

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.

Constitution By-law IX., E

Moving Up Criteria: Any player who has met all the following criteria **MUST** be moved up to the next higher rating.

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

Constitution By-law IX., F

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.

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

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.