

EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

October 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Vern Loland at 2:00 p.m. at Leisure World. Roll call was taken with sixteen clubs responding constituting a quorum. President Loland introduced each member of the Executive Committee. Each club President or Voting Representative introduced themselves and other attendees from their park.

MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2011

President Loland asked for a motion to approve the minutes as posted on the website. A motion was made by Linda Stolz, MR, and seconded by Joe Morton, VP, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing a balance of \$183.87. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

A poll was taken to determine interest in revisiting and possibly revising move-down criteria. Only five parks indicated an interest in revisiting the criteria.

President Loland reminded everyone that the By-laws were updated March 29, 2011. He asked each club to make sure they are using the latest edition. Each President needs to be familiar with the current document.

Hal Cohen, MR, 1.5 Coordinator, gave a report indicating that new guidelines have been created. He said he appreciated the input provided by Doy Gillespie and Brona Freeman. Six parks will be starting competition in November with the other parks beginning in January, 2012. Meetings will be held at Mesa Regal on Nov 1 and Nov 6 for all 1.5 Captains. President Loland thanked Mr. Cohen for all his work with the 1.5 level.

NEW BUSINESS

President Loland announced that Nancy Nicola, EVSTL League Scheduler, has asked to be relieved from those duties. He stated that she has been the scheduler for many years and that she will be sorely missed. During her comments, she thanked everyone for their support and that she will miss being the scheduler. She talked briefly about the new scheduling program and stated that it will work. She shared two names that have volunteered to assume

the scheduler's duties, Mel Franz for 2.0 thru 3.5 and Roy Wise for 1.5 and 4.0. A final decision will be made in the near future. Nancy received a standing ovation for her dedication and tireless efforts for those many years.

President Loland made a proposal to establish/add a position of EVSTL Historian. He gave several examples showing how beneficial a historian would be to the league. If the position is established, chronological information beginning with league's establishment to current data should be done by the end of 2012.

A review was made of By-law VIII, 5d, to determine the need to change or further clarify the number of required rostered players. After much discussion and review, it was determined that referenced By-law is sufficient.

A poll was taken to determine interest in establishing a year-end (traveling) trophy for the club with the best winning record. President Loland presented some thoughts on how it would be workable. After much discussion, it was determined that such a trophy would not be in the best interest of the league.

President Loland proposed formalizing a procedure for amending EVSTL By-laws. Wilf Steeves, VDO, and Tom Walsh, MV, recommended the proposal be accepted. All sixteen clubs agreed with their recommendation.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Roy Wise commented on 1.5 and 4.0 scheduling. Scheduling for both of these levels must be done by hand. An automated system will not work primarily due to both levels playing on the same day of the week.

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

A poll was taken to determine the number of clubs that furnish a new can of balls for every match (except 1.5) during league play. Eight of sixteen clubs furnish new balls.

A poll was taken to determine feasibility of having a fall schedule and a new one starting in January of each tennis season. The poll revealed no interest in splitting the schedule.

President Loland reminded all clubs of their responsibility to comply with League Constitution and By-Laws. It is very important to have strong, knowledgeable captains at every level.

The following clubs will constitute the Nominating Committee for 2012-13: SVE, TP, and VP. The Committee will present the slate of EVSTL officer nominees at the January 24, 2012 meeting.

The next EVSTL meeting will be held January 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Leisure World, same room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer

SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

January 24, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Vern Loland at 2:00 p.m. at Leisure World. Roll call was taken with sixteen clubs responding, constituting a quorum. Each member of the Executive Committee was introduced by President Loland. Mel Franz was introduced as the new scheduler replacing Nancy Nicolla. Marie Morrow, GV, introduced Huey Burke as the EVSTL Historian to fill a newly established position. She gave a brief background of herself and why she was interested in being the Historian. She was asked by President Loland to have an historical skeletal outline by the fall meeting.

Each Club President or Voting Representative introduced themselves, other attendees from their parks, and stated the amount charged to belong to their club.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2011

Joe Morton, VP, moved the minutes be approved as posted on the EVSTL website. John Berger, SSV, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing a balance of \$175.97. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

President Loland asked if anyone knew why two separate and somewhat different documents exist for team captains. One reference is contained in Article X of the By-laws and the other is a document dated October 2003. Ruth Swanson, SV, the 2012-13 EVSTL President, was asked to resolve this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the anticipated increase in EVSTL operating costs, President Loland suggested raising the EVSTL membership dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 annually. A motion was made by Lynn Cook, RH, and seconded by Sherman Dahl, CM, to raise the dues to \$20.00. Motion carried.

Mel Franz, Scheduler, presented a proposal to identify clubs by using a number instead of a color, e.g., MV1, MV2, MV3, etc. for each playing level. Also, the scheduling program is capable of providing a separate document for each level instead of a combined one. For example, MV1 team captain would have a document showing only their schedule for the

season. Additionally, he suggested the possibility of having a schedule beginning in the fall and another one beginning after the Christmas break. Due to the 2012 calendar, the first schedule would have 7 competitions beginning on November 5th through Dec 21st. Beginning on January 7th and ending March 8th there would be 9 competitions.

After much discussion, John Berger, SSV, moved and Steve Nelson, TP, seconded, to have two schedules. Motion carried. Each club will submit its rosters no later than October 1st and again by December 1st, to Mel Franz, Scheduler.

Hal Cohen, MR, 1.5 EVSTL Coordinator, commented on using lower level 2.0 players to augment the 1.5 teams in competition. This should only be done on a limited basis. He stated that a 1.5 tournament will be held February 17-19, 2012 at Mesa Regal and encouraged each park to participate. Last season's competition was very successful and enjoyed by all participants.

Joe Morton, VP, Nomination Committee spokesperson, presented the slate of officers for the 2012/13 season. For President, Ruth Swanson, SV; Vice President, Tom Wilson, TP; Secretary/Treasurer, Brona Freeman, SR; and Scheduler, Mel Franz, MV. President Loland asked for nominations from the floor for each position. There being none, President Loland accepted the nominations as presented by the committee.

President Loland proposed a new By-law:

ARTICLE XI PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING BY-LAWS.

- a. Only Club Presidents (or their designees) and EVSTL Executive Committee members may submit proposals for amending the By-Laws.
- b. All By-law proposals must go through the League President so that they can appear on the EVSTL meeting agenda.
- c. Proposed changes are discussed and modified, if necessary, at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- d. After discussion and modification, the Club Presidents must vote on whether to forward them for final approval at the next EVSTL meeting.
- e. All approved amendments take effect the following EVSTL season unless at least 75% of the Club Presidents (or their designees) vote to implement them at a different time.
- f. To temporarily suspend any By-law requires the approval of the League President.

Tom Walsh, MV, made a motion that was seconded by Tom Arnold, VDO, to accept the proposal. Motion carried.

A proposal was made by President Loland to change, combine, and move By-laws VII, F and VIII, D to a separate Article. A motion was made by Cate McClard, AW/VV, and seconded by Rick Guerrier, LW, to accept the proposal. Motion carried. A motion was made by Vikki Dillon, SVE, and seconded by Rick Guerrier, LW, to include "Any level may field two #1 teams if both opposing team captains agree. Motion carried. The new Article will read as follows:

ARTICLE VII TEAM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

a. To form a team, a Club must roster, at a minimum, the following number of players:

Level 1.5: 4 men, 2 women

Level 2.0-3.0: 7 men, 5 women

Level 3.5: 7 men, 4 women

Level 4.0: 4.0 men, 2 women

b. To play a league match, a Club should try to field, at a minimum, the following number of teams:

Level 1.5: 2 men's, 1 women's

Level 2.0-3.0: 3 men's, 2 women's

Level 3.5: 3 men's, 2 women's

Level 4.0: 2 men's, 1 women's

c. Any level may field two #1 teams if both opposing team captains agree.

d. Mixed doubles may be included and may be recorded, but CANNOT be recorded as position #1 play.

With the addition of two new By-laws, the By-laws will be renumbered as follows:

- VII TEAM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT
- VIII CONDUCT OF LEAGUE TENNIS MATCHES
- IX PLAYER RATING PROCEDURES
- X GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
- XI PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING BY-LAWS
- XII TEAM CAPTAINS (TC)

Once the new By-Laws are published on the EVSTL website, each park will ensure the latest version is made readily available in a timely manner.

Two considerations for “move-down” criteria were addressed as follows:

- a. Add the requirement of winning at least one match to the 35% rule.
- b. For specific circumstances such as illness or serious injury, a Club may allow a player one extra year before moving the player down.

A motion was made by Marie Morrow, GV, and seconded by Rick Guerrier, LW, to include the two considerations. Motion failed.

A possible revision to **Article VII, K.5** was considered. A motion was made by John Berger, SSV, and seconded by Tom Walsh, MV, to read as follows:

VII, K.5. Due to shortages, a team at any level other than 4.0 cannot borrow a player from a sister team and play them in 1st position. A player pulled up to a higher level can play in any position. Motion carried.

One additional item was considered and discussed.

Incomplete matches owing to weather conditions. Who makes the call? Players or Captains? It was decided that Players make the call.

Club President, Tom Walsh, MV, commented on and provided a flyer on, the Dynamite Doubles Clinic by Helle Sparre to be held at Monte Vista on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Two sessions are available: 10:00 – Noon and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person per session.

Club President, Tom Arnold, VDO, shared information on a proposed 75 and older team being considered by VDO. Four to five clubs would be needed to form a mini-league. The concept is to provide more age-appropriate competition for men and women in consideration of age and problems associated with aging. EVSTL rules would not apply, e.g. no ratings, move-up or move-downs. For more information contact Tom at 573-368-1285 or email at tomarn49@yahoo.com.

Vikki Dillon, SVE, shared her frustration about trying to deal with players who refuse to play in appropriate positions. For example, a player who has played for 5 matches in position #1 and won, then refuses to play again at #1 because they don't want to move up. Possibly this is happening in other parks and she feels it may be a matter for the league's concern.

Jim Talbot, Past President, Past EVSTL Representative and current 3.5 team co-captain at SSV, shared his concerns about unfair competition. He sent a letter to each Executive Board member stating examples for his concerns. He has asked the EVSTL Executive Board to consider establishing a fairness/competition committee for the league to formulate standards that are meaningful. One area that should be considered is the overall stats of anyone with a dominant

season at courts/positions 1 and 2. Also, development of criteria for mandating move-up when it is apparent manipulation is taking place.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Loland reminded all EVSTL Clubs of their responsibility to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws.

The next EVSTL meeting will be held March 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Leisure World in the Club Room of Rec #1.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer

EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

March 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Vern Loland at 2:00 p.m. at Leisure World. Roll call was taken with sixteen clubs responding, constituting a quorum. President Loland introduced the Executive Committee members present by position. He welcomed the incoming Vice President, Kline Wilson, from TP. Each Club President/Voting representative introduced themselves and others from their respective parks.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2012

At the January 24, 2012 meeting, a discussion was held regarding incomplete matches owing to weather conditions. Those in attendance felt it should be the players' decision. President Loland asked for a motion on this to finalize this decision. A motion was made by John Perry, GV and seconded by John Berger, SSV. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the submission of club roster due dates. An amendment to the motion made at the January 24, 2012 meeting will now read "Each club will submit its rosters no later than October 15th for the fall schedule and again by December 15th for the winter schedule to Mel Franz, Scheduler."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing a balance of \$146.47. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

President Loland presented the following items and asked for a final review and vote on the proposed By-law changes resulting from motions/votes at the January 24, 2012 meeting.

- a. Dues increase
- b. Fall and winter schedules
- c. Procedures for amending By-laws
- d. Team membership requirements
- e. Brief item on borrowing players

Other than the amendment to the minutes on submission of rosters and name change of incoming Vice President from Tom Wilson to Kline Wilson, no changes to previous motions are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the possibility of using one statistical data reporting program for all clubs. Most clubs felt their programs were acceptable and provided sufficient information on each player. Several clubs indicated they were willing to share their program with other clubs.

Ruth Swanson, SV reported on the "Sandbagging" issue. The EVSTL advisory committee developed a document to address this issue. A copy was provided to each club. Some discussion followed. This issue will be monitored by Kline Wilson, TP the incoming EVSTL Vice President.

President Loland referred to the Guidelines for EVSTL Team Captains dated October 2003. He stated that this document may need additional information.

Tom Arnold, VDO, shared the latest on the possibility of a 75+ league. It would be completely separate from EVSTL. Six to eight clubs have expressed an interest in this league. Plans are still being finalized.

John Perry, GV reported that Greenfield Village has instituted a Pickle Ball Plan to use/modify tennis courts by using/installing temporary lines on the courts. He asked for a EVSTL resolution on this plan. Voting results showed that EVSTL clubs were not in favor of this program.

Hal Cohen, MR, 1.5 coordinator provided dates for the 1.5 tournament for next season. Tournament will be held February 15-17, 2013. He stated that seven clubs, GV, LW, MV, SR, SSV, SVE and TP will participate in league play beginning In November 2012.

Discussion was held regarding clubs who do not have a 3.5 team and concern of those who are playing at 3.0 and should be playing 3.5. An effort should be made to possibly combine affected clubs to prevent this from occurring.

Cate McClard, AWWV, shared information on construction of four new courts for AWWV. Courts will be located at 101 N. 38th St and hopefully be ready for league play in November, 2012.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Loland recognized each Executive Board member and thanked them from their dedication and contribution to EVSTL. He also thanked each club for their support to EVSTL which made for a successful tennis season.

INCOMING PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Ruth Swanson shared her thoughts and expressed her goals for the upcoming season. Fall meeting will be held on October 30, 2012 at Sunland Village Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The fall meeting will be held on October 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sunland Village Auditorium.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer