefer to stay at level 2 as they don't want to move up
 - a. Ron asked what happened to the University of Calgary ladies level 1 team? Where did they all disband to?
 - 4. Mount Royal University Men's Level 3 will switch positions with Calgary Winter Club Men's Level 4 team.
- vi. Western Canadian Place
 - 1. They currently have one interclub team and they are happy where they are positioned
- vii. Bow Valley Club
 - 1. All requests were satisfied and everyone is happy
- viii. Fifth Avenue Club
 - 1. Happy with their current positions
 - 2. Kyle Mitton will ask about their level 9 team switching with one of SAIT's level 10 teams.
- ix. World Health Edgemont
 - 1. They only want a single ladies 4 team which didn't look like it was put in; however Glencoe dropped a Ladies 4 team so World Health Edgemont will take that spot in Ladies 4
- x. Glencoe
 - 1. Happy with all adjustments made
 - 2. Request to drop Level 5 ladies
 - 3. They were happy with the moves made for Men's Level 1 and Men's 9
- xi. Bankers Hall Club
 - 1. All looks good except
 - a. 1) had a request to move one of their two teams in Level 5 to Level 4 giving us one team at each level
 - i. U of C has the last spot in Level 4 and that team would have earned a spot in Level 5
 - b. 2) had a request to move our Men's 12 team to Men's 11

- xii. Mount Royal University
 - 1. All requests are good, Men's Level 3 will switch with Calgary Winter Club Men's level 4
- xiii. West Hillhurst Club
 - 1. Everything looks good, they did have one request that they would like:
 - a. Request for the level 8 team to go up to 7
- xiv. Fish Creek
 - 1. Will only be fielding 3 teams this year
 - 2. Their men's 11 and men's 12 will be merging into one team
 - 3. They are happy with all other teams
- xv. Fitness Plus
 - 1. Lost 2 teams this year
 - 2. Everything looks good as of right now

e. Rules (Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch)

- i. Haven't heard of any rule concerns or inquiries coming up over the summer
- ii. 0.5 point rule for completing squash officiating course, rules clinic or online officiating course has been adopted needs to be posted to SportyHQ
- iii. Publish the new set of rules and all the team captains should be notified through their Club Representatives
- iv. Division 2 men's – ask if they prefer to stay at par 15 or would they prefer to go to par 11 scoring?
 - 1. Peter needs to hear back from all Level 2 teams via Club Representatives by August 28th, 2019 to determine whether or not we will adopt par 11 scoring for Men's Level 2

f. League Inquiries (Ron Coggan)

- i. Recent graduate from U of C was looking for some higher level competition and had inquired with Ron to see where he should play. He did come to one drop in session at SAIT; however it looks like he will return to U of C and play there.

g. Sponsorship (Connor Batchelor)

- i. No updates in relation to new sponsorship over the summer
- ii. All sponsors from the 2018 / 2019 season have paid
- iii. Still looking for Ladies level 1 trophy sponsor
 - 1. Connor to reach out to all the Ladies level 1 captains and see if they are involved in businesses that could sponsor
 - 2. If any Club Representatives come across a sponsorship opportunity please get in touch with Connor and he can get the sponsorship package out to the potential donor.

h. Funding (Harvey Huebsch)

- i. Nothing to report

i. Future Season Dates (Formerly Alan Truong, now Ben Meszaros)

- i. Everything is set up and in place for the upcoming season
- ii. Biggest change for the upcoming season:
 - 1. Interclub semi-finals are back to two weeks on April 14th and 21st
 - 2. Interclub Finals will be on Saturday April 25th

j. Email Blasts (James Jelinski)

- i. Need to Send out and email blast in as soon as possible to address:
 - 1. Next AGM invitation needs to go out at least 21 days prior to hosting, which we plan on hosting at our September meeting [Sept. 18th, 2019]
 - 2. September 10th start date for Interclub Pool A and September 17th for Interclub Pool B
 - 3. Address Rule Changes in regards to the officiating clinic and a reminder for all players to review rules prior to the start of the season
 - 4. Mention the officiating clinics, rule clinics and online course

k. Website (James Jelinski, Kyle Mitton and Sean McInnes)

- i. Ready to go ahead with Henry with SportyHQ as per dialogue at the June meeting
 - 1. Upon signing contract with SportyHQ and paying \$6,000 to SportyHQ they will develop a website and include 4 years of operating costs (which we have paid \$1,500.00 a year for in the past)
 - 2. In order to proceed we would need to provide Henry with content that would be included on the website
 - 3. Henry said that this is very doable and it could be up and running by the beginning of the 2019 / 2020 squash season.
 - 4. We need to pay the \$6,000.00 up front and it is James' recommendation that we move forward.
 - a. Questions and comments:
 - i. Need to sign contract with SportyHQ that will outline exactly what we get and the maintenance schedule / who incurs the costs
 - ii. Need to provide Henry with all of the content plus any new information that we would want on the site
 - iii. Website will be a standalone website there will be a login on the main website which takes you to SportyHQ as we see it today

- iv. To James' knowledge CISA would be responsible for updates and upgrades to the site, needs to be finalized in a contract.
- b. Content Included
 - i. Mission and Vision Statement
 - ii. Captains List and Team Standings
 - iii. Sponsors
 - iv. League Information, Rules and Schedule
 - v. Affiliated leagues [Premier and Doubles]
 - vi. Frequently asked Questions
 - vii. A place to post monthly meeting minutes
 - viii. Login Link to SportyHQ for score sheet entering
 - ix. Contact information

5. Motion for a New Website:

- a. James Jelinski makes motion to develop a contract with SportyHQ to pay them for services to build a website for the CISA at a cost of \$6,000.00. This \$6,000.00 includes our annual usage costs for the next 4 years.
- b. Rick Spyker seconds the motion
- c. Commentary:
 - i. Ron wants to know if there will be a conduit to ClubLocker?
 - ii. We want to ensure that scores and information that is entered in our website is easily transferrable to ClubLocker
 - iii. Recommendation to work with Ken Cross from Squash Alberta as a ClubLocker liaison to ensure formatting is right between the two sites.
 - iv. Kurt Kennedy wants to know how long it is going to take to develop the site and get the information easily transferred over to ClubLocker
 - v. Kyle Mitton is confident that there will be no problems as Squash BC already has a relationship with both parties ClubLocker and SportyHQ
 - vi. Clarification: 4 years of annual fee upfront (\$1,500.00 x 4 = \$6,000.00) Same cost with added functionality and after the 4 years it they are negotiating to drop our annual usage charge to \$750 annually.
 - vii. Maintenance and updates after it is set up and running is our biggest concern right now – what does that look like?
- d. Motion carries Unanimous

i. Doubles (From Harvey Huebsch for Jorge Rabacal)

- i. First matches of doubles season to start the second week of September
- ii. Few Changes for doubles interclub this season:
 - 1. Teams will play every week, schedule will be posted on SportyHQ
 - 2. There will only be 2 teams per club per interclub night instead of 3
 - 3. Level 4 doubles will play on Tuesdays (apparently these players do not play singles and it should not impact singles interclub)
 - 4. Level 1, 2 and 3 will continue to play on Thursday evenings
 - 5. Start times for matches will be at 6.00pm and 7.30pm

m. Attendance (Formerly Alan Truong, now Ben Meszaros)

- i. All teams are clear for the upcoming 2019 / 2020 season
- ii. No one missed more than 3 meetings last year – Bow Valley was close
- iii. You need to have a Club Representative come to 7 out of 10 meetings
- iv. If you don't have a Club Representative at 7 out of 10 meetings. Your team fees for the following season will double if you cannot meet this requirement.

n. December meeting (Wanda Popadeynetz)

- i. Nothing to report until closer to December

o. Squash Alberta (Ken)

- i. 27 registered for the Rules Clinic [August 21st, 2019] at the Calgary Winter Club from 6.00pm to 8.00pm
- ii. 12 to 14 came to the last officiating course which was held at the Glencoe Club on Saturday August 17th from 9.00am to 3.30pm
- iii. Next officiating course comes on September 8th, 2019 at World Health Edgemont from 9.00am to 3.30pm
- iv. They will do more free courses at your club. After speaking to your members at your club get in touch with Ken Cross and they will book the full day course.
 - 1. Maximum 30 people for the course
 - 2. Must provide board room / classroom and squash court at no cost as Squash Alberta is already doing the course for free.
 - 3. They will also do a 2 hour Rules Clinic; these can be more than 30 people but it definitely isn't in depth.
 - 4. Minimum amount of people to run the course would be 12 - 15 in both cases
- v. Keith Wellon will send the list for anyone who will be grandfathered and receive the 0.5 bonus point – 8 Squash Alberta members took the course last year
- vi. Auto Renew of Squash Alberta Memberships
 - 1. Refunded 107 people [moved away, not playing squash this year, would prefer to pay on their own]

2. Club Representatives ensure that you talk to members and make sure they understand the insurance benefits of a Squash Alberta membership.
3. Insurance is the main driver by having it renewed at July 1st each year
4. Website updated to \$25.00 for the one time membership

vii. Ron Questions

1. It was mentioned in the last minutes that it was open to abuse, do we know how many cases?
 - a. Approximately 20 people that signed up for student memberships weren't students
2. Ron felt it was good tracking mechanism to see student participation not only in Squash Alberta but amongst the three Post-Secondary Clubs [U of C, SAIT and Mount Royal]

• **Other Business Arising**

- i. Especially now that we are doing the officiating clinics, it is important that all Club Representatives let their Level 1 team captains know that they need to ref and score keep all matches. Currently these players do it for tournaments and premier league and it is a requirement for Calgary Interclub.
- ii. Need to lock down team selection and last changes as soon as possible:
 1. Peter will send out another revision as soon as possible
 2. Club Representatives responsibility to get back to Peter with conflicts as soon as possible
 3. After team selection is complete next steps as follows:
 - a. Send email with the court names and start times
 - b. Send start time requests for any specific teams (early or late)
- iii. James Jelinski to have Alex Altamirano zero out SportyHQ results and get the 2019 / 2020 teams put into SportyHQ
 1. Captains to go into SportyHQ and input their Rosters

• **Round Table / Club Feedback**

- a. Fish Creek Sports Club
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. West Hillhurst
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. Calgary Winter Club
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Western Canadian Place
 - i. Nothing to report
- e. Bow Valley
 - i. New Flooring in singles courts 4 and 5
 - ii. New Flooring in doubles court

- iii. Restaurant flooring has also been refinished since the flood and they will be ready to host interclub matches starting on September 10th
- f. Fifth Avenue Club
 - i. Nothing to report
- g. Glencoe
 - i. Front wall in doubles court has been replaced, it was being ruined by too much washing with the wrong technique
- h. World Health Edgemont
 - i. Nothing to report
- i. Bankers Hall Club
 - i. 1.5 million dollar renovation is almost completed.
 - ii. Renovation included work on each of the squash courts
 - 1. New front walls being installed in all four courts
 - 2. All court floors have been sanded and new lines painted
 - 3. Members had access to World Health Edgemont courts while under repair
 - iii. Thursday October 17th Bankers Hall Club will be hosting a ladies squash and wine night at the club.
 - iv. October 31st to November 3rd Bankers Hall will host their No Frills Squash Tournament
- j. Fitness Plus
 - i. For whatever reason Fitness Plus has lost some people from the club this year and they had to Drop 2 teams so they are now down to 9 teams from 11
 - ii. They will still have 1 team that will have to play on a Wednesday night and that will be communicated as the schedule is completed with
- k. Eau Claire YMCA
 - i. Nothing to report
- l. SAIT
 - i. Alan Truong had to step down as he is a new father
 - 1. Ben Meszaros and Sean McInnes will be stepping in to help with representing SAIT
 - a. Ben Meszaros to take care of Attendance and Future Dates Spreadsheet
 - b. Sean McInnes to help out with Website Committee
 - ii. Everything else is running smoothly at SAIT
 - iii. They are looking forward to the 2019 Alberta University College Championships
 - 1. This will be held at U of C from November 15 – November 17
 - iv. SAIT is up to 9 Interclub Team this year
 - v. Ladies level 5 at SAIT is looking for players
 - 1. Currently have enough players to field a team but they have a lot of subs and not full time players

- vi. Ron Coggan working with SAIT Recreation to develop some extramural activities that will help promote and grow the game of squash.
 - m. Southland
 - i. Southland teams have more players than they were anticipating
 - ii. They will field two strong Men's Level 12 teams
 - n. University of Calgary
 - i. The University of Calgary will be hosting the Calgary Open this year
 - 1. The event will be run by Colin Whitney
 - 2. It will run from October 18, 2019 to October 20, 2019
 - o. Mount Royal University
 - i. Will be moving where final exams are written to the triple gym and will be closing courts D, E and F from April 7th to April 25th to reduce noise
 - 1. There is a request submitted to only close 2 courts so we have 4 for interclub
 - 2. Will really only impact Semi-Finals at our club, but this will be every year going forward
 - ii. We were able to get the 9.00pm – 9.45pm time on our courts on Tuesday's so players do not get kicked off if interclub matches go long
- **Next Meeting:**
 - a. September 18th, 2019 at 7.00pm @ Danish Canadian Club; 727 – 11 Avenue SW
- **Motion to Dismiss:**
 - a. Motion to Dismiss by David Wright from Fish Creek
 - b. Motion seconded by Mark Hartley at West Hillhurst
 - c. Meeting dismissed at 8.24pm