

Calgary Interclub Squash Association  
Minutes-Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2011  
Meeting held at the Danish Canadian Club

Calgary Interclub Squash Meeting chaired by Ron Coggan  
Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. on November 16, 2011  
Minutes taken by John Davey

**1. Previous Meeting Minutes**

Rick Spyker moved that the minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting be adopted. The motion was seconded by Larry Allen and passed by general consent.

**2. President**

Ron Coggan: Welcomed substitute club reps from MRU, CWC, BVC and WCP.  
Went over the rule re: match reschedules, emphasizing that the 2 teams must mutually agree. Failing that, teams should show up with their partial roster, and default the 4<sup>th</sup> position (or more)

**3. Vice-president**

Rick Spyker: Comments will occur in later agenda items

**4. Treasurer**

Chris Watson: Balance of \$9177 (includes \$500 from MRU). Team fees received: \$3785/\$6500, plus another \$600 tonight. Filed annual return with the Province. Sent budget to the executive for preliminary review, based mainly on the prior year plus an additional target of 30% of the banquet costs to come from sponsors. Reiterated that 80% of expenditures are for the finals and banquet. This leaves only a small cushion if an extraordinary item arose. Revenues to date are mainly from team fees and SA rebate.

**5. Rules**

No inquiries.

**6. December Meeting**

Wanda Popadynetz: to be held Wed, Dec.7 at Brewster's (11 Ave SW). Lynn Nixon from SA is an invited guest. Reps will receive email menu to make choices, and will be responsible for the cost of their own beverages.

**7. Team Selection/Scheduling**

Steve Kaltenhauser: had to release the schedule before it was fully-automated enough to have a "bug-free" process. Steve and Chris Pierce will meet soon to review the mechanics and finalize improvements. Clubs are to re-schedule any conflicts with a full range of date possibilities.

However: NB- enter scores under the original date.

A reminder was issued that the committee is all volunteers and workloads vary, so please meet date and time deadlines on league matters.

## **8. Sponsorship**

Related to budgeting, as the league “lives on the edge” financially. Should we expand beyond the \$1000 from the past, which was for maintaining the website? Rick Spyker (VP) identified the main revenue opportunity as the finals day, where signage and branding can be prominently displayed, and generate revenue to cover the event costs.

Should this fall under the traditional sponsorship committee, or the Banquet/Finals reps who are coordinating the event, and could interact with potential sponsors? Existing tournaments have set the precedent with corporate sponsorships of food and drink and/or awards.

Would we consider the “naming” of the league? At 1000 players, it is a larger group from the community than many other sports or events that have a corporate brand. Being a health and social initiative, it is a positive link for many potential sponsors. The committee should have an answer prepared, should sponsors inquire as to how much funding we need (eg. Courtside food = \$\_\_\_). Also be cognizant of providing them justification for tax purposes if desired (be aware of the corporate viewpoint).

Because of these specifics, it is best to keep it targeted through the committee, so the effort is focussed and coordinated. Refer contacts to Rick Spyker as the point-man.

If successful, this could give the league some breathing room to continue our mandate of supporting and expanding squash. Shala Sweet (BVC) suggested aiming for a multi-year commitment, so the effort is worthwhile, and we don’t have to repeat the whole process each year. Different sponsorship levels could be offered (eg.-“gold, silver, bronze”). Make it known that the league is a viable, strong enterprise offering long-term, broad exposure.

## **9. Playoffs/Banquet/Prizes**

CWC is confirmed on the space and costs. Committee renegotiated them close to prior-year level

## **10. Team Captains List**

(rep absent) Note that info is more complete at an earlier date than prior years.

## **11. Email Players List**

(no rep) Note that the intent is for confidential communication. A suggestion was made that it might be possible to form a Facebook Group that would serve this purpose.

## **12. Website**

Larry Allen: Player stats are now posted, and will try to update this once/month. A problem was discovered with respect to “default” players on the scoresheet: if the whole team is absent, the team name shows up as “default”, rather than their club. Will try to fix.

Almost went a whole month without scoresheet entry errors, but then the wrong week was utilized by one captain.

## **13. Player Eligibility**

Ron Coggan/Steve Kaltenhauser: committee monitors that players are at right level, have SA membership, etc. to ensure match is within the league rules. Regarding scoresheet entries, be careful to put defaults into the 4<sup>th</sup> position as the primary step. Also note if a player’s name is not in the “drop-down” box, stop, and go back to “Edit players” and put in the new name. The score entries can then be completed after that step.

#### **14. Junior Interclub**

This initiative will provide a pool of future players. It is now embraced by the Glencoe, CWC and WHC. Play will start in the new year, with 3 divisions of probably 4 teams each. Procedures might be manual for this first year. Limited to U-18, with the pros to determine the rosters. Elite players are not involved, to help engage others. A \$500 donation will be coming from SA if this gets off the ground. (Aside: a parental fitness tax credit is available if not already utilized) Tested whether our scoresheet entry system could be “cloned” for the juniors—it appears possible.

#### **15. League Inquiries**

Mark Hartley – routine. Mark notes the email address is apparently receiving “spam” but that it is being properly filtered.

NEW BUSINESS: Nil

Club Feedback:

WHC: Rogers Masters Tournament next week (currently @ 136 players)

WCP – working on co-hosting the Talisman tourney

Banker’s Hall – No Frills A/B/C was a success

CWC – doubles court behind schedule; will host a tourney when ready, to showcase.

Fish Ck – Nov.28 rules clinic – all clubs welcome.

W.Hillhurst – confirmed and solidified the women’s 5 team.

BVC – A/B/C/D tourney upcoming Jan.11-14, 2012. Can sign up as a single and be placed on a team of four.

Adjournment moved by Rick Spyker, seconded by Mark Hartley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2011, Brewster’s**

**Next regular meeting, January 18, 2012 at Danish Canadian Club**

**In Attendance at November 16, 2011 CISA meeting**

Shala Sweet	Bow Valley Club
Michael Crowe	Fish Creek
Sarim Siddiqui	Mount Royal Univ.
John Davey	Fifth Avenue Club
Bill Aitken	Fitness Plus
Steve Kaltenhauser	Banker's Hall
Keith Glenday	CWC
Camren Fishenden	WCP
Wanda Popadynetz	U of C
Rick Spyker	Eau Claire Y
Mark Hartley	W. Hillhurst
Larry Allen	World Health
Ron Coggan	World Health
Steve Zerr	Racquet Network/Acadia
Chris Watson	World Health