

Calgary Interclub Squash Association
Minutes-Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Meeting held at the Danish Canadian Club

Calgary Interclub Squash Meeting chaired by Glenn Stark
Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Peter Schwartz moved, seconded by Dave Cunningham, that the Feb.18/09 minutes be adopted.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Only items that will be covered by committee reports.

3. Presidents Message

Glenn Stark welcomed everyone, noting it is a very active time for the committees preparing for the playoffs and banquet. John Davey recorded minutes.

4. Financial

Bruce Engel reported an adjusted bank balance of \$9102. Cheques are now flowing for the banquet items. Only \$300 of receivables are outstanding from various sources. The legal name of the league must match that in the domain registry to be accepted; Bruce and Larry Allen are coordinating efforts on the articles of incorporation.

5. Rules

Tom Field: the committee created a new rule to formalize preventing a 3-person team from having 1 member play twice and counting both the results. A reminder is posted on the website to captains re: checking player eligibility.

There was also a question about the match score being adjusted for penalties, and whether the game and individual scores remain unaffected. (Players below the disqualified person in the order are also technically ineligible.) The committee will discuss and clarify.

The rules committee is also addressing a behaviour issue, and will make a future decision.

6. Website Updates

Larry Allen noted that the domain registration issue was discussed under "Financial". Otherwise running smoothly.

7. League Information

Ron Coggan – Telus TV approached about doing a program on interclub squash, but we couldn't fit with their current deadline. Possible future consummation of this arrangement.

A SAIT female player approached about joining the league, and was referred to Mark Hartley of Hillhurst Club as she lived near there.

A "1-timer" was asked to play again near the end of the season, and then wanted to get a discount on the \$40 SA membership.

8. Player Eligibility

Ron Coggan reports that one "no-show" will be penalized this week. We now have 1000 SA members, including 20 one-timers. He'll run the "infrequent reports" this weekend.

9. Sponsorship

Al Hattingh passed the BJ cheque to Bruce Engel. We should prepare for next year to solicit adequate revenue to cover costs (discuss w/Bruce).

10. Awards

Mark Hartley brought samples of several ideas (mugs, cheeseboard sets, BBQ sets, "Swiss card" mini-tools) aiming for about \$46 total for each level (2 gifts). To decide and order soon.

11. Playoffs

Rick Spyker (w/help from Tom Field and Dave Cunningham) –they are on track, and have arranged computer access and equipment. They are relying on Ron Coggan to be present for assessing player eligibility. Glenn Stark to provide game balls.

12. Banquet

Tom Field is handling the downtown clubs for tickets, Rick Spyker the rest. The arrangements are sorted out with the CWC staff, and the band will meet soon with the committee to finalize (will need cheque from Bruce). The idea was raised of door prizes for the playoff daytime events, and the possibility of asking the host club for donations.

13. Other Business

Eau Claire will open 2 squash courts April 3. Rick Spyker has extra banquet tickets if club reps need more. Fish Creek has no ticket interest, and wanted to confirm that levels 11 & 12 will be combined next year. Fit Plus has no ticket interest yet, but notes that the North owner is now on-side for interclub play. CWC has spoken for 12-20 tickets thus far. WHC notes they could accommodate the Eau Claire semi-final if in fact their courts are not ready on time. WHC sold 35 tickets already, and asked for 10 more. They raised the idea (for discussion purposes) of whether to invite "Racquet Network" to field interclub teams next year; one challenge would be the varying venues. Fifth Avenue's replacement court glass will be installed April 11, and they requested 5 more banquet tickets. WCP needs only 1 ticket thus far, but they do have contending teams so that may change. UofC is trying to sell tickets. BVC reports that Ken Gellatly will be their new rep, with Shala Schweitzer filling-in for this evening's meeting. She participated in a women's tourney in Edmonton that utilized the new PAR scoring system, and most of them felt positive about it in hindsight. W.Hillhurst requested 15 more tickets. Glencoe (Glenn Stark) reported that club pros met last week to review various issues, scheduling next year's tourneys, and noting that doubles events continue to increase in number. We are probably not yet at a stage where the league could set-up a doubles division for next year. On the PAR scoring, Squash Alberta is encouraging all clubs and members to follow the new provincial system, with the Edmonton interclub having already adopted for next season. A general discussion ensued about the merits, or drawbacks, of the system and the feedback emanating from some of the interclub teams. Glenn Stark also passed along that one pro challenged the current CISA method of 1club/1 vote, thinking that more courts should give them more sway. However, recorded votes are rare anyway, and the group around the table has always had equal voices at board meetings (none are "2nd class" members).

Motion to adjourn by Tom Field, seconded by Peter Schwartz, at 8:44 p.m. Next meeting will be held April 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Danish Canadian Club.

In Attendance at March 18, 2009 CISL meeting

Tom Field	Calgary Winter Club
Al Hattingh	W.C.P.
Mark Hartley	West Hillhurst
Dave Cunningham	MRC
Bruce Engel	Fitness on 5 th
Rick Spyker	Eau Claire Y
Shala Schweitzer	BVC
Glenn Stark	Glencoe Club
Ron Coggan	WHSC
Peter Schwartz	Fit Plus
John Davey	Fifth Avenue
Michael Crowe	Fish Creek
Larry Allen	World Health
Wanda Popadynetz	U of C