

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.

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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