

Calgary Interclub Squash Association
Minutes-Monthly Meeting
March 17, 2010
Meeting held at the Danish Canadian Club

Calgary Interclub Squash Meeting chaired by Ron Coggan
Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Amendment: Clarified under item #5 that the playoff tiebreak would consist of a game between the two #1 players (not match). Minutes otherwise adopted.

2. Interim President's Message/Outreach

Ron Coggan commented that as part of outreach initiatives he makes a point of meeting visiting players at WHC. It is hoped that club reps will do the same with new players at their own clubs. Ron will try to expand the media presence of the CISA. As there is no longer a Calgary region rep on the Squash Alberta council, Ron has been communicating with Lynn Nixon to remain aware of SA issues. He also plans to visit with clubs not participating in the league. We met with TD Canada Trust to add John Davey as a signatory for the cheques. From that appointment, we learned that it is important to leave the "legacy" bank account as is, in order to retain favourable terms that are no longer offered on new accounts.

3. Financial

Bruce Engel: Bank balance is \$9510. The budget is being met nicely for the finals and banquet. Bruce has received a box of old files for the league, to be checked for bylaws. Al Hattingh (sponsorship) delivered 2 cheques at tonight's meeting.

4. Dave Cunningham Gift

A \$100 dining certificate was brought to the meeting by Peter Schwartz, and passed to Mark Hartley for delivery to Dave as a token of gratitude.

5. Playoffs –the Day

Tylor Volk reported that they've established an 11 AM start for the first game, allocating 1.5 hrs/division. The Men's 1 should end at 6:30 PM. This info should be passed to the webmaster and Mark Hartley of League Inquiries. Parking validation is to be provided by both clubs at the front desk – ensure that volunteers and players bring their stub up to the facility. This should be detailed for the captains, and routed through Larry Allen for the web.

A checklist is assembled for the coordinators. The issue of lineup tampering was raised. For the playoffs in particular, each team should fill-out their players in order of ability, and then exchange with the other captain.

6. Playoffs - Awards

Mark Hartley: noted that we can already determine clothing sizes for 8 teams who will win their divisions. He has requested this info for the long-sleeved t-shirts, which will be screened with the logo and year. The glasses for the playoff winners will be ordered tomorrow, also labelled.

Anyone who can solicit door prizes for the banquet, please do so, and if the awards cost is under budget, a few prizes could be purchased with the excess.
Socks, donated by Ken Gellatly, should be used to hand out with game balls at the playoffs.

7. Banquet

Tom Field reported for the committee, all 4 of whom will meet at the end of tonight's meeting to finalize arrangements and deal with remaining issues. The band is confirmed, and have received their cheque. Some clubs already have committed ticket sales but it is still early. Interest was expressed in having "club tables" so they can group with other related teams. The menu is selected and any vegetarian options or other menu requests should be forwarded to BVC sooner rather than later.

8. Website

Larry Allen – business as usual, with the poster having been added. The home page is redesigned so that sponsors now appear in one column on the left side. As for minutes, they have been moved to the league info section to have the capacity for archiving older minutes. A suggestion was made that perhaps the access needs to be more transparent.

9. Player Eligibility

Report by Ron Coggan: no new issues; they are continuing to ensure that Women's 1 final standings are fair and equitable. Notes that penalty points are having a significant impact on the W5 final standings. Reinforced Rule 10.5, regarding the failure of an expected player to show up, the best procedure is to move into the 1, 2 and 3 positions regardless of normal rankings (with the agreement of the opposition to put the tardy player into the #4 position if they show). Reminded that for playoff eligibility players must be first, SA members, and secondly are allowed to play UP but not down. Reps should send a reminder about players needing ≥ 3 regular season matches to be eligible for the playoffs.

Juniors: only 2/team permitted during season, but in playoffs can utilize in all 4 positions if they are otherwise eligible.

10. PAR Scoring

Robert Birrell reports he has solicited input from his captains, and he'll copy this template to reps if they wish to utilize it. This email shows 3 options for people to choose from: reps should review for suitability, and then contact their captains for feedback. Please then submit this info to the ad-hoc committee. Our decision should be transparent and bear in mind the health of the league (= player satisfaction). BVC, Uof C and Glencoe (committee members) have polled their own captains and little interest has been expressed in returning to the old 9-point scoring.

11. Rules

Tom Field –reports they had 1 informal complaint in Women's 5 about a player at too high a level; case wasn't obvious enough to invoke action.

12. League Info Inquiries

Mark Hartley notes he has had some just looking for house league availability, not CISA. Mark referred them to their local club(s).

13. Sponsorship

Al Hattingh - new company names to be revised on the website, and a couple of cheques still to be received. Raised question about the distinction between activities of different sponsors (unsolicited email) leading to removal of one. A written motion would need to be drafted for the committee to consider, in order to amend the previous decision.

14. Unfinished Business

Bylaws: nothing was found in the archives yet, but are continuing to gather notes and files. Now have treasurer's records back to 1987, but no bylaws accompanying those.

Shala Sweet will assist in drafting new rules if required.

15. New Business

Should advance next meeting to April 14 (prior playoffs) & therefore need venue. The Danish Canadian Club was asked, and IS available.

Al Hattingh moved to refund Prism's sponsorship cheque for the 2009/10 season, seconded by Ken Gellatly. Discussion: the rule states "no compensation", but this policy was not explicitly in place at the beginning of the season. However, it was reinforced to the party in question when concerns were later raised, and the sponsor indicated that he would continue soliciting. The motion was rejected by a show of hands.

Mike Crowe raised the idea of Calgary League champs playing against the Edmonton League winners; to be left for future consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next meeting will be held April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Danish Canadian Club.

In Attendance at March 17, 2010 CISA meeting

Robert Birrell	Glencoe Club
John Davey	Fifth Avenue Club
Tom Field	Calgary Winter Club
Al Hattingh	W.C.P.
Tylor Volk	MRC
Bruce Engel	Fitness on 5 th
Ron Coggan	World Health
Larry Allen	World Health
Ken Gellatly	Bow Valley
Rick Spyker	Eau Claire Y
Peter Schwartz	Fit Plus
Mike Crowe	Fish Creek
Wanda Popadynetz	U of C
Mark Hartley	W. Hillhurst
Ming Pon	SAIT