

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

Calgary Interclub Squash Meeting chaired by Dave Cunningham
Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. on November 18, 2009

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Shala Sweet moved to adopt the minutes from the October 21, 2009 meeting; seconded by Larry Allen, carried.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Fitness on Fifth related that they also restrict access, to over 16 years of age.

3. Presidents Message

Dave Cunningham welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. John Davey recorded the minutes.

4. Financial

Bruce Engel: \$9721 will be balance on account, after just this evening receiving more cheques from sponsors. About half of the advertisers are paid, with \$600 left. Team fees are still due from two clubs.

5. Rules

Tom Field –For the rule on women playing in men’s league, have deleted rule 6.3 and replaced it with 9.4, requiring approval in advance for women to play in men’s. Also changed the definition of a default. With respect to a request for an individual to move down, although past the 3-match limit, the committee has approved the one formal request. An issue about a player at an inappropriate level has come through League Inquiries (Ron Coggan), and has been passed to the rules committee for review.

6. Website Updates

Larry Allen - Business as usual. Sponsors have been updated.

7. League Information/Player Eligibility

Ron Coggan - Used this opportunity to suggest the Selkirk Grill for December meeting, and circulated info about same.

Noted that all club reps plus Bankers Hall and World Health professionals have been informed that players must be committed to the women’s league before being approved to sub for men. The MRC W1 team needed bolstering, and have found some part-time help from several high-level players that should suffice.

Info: Routine, generally about where to join a club; also score entries and scoring defaults. Some feedback received about PAR scoring.

Player Eligibility: Four sets of penalty points to be issued. SA renewals now at 965 players for Calgary. Issued a reminder to enter scores promptly, noting the rule about a 48-hr limit, and also to let them know of any re-scheduled matches. Use "Edit Player" feature if the name is not in the drop-down box, even to add "default" as the name. Losing captains should double-check scores entered by the winners. Be diligent, as playoff positions or divisional relegations may come down to a single point by season's end.

8. Sponsorship

Al Hattingh –All in order, final cheques are coming.

9. Other Business

Dave Cunningham assumes that the lack of feedback indicates that club reps are satisfied with the assignment of duties and positions. "Scheduling" was not shown as one of the available slots, and has been done for years by one person, probably an unfair expectation. He is apparently willing to teach the system to others if the league wants to re-assign responsibilities, or at least have trained alternatives in case of unavailability or conflicting commitments at the critical time. It probably should fall under the auspices of the league committee, in any kind of normal organizational structure.

Banquet/Playoffs: Bow Valley and Banker's Hall are interested in co-hosting and holding the event; the two club pros have had discussions. Apparently the BVC food & beverage manager could match last year's costs. Parking is manageable, and other issues have been adequately addressed. The committee (Tom Field, Rick Spyker, Tylor Volk and Ken Gellatly) will discuss the alternatives, being WHC and CWC that have hosted previously, and decide soon which venue will be selected so that bookings can be confirmed. CWC and WHC have reserved courts and rooms, so need to know whether they can release those.

December meeting: Wednesday, December 9th, with a new suggested venue at Selkirk Grill. A show of hands indicated a dozen or more probable attendees. Site to be confirmed by future email, and reps please reply with firm response about participation.

A general discussion ensued about the "talking points" Dave had emailed to all reps earlier in the week.

1. Website: the engine could be more robust. SA has a good site, and knows about grant procedures to facilitate revision. We should seek their advice.
2. Team Selection: the committee has some ideas; will review & formalize to present.
3. Sponsorship: Could we generate more revenue via higher fees or more sponsors? At this point they probably generate little business and view it more as a contribution. Could there be different levels of sponsorship; perhaps an updated website would generate more "hits"...? Review
4. Accounting: acquire software package, like "Quickbooks"? Bruce does not currently have a problem, but a future rep without any bookkeeping experience might benefit.
5. Scheduling (discussed above).
6. December mtg: discussed above.
7. AGM: should more attendance by general league members be encouraged?(to try to engage the membership more). Timing of meeting would affect level of interest. An alternate thought was that it is incumbent upon the reps to ensure they reflect the feelings of their clubs.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Spyker, seconded by Tom Field, at 8:36 p.m. Next meeting will be held December 9, 2009 atSelkirk Grill(?), time to be confirmed.

In Attendance at November 18, 2009 CISA 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
John Laycock	Fit Plus
Wanda Popadynetz	U of C
Ming Pon	SAIT
Robert Birrell	Glencoe
Ken Gellatly	Bow Valley Club
Tyler Volk	MRC
Mark Hartley	W. Hillhurst
Rick Spyker	Eau Claire
Shala Sweet	BVC
Michael Crowe	Fish Creek