

Calgary Interclub Squash Association
Minutes-Monthly Meeting
August 19, 2009
Meeting held at the Bow Valley Club

Calgary Interclub Squash Meeting chaired by Dave Cunningham
Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. on August 19, 2009

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Peter Schwartz moved to adopt the minutes from the June 17, 2009 meeting; seconded by Ron Coggan.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

3. Presidents Message

Dave Cunningham welcomed everyone and thanked Ken Gellatly for setting up tonight's meeting. John Davey recorded the minutes.

4. Financial

Bruce Engel: \$4692 balance on account. Rick Spyker moved that the committee members be provided with banquet tickets, seconded by Peter Schwartz. The budget is to be drafted, incorporating this cost. Larry Allen reminded Bruce to include the domain name registration coming up in February, at \$250 +GST, good for 5 years.

5. Rules

Tom Field – no current issues. Notes that PAR-11 scoring should be highlighted on the website. Other systems of scoring will be considered a rule violation.

6. Website Updates

Larry Allen - Nothing to report, except on testing the score entries, PAR-11 will function fine up to 99 points per player.

7. League Information/Player Eligibility

Ron Coggan -3 inquiries: one referred to Squash Alberta link and info; second was an interested new player in town; thirdly an individual at Fish Creek wanting to find a team, and was directed to Mike Crowe.

Player Eligibility: SA will continue to honour the "one-time" member option. Note that when on court, SA insurance is negated if the opponent is not registered with Squash Alberta. For later discussion: women subs on men's teams.

8. Sponsorship

Al Hattingh has made initial contact. An invoice is needed for tracking purposes for the 4 sponsors confirmed to date. Waiting on responses from others.

9. Playoffs/Banquet

All paid-up; accounts closed.

10. Team Selection

Mike Crowe/Wanda Popadynetz (Larry Allen)

A general discussion took place about the desirability of not rejecting new applicants, as part of our mandate to expand the sport. Some prefer to squeeze new teams in to the lineup despite the re-shuffling it causes. The committee noted the latest draft already accommodates 4 or 5 new entries in each of the women's and men's leagues. Dave Cunningham offered to deal with the fallout if the addition of further teams led to clubs being dissatisfied with the effects on their existing teams. Note that the normal "2-up,2-down" rule is difficult to apply this yr due to # of new teams. The committee has pondered, and presented, some ideas for the divisional shifting, which might also help rationalize the movement between levels which leads to inevitable questioning. A) If a team does not meet the 20 point minimum in their division, they go down 2 levels. B) Teams with greater than 65 pts move up 2 levels. c) Teams with ≤ 45 pts won't necessarily move up even if in 2nd place.

WHC: Okay with their men's assignments; confirmed that women's 5 is the beginner level (6 eliminated).

BHC: requested to add a men's 11; has two teams in level 12. The committee will try to mix up these levels so clubs will have less duplication/overlap if possible. Club is happy that women's 5 has been moved to level 4.

Eau Claire: new women's team asked for level 4 originally, but probably would be level 3 skills if that could be accommodated. Requested a new men's 4, but no space.

Glencoe: Div.1-Glencoe C wants to stay up in this level, which is full and already has 2 Glencoe teams. The club went on record as noting that a team with SA rankings of 7,10,13 & 31 is being replaced by a team with 47, 74, 115 & 241 ranked players. Others noted Glencoe C only achieved 24 pts last year and ended in 7th place. Ron Coggan moved that WCP new team be assigned to Level 1 as per the draft spreadsheet presented, seconded by Ken Gellatly. Motion carried.

CWC: Men's 10 (new) wants to be level 9. Women's 2 (new) will agree to move down to 3, but prefers 2 if opening arises.

MRC: Okay

WCP: Okay

Fit Plus: Okay

Fifth Ave: Okay

SAIT: prefer 7 if poss.

BVC: Okay

UofC: requesting space for men's levels 2 and 6.

Fish Ck: has dropped the level 5 team to div.7 due to low points total

Fitness on 5th: Okay with assignments; wondered about expanding divisions to >8 teams, but this makes scheduling very difficult.

Ron Coggan moved to clarify that the team selection committee's mandate be to include as many teams as possible given the criteria they conceived and presented at this meeting; seconded by Steve Kaltenhauser. Carried.

11. Other Business

Gift for Glenn Stark- Mark Hartley is to coordinate a surprise presentation (try to attend)

Volunteer assignments for new committee members will be addressed at a future meeting. "Altitude" ball for level 2: to be determined by a vote of the affected clubs. It was noted that they are generally A-level players anyway, so they'd have the green dot ball at any Squash Alberta tournaments. Ron Coggan moved that implementation of the Altitude (green dot) ball be adopted for Level 2 play, based on previous years' procedures. Peter Schwartz added that this policy continue in future years until otherwise changed by resolution. Steve Kaltenhauser seconded the amended motion, and it was carried. Club reps are to confirm with their level 2 teams how they wish to vote, and Peter Schwartz will coordinate the compilation of the votes (must be decided before league play commences).

Fit Plus is hosting a tournament September 24 – 27th; Squash Alberta will send posters out to clubs, so please post them.

VP position is still open; table issue until next meeting.

A reminder that for women to play in a men's division requires the approval of the committee. The guideline is that approval will only be honoured if every effort has been made to accommodate the player in their appropriate league, and they are registered and playing within their existing league (priority to keep the top women's divisions strong). The league wants to encourage a good W-1 level, so we are flexible towards players joining up with a team from another club if that's where the skill level is appropriate.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Field, seconded by Rick Spyker, at 9:11 p.m. Next meeting will be held September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Danish Canadian Club.

In Attendance at August 19, 2009 CISL meeting

John Davey	Fifth Avenue Club
Tom Field	Calgary Winter Club
Al Hattingh	W.C.P.
Steve Kaltenhauser	Bankers Hall
Dave Cunningham	MRC
Bruce Engel	Fitness on 5 th
Ron Coggan	World Health
Larry Allen	World Health
Rick Spyker	Eau Claire Y
Peter Schwartz	Fit Plus
Michael Crowe	Fish Creek
Wanda Popadynetz	U of C
Ming Pon	SAIT
Liam Dinning	Glencoe
Ken Gellatly	Bow Valley Club
Tyler Volk	MRC