

EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

October 28, 2014

The meeting was called to Order by President Tom Arnold at 2:00 p.m. at Valle Del Oro. Sixteen clubs, each represented by its club president or voting representative, constituted a quorum.

MINUTES OF March 14, 2014

Secretary/Treasurer, Brona Freeman moved to accept the minutes of March 14, 2014 as posted on the website. A motion was made by Ramona Rees, VP and seconded by Sam Kowalko, GF to accept the minutes as posted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing bank balance is \$367.16. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Marty Cutter, VDO President and Roger Betts, SVE President, presented each club representative with a talking paper on EVSTL Player Loan Plan for VDO and SVE due to a shortage of players at the 3.5 level at SVE. The plan details were given by both presenters. The plan is on a "trial" basis. President Arnold asked that "feedback" be given at the January 2015 membership meeting as to the results of the Player Loan Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn Schultheiss, MV, 1.5 league coordinator gave an update on the 1.5 plan for the league. Carolyn stated that 3 clubs will have 1.5 players for the fall competition beginning the 2nd full week in November. All other clubs who have 1.5 players are encouraged to participate in "open play/competition". Lower level 2.0 players may also participate. A schedule has been established to show where and when play will be held using various park courts on a rotating basis.

President Arnold reminded all clubs that their Census Reports are due on Jan 15 reflecting data as of that date. The form to be used is on the EVSTL website. The report is sent to EVSTL Vice President Becky Butler.

President Arnold presented a recommended EVSTL By-law change to By-Law XI.F. The current By-Law reads "To temporarily suspend any By-Law requires the approval of the league

president.” He recommended it to be changed to read “To temporarily suspend any By-Law or part of a By-Law requires the approval of the league president.” After some discussion, a motion was made by Marty Cutter, VDO and seconded by Chris Wilcox, CM to accept his recommendation to be voted on at the January 2015 membership meeting. Motion carried. President Arnold asked each club to address this with their club.

President Arnold recommended a change to By-Law IX.D. By-law currently reads “Each club shall submit to the Web Site Manager, within two weeks after the end of the season, the following statistics for Position One play of all players in rating categories 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, and 3.5 who have played at the first position at least once.” He recommends it to be changed to read “Each club shall submit.....statistics for Position One play of all players.....who have played in the first position at least four matches.” A motion was made by Marilyn Anderson, MV and seconded by Roger Betts to accept his recommendation to be voted on at the January 2015 membership meeting. Motion carried.

President Arnold asked for volunteers for the EVSTL Nominating Committee. Being none, a random drawing was made. The nominating committee will consist of a representative from Greenfield, Viewpoint, and Valle Del Oro. A chairperson will be selected from one of those representatives and nominations for EVSTL Executive Board for 2015/16 will be presented at the January 2015 meeting.

Sam Kowalko, GF provided each club with an EVSTL Discussion Paper on Foot Faulting and led an open discussion on the subject. Becky Butler gave an example of how MV addresses foot faulting and provided a recommendation. It was suggested that a procedure be prepared and presented by Don Herman or someone from GF.

A discussion was held concerning the requirement for Food Handlers Licenses. A couple of parks indicated that they had received a visit from Maricopa County regarding the need for such a license. Each park was encouraged to become familiar with the requirement.

Mel Frantz, MV, EVSTL scheduler, stated that the 2.5 schedule has changed recently.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. Next meeting will be held in January 2015 and will be posted on EVSTL website.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer

EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

January 27, 2015

President Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at Valle Del Oro. Sixteen clubs, each represented by its club president or voting representative, constituted a quorum.

MINUTES OF October 28, 2014

Secretary/Treasurer, Brona Freeman moved to accept the minutes of October 28, 2014 as posted on the website. A motion was made by Perry Dittberner, LW and seconded by Dee Brosowski, SSV to accept the minutes as posted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing bank balance is \$561.16. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Carolyn Schultheiss, 1.5 EVSTL league coordinator briefly covered the 1.5 Play Plan. There are currently 208 players at the 1.5 level. Ten parks are playing in the EVSTL league. Six parks are participating in the Social Play each Thursday. Carolyn provided a document to each club showing numbers of beginning tennis players vs. pickle ball Players. She asked for comments/feedback concerning the 1.5 program. Sam Kowalko, GF stated that he felt that the social play was good for the 1.5 level. Carolyn is concerned as to why individuals are choosing pickle ball over tennis. Comments such as "Pickle Ball is easier to learn; too many rules in tennis and tennis takes a lot of commitment and Pickle Ball doesn't." President Arnold asked each club to share ideas among the clubs on how to recruit more tennis players.

President Arnold addressed two By-Laws that he proposed be changed. **By-law XI.F** currently reads: "To temporarily suspend any By-Law requires the approval of the League President." He suggested it be changed to read: "To temporarily suspend all or part of any By-Law requires the approval of the League President." A motion was made by Marty Cutter, VDO and seconded by Joan Logan, VO to change the By-Law. Motion carried. **By-Law IX.D**. Rating Statistics. "the following statistics for position one play.....who have played in the first position at least once." Change to read: "the following statistics for position one play who have played in the first position at least four times." A motion was made by Mel Franz, MV and seconded by Deena Burns, VP to change By-Law IX.D. Motion carried.

Feedback or review of the trial program to borrow non-4.0 players on a temporary basis was given by Marty Cutter, VDO and Roger Betts, SVE. The trial program has worked well. A few minor concerns have been addressed. One being that 3.0 players don't care for the program since they don't have the opportunity to "play-up". When VDO and SVE play each other, some players don't like playing against their friends from their park. Both Marty and Roger agree that a little change to the contract needs to be made.

Bekky Butler, MV, EVSTL VP and Chairperson of the Advisory Committee gave a report on gender-imbalances and proposed By-Law changes regarding borrowing non-4.0 players. The Advisory Committee recommended that **By-Law VIII.J. 3.b** be renumbered to **VIII.J.3.c**. **By-Law VIII.J.3.b** (a new By-Law) will read: " If a member club has a significant gender imbalance at a given level but has players for that level, the club may arrange with another club to borrow players for that level on a continuing basis throughout the season. Individual borrowed players are not required to play each week with the borrowing club but may be rotated with other borrowed players. Teams cannot borrow a position player as listed on the club's position one report posted on its website unless agreed upon by the captains. A written agreement between the two clubs regarding the borrowing arrangement is recommended." These proposed By-Law changes are being referred to the individual clubs for discussion. A vote on the actual changes will be taken at the March meeting. A motion was made by Mel Franz, MV and seconded by Erwin Reimann, AW/VV to change By-Law VIII.J.3.b. to By-Law J.3.c and add VIII.J.3.b as a new By-Law. Motion carried.

Roy Wise, MV, EVSTL scheduler for 1.5 and 4.0 was introduced by Bekky Butler. He explained the proposed 4.0 trial split-roster scheduling system and answered questions on the subject. This proposed trial should also be considered for use in the future for other levels. This proposed change to the By-Laws is being referred to the clubs for discussion. A vote on the actual change will be taken at the March meeting. A motion was made by Sam Kowalko, GF and seconded by Dee Brosowski, SSV to use the scheduling program on a trial basis. Motion carried.

Sam Kowalko, GF gave an update on the foot fault rule. He indicated that foot faulting has decreased primarily due to educating the players. He thanked everyone for their effort in this matter. Information on this subject can be found on the EVSTL website.

Bekky Butler, MV, Vice President briefly covered the census report as of January 15, 2015.

Roger Stevens and Joe Ricci, SSV did a presentation on the Tencap Rating System. This is an automated system to be considered by all parks to replace current rating guidelines being used in EVSTL. There are many features of the system and they stressed the dynamic rating

feature. The dynamic ratings objectively ensures players are in the correct events and divisions. The ratings ensure compatible play for all players. Any park that would like to hear more about the system can contact either Roger or Joe and they will gladly do the presentation for a park's Executive Committee.

Sam Kowalko, GF gave a report from the Nomination Committee for 2015/16 EVSTL Executive Committee. The committee put forward the following names:

Bekky Butler, MV for President.

Two individuals for Vice President, Ralph Sharp, VP and Stephanie Wilcox, LW.

Brona Freeman, SR for Secretary/Treasurer

Mel Franz, MV for Scheduler

President Arnold asked for nominations from the floor for each of the positions. Hearing none, Bekky Butler, Brona Freeman, and Mel Franz were elected by acclamation.

Each club voted by secret ballot for the two individuals for Vice President. Ralph Sharp, VP was elected for Vice President.

President Arnold reminded each club of the importance of updating their club roster as changes occur. The need may happen as often as weekly or monthly. He also encouraged each park to recognize exceptional players.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held March 24, 2015.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer

EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

March 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Arnold at 2:00 p.m. at Valle Del Oro. Sixteen clubs, each represented by its club president or voting representative, constituted a quorum.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2015

Secretary/Treasurer, Brona Freeman moved to accept the minutes of January 27, 2015 as posted on the website. A motion was made by Dee Brosowski, SSV and seconded by Peggy Dittberner, LW to accept the minutes as posted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing bank balance is \$577.97. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

President Arnold addressed the proposal to re-label **By-Law VIII J, 3b to VIII J, 3c and add VIII J 3b**. Roger Betts, SVE moved and Marty Cutter, VDO seconded the motion to amend the original proposal. Motion carried. The new **VII J 3b will read as follows**: " If a member club has a significant gender imbalance at a given level, the club may arrange with another club to borrow players for that level on a continuing basis throughout the season. Individual borrowed players are not required to play each week with the borrowing club but may be rotated with other borrowed players. A written agreement between the two clubs regarding the borrowing arrangement is recommended." The original proposal was presented at the EVSTL General Membership meeting on January 27, 2015. Before the vote was taken, President Arnold asked Marty Cutter, VDO and Roger Betts, SVE to share their experiences and results of borrowing players. They stated the goal was to "keep players playing". They recommended everyone use the guidelines handed out at the meeting. For questions, call Marty at VDO or Roger at SVE. After some discussion, President Arnold asked for a final vote on this amended proposal. A motion was made by Sam Kowalko, GF and seconded by Roger Betts, SVE to accept the change to the By-Laws as amended and stated above. Motion carried.

Beckky Butler, MV gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to **By-Law VII - TEAM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**. Discussion was held concerning gender imbalance and a split roster concept. Split roster applies only to 4.0s on a one year trial basis. If it is successful, it may open to other levels. Sam Kowalko, GV made a motion and it was seconded by Chris Wilcox, CM to change **By –Law VII** as follows:

VII A. To form a **traditional** team.....

VII B. Change current B to C

VII C. Change current C to D

VII E. Change current D to E

VII B. (New) Due to gender imbalance, a team can be formed from players of just one gender. To form this team, a Club must roster, at a minimum, the following number of players:

Level 4.0: 8 men's or 6 women's

Motion carried.

Carolyn Schultheiss, 1.5 Program Coordinator, gave a brief summary of the results of the 1.5 Social play. It was very successful and should be continued next season for those parks who do not have enough players to form a team. Recruitment should be given priority in all parks. Eight parks have established recruiting committees. She provided a handout to each club to be used in their efforts in recruiting. President Tom Arnold recognized both Carolyn and Mel Franz, Scheduler, for their efforts in making the program a big success. Job well done.

President Arnold asked each park to submit their Position One Report if it hasn't been done already. He reminded each president or voting representative that the MCI should already be posted on the website. Any changes to the MCI must be submitted no later than 1 September.

Tencap was the next agenda item. President Arnold stated that he was exercising his authority to suspend **BY-LAW XI, PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING BY-LAWS** in order to have a general membership vote on Tencap at this meeting. Each club was provided a handout on the By-Law proposal. President Arnold said that a Tencap Implementation Committee was been established to insure consistency throughout the league. Committee members will be Ralph Sharp, VP; Joe Ricci, SSV; Mel Franz, MV; Roger Stevens, SSV and Tom Arnold, VDO. Ralph Sharp will chair the committee. President Arnold recommended that each club appoint a Tencap point-of-contact. He also stated that each club should continue their current rating procedures in addition to using Tencap. It was stressed that Tencap does not apply to the 1.5

players. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mel Franz, MV and seconded by Dee Brosowski, SSV to accept **the new By-Law XIII, Use of the Tencap rating system.** Motion carried. **NOTE:** A copy of the new By-Law is attached to the minutes.

Roger Betts, SVE gave a brief update on the Doubles Tournament held at SVE recently. He introduced Jules Levesque, SVE who gave more information regarding the intent of the tournament and possible future guidelines. Since EVSTL does not have any involvement in tournaments, it was suggested that each tournament establish their own guidelines. Mr. Levesque asked for any suggestions or input to the tournament.

President Arnold said the 75+ league is doing very well and asked each park to ensure all players 75 and over are aware of the league. They play on Saturdays and everyone is having a lot of fun.

President Arnold thanked Kline Wilson, out going Past President for his work and contribution to the league for the past 3 years.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Next meeting will be held

Respectively submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer

XIII. Use of the Tencap rating system

A. The Tencap rating system will be implemented on a trial basis for the 2015-16 season for all EVSTL clubs. Clubs have the option to use the Tencap system exclusively or to use Tencap concurrently with their respective rating systems for the trial period. At the conclusion of the trial period for season 2015-16, the league membership shall vote to use Tencap exclusively or to reject it.

B. The league president will name members to an Implementation Committee which will formulate a set of rules and procedures for clubs to observe in order to consistently implement the Tencap system trial. It is recommended that each member club name its own implementation coordinator to facilitate communication and coordination between the EVSTL committee and the club's leaders and members.

C. Member clubs will enroll all of their 2.0 - 4.0+ EVSTL players into the Tencap system in time to start the 2015-16 season. Only players registered with Tencap are eligible for league play because the Tencap system will not work properly unless all players are enrolled.

D. Member clubs have the option to enroll 1.5 players in Tencap if they only play 1.5 matches, although 1.5 players who play up to the 2.0 level must be enrolled in Tencap.

E. All EVSTL players need to provide their club leaders with an email address that they will use to register in the Tencap system for EVSTL- specific play.

F. At the conclusion of the 2015-16 season clubs may continue to use their existing EVSTL and club rules for player placement or use the Tencap rating for the start of the 2016-17 season.

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