

Regular Monthly Meeting. Wednesday September 8th, 2021 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		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	Alex Altamirano	Player Eligibility / Reporting	X	
South Calgary Squash Club	Peter Schwartz	Team Selection	X	
Glencoe Club	Harvey Huebsch/Chris Doyle	Rules & Funding	X	
Mount Royal University	Tanya/Simpson/Anthony Reimert / Keith Wellon	Playoff / Banquet & Rules	X	
SAIT	Sean McInnes	Future Dates / Attendance	X	
Southland Leisure Centre	Brian Fong/Ron Coggan	League Inquiries	X	
University of Calgary	Wanda Popadynetz	December Meeting	X	
Western Canadian Place	James Jelinski	Website / Email Blasts	X	
West Hillhurst Club	Mark Hartley/Chris Chang	Prizes / Rules	X	
Edgemont Athletic	Helen Geodemondt / Vahbiz Bulsara		X	
Edgemont Athletic	Mariette Rabacal	Treasurer	X	
Doubles	Jorge Rabacal	Doubles	X	
Squash Alberta	Ken Cross		X	

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September Regular Monthly Meeting:

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

- Call to order of the regular monthly meeting at 7:05pm
- Quick round table to introduce all club representatives and attendees

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (August Minutes)

- Motion to approve minutes as presented.
 - i. Jorge Rabacal, Edgemont Athletic Club
 - ii. Seconded by Wes Mah, Calgary Winter Club
- All in Favor

3. Reports

a. Officers

- President Peter Schwartz
 - Nothing to report
- Vice President Rick Spyker
 - Nothing to report
- Secretary Anthony Reimert
 - Danish Canadian Club opened effective September 7th but could close at any time depending on public health guidelines so we will be booking month to month.
 - Booked for next adhoc meeting scheduled for Sep 29, 2021
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- Treasurer Mariette Rabacal
 - Balance: \$21,264.26
 - Debit Order for unnecessary website services
 - Another debit order was processed Dec 2020, but under a different name, thus the previous debit order cancelation wasn't effective.
 - James will work with Mariette and Rick to re-address this stop payment.
- Director, Community Relations Ron Coggan
 - Banff Sasquash tournament planned for Jan 6 – 9.

b. Committees

- Player Eligibility/ Reporting: Alex Altamirano
 - Emailed the group a list of current Squash Alberta membership for use with your players.
 - Alex will provide 2 more updates prior to start of league play.

- Prizes: Mark Hartley and Jorge Rabacal
 - Nothing to report

- Rules: Mark Hartley, Keith Wellon and Harvey Huebsch
 - Retain the past action item for reps to send to rules updates to your captains

- League Inquiries: Ron Coggan
 - Nothing to report

- 2021 / 2022 Season Planning: All
 - League Plan
 - League start date – October 5, 2021
 - September 23, 2021 drop dead date to have all your teams in to Peter to allow Steve K. to prepare the season schedule.
 - Did a round table to get rough idea of number of teams.
 - All reps must provide Peter with an email indicating number of teams (Mens and Ladies) and level last played.
 - Players names, if available would help seeding.

- Sponsorship: Wes Mah
 - Nothing new to report
 - Wes will review past sponsorship names and rates

- Funding: Harvey Huebsch
 - Nothing to report

- Email Blasts: James Jelinski
 - 55% acceptance rate from last email blast, which is similar rates to the past
 - Future email blast topics

- League introduction
 - Monitor website to stay current on club specific protocols, as protocols may change during the season
 - Social requirements of the league will be optional this year, as a temporary message.
 - Add doubles information to future email blasts.

- Website: James Jelinski and Kyle Mitton
 - Still working on the last couple punch list items, none of which preclude us from using the website for this season.
 - Reps should encourage their players to use the ScoreSquash app to score, which will automatically post scores to the website.
 - Automatically uploads scores
 - Provides live scoring
 - Reminders for Reps to inform their captains to fill out the rosters in SportyHQ prior to playing.

- Doubles: Jorge Rabacal
 - Doubles planning to play this year.
 - similar start date as singles.
 - playing Thursdays.
 - Add doubles info to future email blasts

- Attendance Report / Future Dates: Sean McInnes
 - 100% attendance YTD

- Squash Alberta Ken Cross
 - Next BOD meeting scheduled for the end of the September
 - AB clubs are currently wanting to establish their own protocols
 - Other jurisdictions, like Ontario, are using the Squash ONT protocols
 - SquashAB Waiver presented by Ken
 - Plan for waiver requirements for all SquashAB sanctioned events
 - Logistics via Club Locker
 - When signing up for SquashAB, will be prompted to accept the waiver.
 - Waiver status will be visible via ClubLocker

4. Other Business Arising:

Any other business?

- Motion made by Rick Spyker for CISA to adopt the SquashAB waiver form and process as presented by Ken Cross/Squash AB.
 - Seconded by Kyle Mitton
 - Discussion
 - Vote – In Favor unanimous
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- Motion made by Chris Doyle that CISA mandate that all participants be fully vaccinated prior to playing.
 - Seconded by Ron Coggan
 - Discussion Topics
 - Enforcement challenges
 - Captain Responsibilities
 - Clubs will establish their own protocols, which CISA participants must follow.
 - Vote
 - For 3
 - Against – 11
 - Abstain – 0
 - Motion fails
- Social expectations for this season
 - Optional and pay your own way
 - Committee fully supported this temporary approach for the season.
 - **ACTION: Rules Committee will assess need for temporary rule changes**

5. Round Table/Club Feedback:

All Clubs Current Feedback

- **Bow Valley Club**
 - 8 Mens and 1 Ladies teams expected
 - Close to opening Mens and Fitness floor and main area
 - Plan to open Oct 1, 2021
 - Following AB Health guidance
- **Calgary Winter Club**
 - 3 Ladies and 6 Mens teams expected
 - Fully open
 - Following provincial guidance

- **Edgemont Athletic Club**
 - 4 Mens and 4 Ladies teams expected
 - Fully operational
 - Adopting MindBody app
- **Fifth Avenue Club**
 - 1 Mens team expected
 - Fully open
 - Following provincial guidance
- **Fish Creek Sports Club**
 - 0 teams expected
 - Not currently open. Awaiting decision from owners on re-opening
 - Not expected to be open for interclub
- **Glencoe Club**
 - 8 Mens and 3 Ladies teams expected
 - Box leagues doing well
 - Proof of vaccination required to enter
- **LaunchCode**
 - 2 mens team expected
 - Following AB Health guidance
- **Mount Royal University**
 - 9 Mens and 5 Ladies teams expected
 - Open
 - Masks required on court
 - Notes provided by MRU rep.
 - We received a major blow regarding masking policies at Mount Royal. We have escalated our concerns not only to the head of recreation but also to the MRU President (As he granted exception for the MRU Cougars Student Athletes on their masking policy).
 - Although the policy was quite ambiguous several of us reached out to see if this meant in the squash court and they confirmed it does.
 - We are extremely disappointed because we have been attracting several members from Bankers Hall Club and this is definitely a step backwards. I have sent MRU President and Director of Recreation the U of C policy to see if there is something they can do. I will keep the committee updated.
 - The masking policy reads:
 - *While we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Recreation Center, Mount Royal University is also focused on the health and well-being of our faculty, staff*

and students. The University continues to respond to the changing nature of COVID-19 in our broader community.

- *That is why Mount Royal has decided to make adjustments to our on-campus health measures, by mandating the wearing of masks in all indoor spaces on campus beginning Monday, August 30. Until further notice, visitors will be required to wear a mask at all times including during their workout in the Recreation Center and while participating in recreation programs and services.*
- *Although we would love to see you once again, we understand that some members may not feel ready to return due to the changing nature of COVID-19 and the requirement of masking on campus. Because of this we will be extending your ability to continue to keep your membership on hold until further notice.*
- *If you do choose to join us for a workout to support your wellness, know that our facility continues to be sanitized regularly and physical distancing is strongly encouraged. For regular updates or more information about what is happening at MRU Recreation, please visit mruougars.com or follow us on Instagram @mrurecreation.*
- *We look forward to seeing you soon!*
- *Cougars Athletics and Recreation*

- **SAIT**

- 3 Mens and 1 Ladies teams expected
- Not open to public (open to students and staff)
- Limited information available

- **South Calgary Squash Club**

- 8 Mens and 3 Ladies teams expected
- Box league healthy
- Hosting the first tournament of the season, occurring mid-Oct
- Following AB Health guidance

- **Southland Leisure Centre**

- 2 Mens teams expected
- Courts opened beginning of September
- Following AB Health guidance

- **University of Calgary**

- 3 Mens and 1 Ladies teams expected
- Open
- Requires participants to be either fully vaccinated or negative test results

- **Western Canadian Place**

- 0 teams
- Open weekdays

- Following AB Health guidance
- **West Hillhurst**
 - 5 Mens and 3 Ladies teams expected
 - Fully operational
 - Following AB Health guidance

6. Adjournment at 822

- Motion to adjourn
 - i. Jorge Rabacal, Edgemont Athletic Club
 - ii. Seconded by Wes Mah, Calgary Winter Club
- All in Favor

7. Next Meeting Date:

- Wednesday Sep 29th, 2021 at 7.00pm [Danish Canadian Club – 727 11 Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0E3]

Action Items from the September 2021 Meeting:

- All reps to email Peter with team information prior to September 23, 2021
- Rules Committee to assess need for any rules adjustments related to temporary adjustment to social requirements.