

## 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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