

EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

October 31, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Bekky Butler at 5:30 p.m. at Monte Vista, Pueblo Room. Fifteen clubs, each represented by its club president or voting representative, constituted a quorum.

MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2015

Secretary/Treasurer Brona Freeman moved to accept the minutes of March 24, 2015 as posted on the website. A motion was made by Sam Kowalko, GF 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 \$2,092.97. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph Sharp, EVSTL Vice President, gave some general information about Position One reporting. He also stressed the important of each club submitting their MCI no later September 1st of each year.

Tom Arnold gave a brief update and general information about the 75+ league that is played on Saturdays. This league is designed for players at the 2.5 or higher level. Teams are composed of 6 women or 6 men.

President Butler gave an update on the 1.5 level drill/play dates. Play will commence on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

A handout titled "Scheduling Comments for 'Split Team Concept'" was provided to each club present by Ralph Sharp, on behalf of Roy Wise, regarding the scheduling process as it relates to the split team concept and the 2015/16 schedule. The number of teams varies by park. This concept applies to 4.0 level and is on a trial basis.

The Tencap rating system was addressed by Ralph Sharp. He talked about the Implementation Committee. He stated that the committee worked diligently all summer long to have the Tencap Program ready at the beginning of the 2015/16 season. Team captains/coordinators at each park are responsible for entering play results after each match. Only league matches will be put into the system. A coordinator's meeting was held at Mesa Regal. All coordinators are knowledgeable and very capable to make sure every thing goes smoothly. It was stressed that both Tencap or park rules apply for this season. The following report was submitted by Ralph Sharp, EVSTL Vice President for inclusion in the minutes.

TENCAP IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Thanks to the Tencap Implementation Committee (IC) of Roger Stevens SSV, Joe Ricci SSV, Mel Franz MV and Tom Arnold VDO (EVSTL Past President), and additional assistance from Gary Rowe MR for all of their time and effort this summer getting us ready for this important Tencap season.

- By-Law XIII set the guidelines for the implementation (EVSTL web site)
- All players are loaded into the system and we are ready for league play.
- Each club's Tencap Coordinator has received training and in turn has provided training to their captains. Thanks Coordinators for a great job!
- Only regular league matches or IC approved matches will be entered into Tencap.
- IC approved matches include the "sit-Out Opportunity" matches currently at the 2.5 level.
- Other level "sit-Out Opportunity" matches may be approved by the IC if the guidelines are met – starting in January of 2016.
- Clubs may choose to use either Tencap stats, EVSTL stats, or other club criteria to determine 2016-2017 move ups or move downs.
- The IC recommends no movement from one level to another until the beginning of the next season.
- The IC recommends that either Tencap or EVSTL criteria be used for move ups or move downs.
- Because clubs may choose to use Tencap stats exclusively – the Line 1 EVSTL annual report has been exempted by President Bekky Butler for the 2015-16 season.
- Tencap individual ratings will not be changed at the start of the 2016-2017 season. Players may start with their Tencap rating level and their league level being different.
- According to By-Law XIII – "At the conclusion of the trial period for season 2015-16, the league membership shall vote to use Tencap exclusively or to reject it".

Ralph Sharp, EVSTL Vice President

It was suggested that whether using park rating guidelines or Tencap, individuals should not be moved up to the next level until the next season.

NEW BUSINESS

A new program entitled EVSTL "SIT OUT – OPPORTUNITY MATCHES" has been established for 2.5 level teams/players. Gene Rhinehart, a level 3.5 player at SSV, has volunteered to be the coordinator and Joe Ricci SSV, has volunteered to oversee this program. Gene will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Setting up the matches on the Tencap site, with no team playing a match against a team from the same club. The matches will be lined up as best that can be done by trying to match up the current Tencap numbers of each team.

- 2) Will let each captain know how many cans of balls and score keepers to provide that week along with where and when each of their teams will be playing. This will be done by Thursday noon each week.
- 3) Will be at the courts of the match to answer any questions or handle any problems that may come up, as a captain now does in league matches.
- 4) Will direct the scorekeepers, hand out and pick up the scorecards. Joe will also be at the courts through the first half and when the coordinator cannot be present.
- 5) Will record the scores into Tencap.
- 6) Will follow the same rules as for league play.

Gene may be reached at email g.rhinehart@cox.net

Ralph Sharp passed out a copy of the guidelines to each park represented. The guidelines are as follows:

- a) Play will be on Friday mornings, the same day as 2.5 league play.
- b) The first option for players would be between clubs that have a regularly scheduled match for the day.
- c) All matches will be one club against another club and will count toward Tencap ratings.
- d) For sit out – opportunity matches played during Nov-Dec, a maximum of 3 matches will count for Tencap statistics. A maximum of 4 sit out – opportunity matches may be counted in Jan-Mar toward Tencap statistics.
- e) Six SSV courts are available from 7 to 8:30 a.m. each Friday; 5 courts are available at GV for two rounds starting at 9:30 every other Friday, and 4 courts at TR for two rounds starting at 9:30 every other Friday are committed by these clubs for this play.
- f) All 2.5 men and women from all of the clubs who have been scheduled to sit out in a given week will be eligible to play. There must be an even number of players from all clubs so they can make up two-person teams.
- g) The captains of each 2.5 team will send the coordinator a list of their team who will be participating each week by Wednesday at noon before the Friday match, including their names and their Tencap rating.
- h) 2.5 team captains may borrow (two man teams) from the sit-out pool to complete their league matches for Tencap stats.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Audit of the Treasurer's Books will be accomplished on Friday, November 6, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Bekky Butler addressed the need to clarify the process associated with Tie Breaks. She read the guidelines for Tie Break and stated that she would email each club a copy of the clarification.

President Butler referenced By-law IX PLAYER RATING PROCEDURES. She has waived By-law IX,E. on Moving Up Criteria and IX,F on Move Down Criteria for the 2015/16 season. See Attachment 1.

The advisory committee for 2015/16 has been established. Committee members are Gary Larson, SVE; Rod House, TP; Dan Bloom, TR; Jim Miller, VDO. Ralph Sharp will be the Chairperson.

The nomination committee for 2015/16 will be Doug Cutbert, LW; Kristy DeCleene, VO; and Bob Allan, VP.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Next meetings will be held January 29, 2016 and March 28, 2016 at Monte Vista, Pueblo Room at 3:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer

See Attachment 1

By-Law Waivers 2015-16

XI., F., To temporarily suspend all or part of any By-Law required the approval of the League President.

Constitution By-law IX., D Position 1 Report

Rating Statistics: 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 in the first position at least **4 times**.

As President of the EVSTL I declare the IX., D by-law waived for the trial season of TenCap.

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Move Down Criteria: A player who has played at positions other than the #1 and/or #2 positions, has played at least six (6) matches, at those lower levels and was unable to sustain a game winning percentage of at least 35% for the season, **MUST** be moved down to the next lower level of play.

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VIII. J., 5 (Borrowing of Position 1 Players)

Due to shortages, a team at any level other than 4.0 cannot borrow a player from a sister team and play them at first position. A player pulled up to a higher level can play in any position. Note: 4.0 players who are #1 position players may be borrowed and may be played in the #1 position provided that both opposing captains agree.

As President of the EVSTL I declare the VIII., J., 5 by-law waived for the trial season of TenCap.

VIII., J., 7

If a team has a "bye", first position players from the "bye" team may **NOT** be borrowed to play for another "home" team.

As President of the EVSTL I declare the VIII., J., 7 by-law waived for the trial season of TenCap.

EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

January 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Bekky Butler at 3:00 p.m. at Monte Vista, Pueblo Room. Sixteen clubs, each represented by its club president or voting representative, constituted a quorum.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 31, 2015

Secretary/Treasurer Brona Freeman moved to accept the minutes of October 31, 2015 as posted on the website. A motion was made by Sam Kowalko, GF and seconded by Gary Larson, SVE to accept the minutes as posted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing bank balance is \$785.38. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

President Bekky Butler gave an explanation of the transition to Tencap.

Tom Arnold gave a brief update and general information about the 75+ league that is played on Saturdays. He stated that 4 teams are currently scheduled for next season. More teams are needed. The schedule is established in March. A volunteer coordinator is need for next season. Contact Tom for more information.

Carolyn Schultheiss, 1.5 Coordinator gave a brief summary on 1.5 goals. There are approximately 225 1.5 players. Approximately, 200 are registered in Tencap. She asked AW/VV to host a play day for the 1.5s. Carolyn has decided to retire as the 1.5 coordinator. President Butler asked for volunteers to replace Carolyn.

Roy Wise gave a report on the 4.0 Captain's meeting. It stated that the current process for using 4.0 players is working well and should continue for the 4.0s. It is not recommended for the lower levels.

Tom Arnold reported on the proposed new by-laws. He reminded everyone that an email was sent to all parks showing the suggested changes from the old to the new. One park said they didn't receive the email. He will retransmit the information to that park. The proposed new by-laws will be voted on at the March 29, 2016 General Meeting if Tencap is approved at the Special Meeting on February 26' 2016.

President Butler asked for a motion to approve a Special Meeting to be held on February 26, 2016 to have a vote on Tencap. Gary Larson, SVE made the motion and Sam Kowalko, GV seconded it. Motion carried.

Tom Arnold reported on the EVSTL Treasurer's Audit that was conducted on November 5, 2015 by Ron Catanaro, VDO Treasurer. He stated that every entry was accurate and correctly documented.

Rod House, TP reported the results of the Special Committee Meeting held to recommend a change to the number of team members required for all levels. Committee members were Tom Arnold, VDO; Rod House, TP; Patti Beauchamp, CM; Brian Hall, MR; and Terry Garret, SSV. The following was recommended by the committee:

To form a "single" traditional team, a club must roster, at a minimum, the following number of players:

Level 1.5: 4 men, 2 women

Level 2.0-4.0: 7 men, 5 women

To form a second and third team, a club must roster, at a minimum, the following number of players:

Second Team

Level 2.0-4.0: 18 men, 12 women

Third Team

Level 2.0-4.0: 30 men, 21 women

Fourth Team

Level 2.0-4.0: 48 men, 32 women

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 OR 6 women

To play a league match, a club will field, at a minimum, the following number of lines:

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

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Roster players should be players who are present in your resort and are ready and able to play with the exception of week to week injuries. This applies to the beginning November roster. If desired, a player who is arriving later may be named on the roster but an * would indicate that he/she is not currently available for play. This person would NOT be included in the minimum roster number required to form a team. When the player is present and ready to play, the * may be removed. Rosters may be updated throughout the year.

Rosters are club players, not borrowed players to achieve these minimum numbers. Season-long borrowing arrangements are to supplement existing teams, not to achieve the minimum numbers. Individual players who are assigned to another club for an entire season count in that club's roster.

A motion was made by Brian Hall, MR and seconded by Doug Cuthbert, LW to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

President Butler asked that each park comment on their Tencap feelings. Each park was allowed two minutes for comments.

AW/VV – Happy with Tencap

CM – Leans toward one more year

GF – Happy, anticipates positive vote

LW – Not happy. Too much work for captains.

MR – For Tencap

MV – Excited about Tencap

RH – OK with Tencap

SR – Definitely not happy about Tencap. No captains willing to deal with Tencap.

SV – Positive about Tencap

SS – OK with Tencap. Overall happy.

SVE – Overall pleased. Learning curve during trial year.

TR – Old way matching with Tencap

TP – Very positive

VDO – One more year needed for trial/transition but positive overall

VO – Positive

VP – Not very positive. Wants trial for next season.

President Butler supports the positive vote of Tencap, although another year of transition is definitely a factor whether we call it a trial or a transition.

Roger Stevens and Joe Ricci commented on Tencap. They answered questions fielded from the park's representative and observers. Joe Ricci thanked all who were involved with Tencap proposed implementation.

President Butler reminded everyone that a Special Meeting will be held on Feb 26, 2016 at Monte Vista for the sole purpose to vote on keeping Tencap.

Election of board members for 2016/17 was held.

Doug Cuthbert, LW reported on the nomination committee's recommendation for each position. They are Ralph Sharp, President; Jack Sather, Vice President; Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Arnold; and league scheduler; Ben Wilford. Gary Larson, SVE made a motion and was seconded by Brian Hall to accept the nomination committee's recommendation. Motion carried. President Butler asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the slated was accepted by acclamation.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer

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Attachment 1

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February 26, 2016

A special meeting was called to order by President Bekky Butler at 1:00 p.m. at Monte Vista, Pueblo Room. Roll call was taken with all sixteen clubs responding. Each club was represented by its club president or voting representative.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to vote on Tencap and the recommended increase of team membership requirement.

President Butler asked each park to make their final comments regarding Tencap prior to asking for a vote to implement Tencap. Each park responded mostly with positive comments with the exception of two parks. After hearing from each park, Sam Kowalko, GF made a motion and it was seconded by Patti Beauchamp, CM. " I move that the EVSTL adopt the Tencap system as the only player rating system to be used for league stats and player movement effective with the start of the 2016/2017 season. Motion carried.

President Butler asked Rod House, TP to briefly share a committee's recommendation and rationale on increasing team membership requirement.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

- A. To form a single **traditional** team, a club must roster, at a minimum, the following number of players:

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In the event of a club achieving the required amount of men, but not women (or vice versa), an appeal can be made to the league president or designate, who may grant an exception to the by-law numbers for the current season.

A motion was made by Deena Burns, VP and seconded by Doug Cuthbert to eliminate "B" referenced above. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Deena Burns, VP and seconded by James Miller, VDO to change the numbers in "B" above. Motion failed. She then made an amendment requesting that multiples of 9 men and 6 women apply to the team requirement for B2, B3, and B4 above. Amendment failed.

Brian Hall, MR made a motion was to accept the committee's recommendation to increase the team membership requirement. It was seconded by Mary Schaad, SV. Motion carried.

President Butler, Roger Stevens, and Joe Ricci offered to any club on Tencap.

Tom Arnold will prepare a proposed change to the current Captains Guidelines to conform with Tencap. The guidelines will be renamed to Captains Procedures. The stated that the by-laws are being redone and will be available for review in about a week.

Respectively submitted,

Brona Freeman

Secretary/Treasurer

PROPOSED

EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

MINUTES

MARCH 29, 2016

The regular meeting of the EVSTL was called to order by President Bekky Butler at 3:00 pm at Monte Vista. Officers of the EVSTL were introduced.

ROLL CALL: 16 clubs were represented by either the respective club president or league voting representative, constitution a quorum.

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meeting of January 29, 2016, and the special meeting of February 26, 2016, were mistakenly omitted from the agenda and were not officially approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Brona Freeman, Treasurer/ Secretary due to injury, Tom Arnold reported that the beginning balance of funds on deposit was \$785.35 on February 1, 2016. The only disbursements this year have been for internet charges incurred by Henri Rochette, EVSTL Computerist, in the amount of \$100.32, income was \$.03 interest, resulting in an ending balance on February 29, 2016, of \$685.06.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT BUTLER: Bekky Butler delivered a short presentation of the benefits of the EVSTL and the need for all to work together toward a common goal. She emphasized that being positive and cooperative are the most helpful ways for all to achieve our common goals of having fun with tennis, and that being critical of one another does more harm than good to the league.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President-elect Ralph Sharp announced the individuals in the following positions for league management next season: 1.5 coordinators Jane Wise and Tony Simonelli; Tencap Advisory Committee members Tom Arnold and Jack Sather (co-chairs), Carey Bernard MV, Sam Kowalko GV, and Roger Stevens as Tencap Administrator; Opportunity Match Administrator Joe Ricci; and league scheduler Ben Wilford.
2. 75+ League Update: Tom Arnold announced that Mel Franz will be the new coordinator for the 75+ league next season, and that the 75+ league will start out with 4 league teams. Any clubs that want more information should contact Mel Franz.
3. Opportunity Match update: Joe Ricci gave an update on the OM program this season. He encouraged more clubs to utilize the OM program to avoid sit-outs and to play more matches.
4. Tencap Update: Roger Stevens gave a short update on Tencap.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Bylaw Revisions re: Tencap and Team Membership Requirements:

Tom Arnold made a motion that the bylaw revisions as sent out to the presidents via email since the special meeting of 02/26/16 be approved. Motion was seconded. Arnold then led a discussion

of the proposed bylaws, which included several minor modifications to what had been emailed. These revised bylaws were made necessary due to the Tencap program being approved for play for season 2016-2017. In particular, the new section on Captains' Procedures was reviewed.

Amendment was proposed by SSV and seconded to modify the team membership statement regarding waivers for team membership requirements by the president. Discussion was held concerning this proposal. Amendment was voted down. Second amendment was proposed and seconded to require the president to consult with board members regarding waiver requests. This amendment was approved.

Vote to approve the revised bylaws as amended was approved. New bylaws will be put on the league website immediately. Arnold said he will email a copy of the new bylaws to each club.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Butler introduced Jane Wise and Tony Simonelli as the 1.5 coordinators for next season. Tony Simonelli made a brief presentation on training ideas for next season.
2. President Butler proposed that the Tencap dues payment date be changed to the March meeting instead of the fall meeting. The reason for this change is to allow Roger Stevens to ask Tencap company administrators to assist him with changes to the EVSTL program and that payment in the summer instead of the fall will encourage the Tencap company administrators to work with Roger more willingly to make changes. This proposal was approved by the membership.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Sam Kowalko GV presented his idea for a social tennis program for consideration for future league use. The concept is to put more emphasis on having fun and less stress within the league.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Butler announced the new officers for this next year:

Ralph Sharp, VP, president

Bekky Butler, MV, past president

Jack Sather, LW, vice-president

Tom Arnold, VDO, secretary/ treasurer

Ben Wilford, VP, scheduler

Adjourned.

Tom Arnold
Secretary/Treasurer