

Regular Monthly Meeting. March 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	Team Selection	X	
Vice President	Rick Spyker	Playoff / Banquet	X	
Treasurer	Mariette Rabacal	Treasurer	X	
Secretary	Anthony Reimert	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			X
Calgary Winter Club (CWC)	Wes Mah	Sponsorship	X	
LaunchCode	Rick Spyker	Playoff / Banquet	X	
Fifth Avenue Club	Kyle Mitton	Website	X	
Fish Creek Sports Club	No teams 2021/22 Alex Altamirano	Player Eligibility/Reporting	X	
South Calgary Squash Club	Peter Schwartz	Team Selection	X	
Glencoe Club	Harvey Huebsch	Rules & Funding	X	
Mount Royal University	Jeff Mattock	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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March Regular Monthly Meeting:

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

- Call the meeting to order at 7:02pm

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (February Minutes)

- Correction under Director of Community Relations – Ron Coggan
 - Add “immigrants” and adjust date from “June” to “until the end of August”
- Correction to the rules comments – Rick Spyker
 - Need to add what was in the email that was sent by Keith

3. Reports

a. Officers

- President Peter Schwartz
 - Club representative to get on their captains for rescheduling their games
 - Anthony to resend corrected meeting minutes when the adjustments have been made
- Vice President Rick Spyker
 - Nothing to add
- Secretary Anthony Reimert
 - Thanks to Jorge Rabacal for taking the monthly meeting minutes
 - None of my emails are going through to the Bow Valley reps (Dean, Darren or Colin)
 - Some playoff and banquet news to touch on later in the meeting
- Treasurer Mariette Rabacal
 - \$22,894.55 is the current balance of the bank account
 - Invoiced for all of the promotional material that Wes Mah requested.
 - Edgemont Athletic and Bow Valley Athletic Club haven’t paid their interclub dues
 - Kyle Mitton following up on the \$113.00 charge from “radiant?”
 - They keep taking money and have sent invoices since having been cancelled
 - Mariette will be sending the email / invoice to Kyle Mitton and James Jelinski
 - Mariette hasn’t seen any budgets
 - Peter Schwartz “Committees get your budgets in to Mariette”
- Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
 - Membership is up and they’re doing well in Banff

b. Committees

- Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano
 - Squash Alberta membership is doing good
 - 2 - 3 players need to update information; people need to accept conditions on website
 - If you are unsure on the process, please send to Alex Altamirano
- Prizes: Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal
 - Mark Hartley sent out an email to Club Representatives with some clothing options
 - Mark is recording responses to his email and will complete the order based on consensus
 - Anyone who has not responded to Mark Hartley's email please do so
 - Will need to get in touch with teams once division winners are finalized
 - League winners get clothing tops and the playoff winners get cooler bags
- Rules: Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch
 - Updated the bonus points in SportyHQ, 47 individuals qualified, 23 total points were awarded
 - Will update one more time before the end of the season
 - Club Representatives to survey teams to see if anyone is interested in doing a course
 - Alex Altamirano: "If you receive message from your players about changes in the standings it may be because of the bonus points"
 - Ron Coggan: "Wants to propose using a different ball (high altitude ball) at SAIT because it is very warm" [Suggestion to test this out in friendly matches before considering it for an interclub match]
 - Harvey Huebsch: "Went through player eligibility after last meeting and passed all of the information on to Alex"
 - Jana Dweek is wanting to play for Men's Level 2: consensus is that she can.
 - What happens at end of year if a team is unable to reschedule:
 - End of season is to be total points to encourage play
 - If other team doesn't want to play the rules committee will make a call on what to do (default or otherwise)
 - Alex Altamirano: "Wanted to confirm whether or not we must use Dunlop squash balls for our interclub matches?"
 - Squash Alberta says it's not Interclub's decision and we must use the Dunlop ball.
 - Alex Altamirano: "Person got hurt by a squash ball in the game, the player is now complaining about the event that happened causing injury and disagreed with the rules committee decision. Rules committee has made their decision and we are moving on."
- Playoff & Banquet Committee: Rick Spyker and Anthony Reimert
 - Anthony:

- Rick Spyker and Anthony Reimert met with Omar Polyniak virtually to discuss the set-up of the banquet / finals
 - Need to come to a conclusion on what our budget is per person and whether or not Calgary Interclub will be covering the cost or whether we will have a cost to it
 - Personally given the tough two years we have had I would suggest that we pay for the banquet and next year instead of having sponsors just sponsor the league in general we focus on getting sponsorship for individual items; i.e. prizes with branding, banquet sponsor, courtside food sponsor etc.
 - Rick:
 - Edgemont athletic club, courts booked 10:30am to 4.00pm, 6 courts – banquet to begin at 4.30pm – 5.00pm
 - All of our discussions are based on an All in cost.
 - Courtside food and beverage during matches
 - Banquet holds 80 people food and beverage on behalf of the league
 - Total cost we are looking at \$5,500.00 (previously this cost was the same with charging members)
 - Believes food and a beverage ticket should be covered by league
 - \$5 drinks (Interclub covers 1st beverage)
 - April 23rd – need volunteers for the day
- League Inquiries: Ron Coggan
 - The inquiry button now works
 - No button for “Results”
- Sponsorship: Wes Mah
 - Not getting any responses for Ladies 1 Trophy sponsors
 - Peter – Wes Mah to send sponsorship email to Peter Schwartz to get sponsor for Ladies 1
- Funding: Harvey Huebsch
 - Nothing to report
- Email Blasts: James Jelinski
 - Nothing has been sent recently
 - Emails that need to be sent
 - Sending one regarding getting the last matches rescheduled
 - Sending one regarding the playoff dates, new website etc.
- Website: James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton
 - Will look into the Results button
 - Live scoring on the website – no ETA on when this will be up and running

- **Doubles:** Jorge Rabacal
 - No updates
 - Doubles interclub to get up and running again next season; no prizes etc. for this year
- **Attendance Report / Future Dates:** Sean McInnes
 - Bow Valley Athletic Club is at 2 Absences
 - Fifth Avenue Club is at 2 Absences
- **Squash Alberta** Ken Cross
 - Junior championships had 80 kids registered
 - Provincial Seniors tournament: April 1st to 3rd, done by rankings
 - Interclub Finals: Squash Alberta will provide officials for the matches, will update soon.
 - Squash Alberta rebates \$5 per player
 - Squash Alberta would like to get a shoutout at the Banquet – Rick and Anthony to discuss
 - Canadian Open happening at Bow Valley Athletic Club from April 11th – 15th
 - Glass Court being put up in Bow Valley Square
 - Early set up will allow some of the juniors to experience the glass court being put in bow valley square, 4 days setup on weekend for juniors to experience glass court
 - If any clubs want to book the glass court and play on it they can talk to Ken Cross: The cost is \$100 an hour.
 - Peter Schwartz: “Should we sponsor the glass court?”
 - Harvey Huebsch to look into this
 - Ron Coggan: “Thanks to Squash Alberta for the Junior Grand Prix”

4. Other Business Arising: Any other business?

- Nothing to report

5. Round Table/Club Feedback: All Clubs Current Feedback

- **Bow Valley Athletic Club**
 - N/A
- **Calgary Winter Club**
 - Hosted Women’s PSA event; fantastic tournament with good feedback
 - Working on reschedules:
 - MRU Men’s 2A – has been difficult to reschedule
 - Committee Social in May at the Winter Club?
 - Friday night May 6th; doubles included
 - Wes Mah to send out a feeler for organizing

- **Edgemont Athletic Club**
 - Nothing to report
- **Fifth Avenue Club**
 - Since March 1st they are starting to see more activity as more people are back downtown
- **Glencoe Club**
 - 3 matches left to reschedule
 - Club championships are in April, Finals will be the week after interclub finals
- **LaunchCode**
 - Last few months they have struggled to get players to matches
 - Checked in with their new captain and some matches are needing to be rescheduled
- **Mount Royal University**
 - Successful MRU Open ran from February 24 – 27, 2022
 - Had 83 entrants, lower than a normal year but still happy with the turn out
 - Great sponsorship allowed us to keep costs lower than a normal year and still provide entrants with good value (3 match minimum, entry gift bag, good prizes and pub night with drink ticket)
 - Last two weeks of matches are slowly getting scheduled most teams have been fairly cooperative
 - As of March 1, 2022 REP ended at MRU, mask no longer required but still strongly recommended
- **SAIT**
 - Very warm on courts
 - Will try some friendly matches with High Altitude squash balls prior to trying in Interclub
- **South Calgary Squash Club**
 - Hosted another tournament “Clearport Open 2” not as big as what they thought but still lots of fun
 - Junior programs just finished, 40 entrants for winter and 50 entrants signed up for spring. New coaches to help out.
- **Southland Leisure Centre**
 - Rescheduled matches have been arranged
- **University of Calgary**
 - Nothing to report, Wanda has not been there as she has not been playing
 - Everything is back to normal play
- **West Hillhurst**
 - Club Championships were held last week
 - They did an exhibition match with Brett Schille and Graeme Schnell



6. Adjournment

- Next meeting 3 days before finals; send out anything you need prior to next meeting to ensure that it is covered.
- Mark Hartley motion to end the meeting
- Kyle Mitton seconds the motion
- Meeting Adjourned at 8.57pm

7. Next Meeting Date:

- Wednesday April 20th, 2022 at 7.00pm at the Danish Canadian Club

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Action:** Club representatives to contact them (Jackie, Jamie and Leona) to let them know they can plan (Harvey and Peter)
- **Jorge** and **Mark** to review and distribute amongst committee the options.
- **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.
- Rethink this by **Wes** and **Anthony**. Maybe repurpose the sponsorship to everything else [Banquets, Tin advertising, Prize Sponsor etc.]