

EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the EVSTL was called to order by President Ralph Sharp at 3:00 pm at Viewpoint. Officers of the EVSTL were introduced and President Sharp made opening comments welcoming the new presidents and league representatives. He also distributed a list of EVSTL acronyms and league officers and volunteers.

ROLL CALL: 14 clubs were represented by either the respective club president or league voting representative, constituting a quorum. Roadhaven and Valle del Oro were not represented.

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meeting of March 29, 2016, had been posted on the EVSTL website prior to the meeting. Motion by Tom Arnold and seconded by Sunland Village to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Arnold presented the treasurer's report showing a beginning balance of \$685.06, deposits of \$3,033.97, disbursements of \$1,558.00, leaving a balance of \$2,161.03. Arnold stated that the deposits include Tencap fees of \$3,000.00 for the 2016-17 season and refunding of bank fees of \$33.97. Disbursements included the initial payment for the current season to Tencap Sports for \$1,500.00 and a charge of \$58.00 for bank fees. A second payment to Tencap Sports is due in November for \$1,500.00. Arnold then collected dues of \$20.00 each for the current season from clubs represented at the meeting.

President Sharp then proceeded with the Agenda.

1. Jack Sather, Vice President, and President Sharp briefly discussed the various duties and reports that the Vice President will be involved in this season, including the Standing Advisory Committee, and the annual reports. No position one report is due this fall for move-ups and move-downs from last season. The annual census report will be conducted in January.
2. 75+ League Update: Mel Franz of MV reported that the 75+ league will start out with 4 league teams, with about 75 players. MV, SSV, VDO and VP are the participating clubs. Any clubs that want more information should contact Mel Franz at MV.
3. 1.5 Program: Jane Wise was introduced as one of the 1.5 program coordinators. She discussed the upcoming 1.5 Fun Day being held at MV on 11/17/16. Expected team numbers are due the first week in December for league play and social play. She also discussed coaching at the league matches and said that the captains should agree whether to allow coaching or not and, if so agreed, when to do so during the matches.
4. 1.5 Training program: Tony Simonelli was introduced as the other 1.5 coordinator for the 1.5 program with emphasis on training of 1.5 players. He discussed the use of the new green dot balls for practice. President Sharp stated that the executive board had decided that green dot balls will not be used in league matches, although clubs should feel free to use them in practice sessions. Tony said for anyone to please contact him for training support and more information on purchasing green dot balls.

5. Opportunity Matches: Joe Ricci of SSV discussed the importance and format of opportunity matches for each level. He announced the names of the OM coordinator for each level. Joe then stressed the importance of OM's in avoiding sit-outs and getting more players opportunities to play. He thanked the clubs that have agreed to host opportunity matches, and emphasized the importance of clubs hosting OM's due to the involvement and participation of all clubs in OM program. The SR league representative expressed concern about the expectation for clubs to host opportunity matches, to which Joe Ricci responded that all clubs should help to host these matches as that is in the best interests of the entire league. Clubs are to contact Joe directly for questions regarding the OM's.

6. Tencap system: Roger Stevens was absent so Ben Wilford briefly discussed the Tencap system. He explained that the confidence levels for many players dropped during the summer due to inactivity and this is an expected element of the program. Generally, 5% per quarter is what has been experienced. The confidence levels will go back up as matches are played. Official ratings are achieved when the CL reaches 90%. There are now 4 individuals with official ratings of 90%.

7. Tencap Advisory Committee: Tom Arnold and Jack Sather, co-chairs of the TAC, briefly discussed the role of the committee this season. The committee will be working to answer questions regarding Tencap to the clubs. Arnold also stated the TAC will consider minor adjustments to the Tencap system as the season progresses, and will communicate any adjustments to the club presidents as decisions are reached. If these adjustments are proposed to be made permanent, the bylaws would then be voted on at the March membership meeting.

8. EVSTL Captains' Procedures: Arnold stressed the importance of the team captains following the new Captains' Procedures in the league Bylaws to provide fair and competitive matches. He stressed the rules for captains to attempt to pair partners within 6 points, and to arrange matches between opponents within 6 points. If there are questions about arranging matches, captains should be encouraged to consult with their club Tencap coordinators. Arnold also emphasized the importance of scheduling 4 mens and 3 ladies matches whenever possible, utilizing opportunity matches and play-ups if necessary, and keeping Tencap rosters and MCI posted rosters up to date.

9. Nominating Committee: President Sharp asked for volunteers for the league nominating committee. There being no volunteers, names were drawn. Nominating committee members are presidents from SV, GV, and TR. If the president cannot serve on the committee, the president is to designate a replacement from the respective club. VP Jack Sather volunteered to work closely with the committee if requested.

10. Club Liaison Program: President Sharp discussed the EVSTL – club liaison program he initiated. The purpose of this new program is to provide a direct link of support for each club to the league board. This should enhance communication, coordination, and problem-solving between individual clubs and the league board.

Liaisons are: Ralph Sharp for VO, RH, MR; Bekky Butler for MV, AWWV, GV; Tom Arnold for VDO, TR, SR; Jack Sather for LW, TP, SVE, SSV; Ben Wilford for VP, CM, SV.

11. Scheduler for 4.0 and 1.5 teams: President Sharp announced that Roy Wise will not be continuing as scheduler for the 4.0 and 1.5 teams and the league is in need of someone to take his place. Interested individuals are to contact President Sharp. Roy Wise has made significant

contributions to the EVSTL for many years, and is very much appreciated for his commitment to the league.

New Business:

Jack Sather presented a proposed league flyer. He will follow up on this and report back to the membership at its next meeting on this idea.

President Sharp stated that the league advisory committee is looking at the idea of social tennis and how it can be more considered in the league.

President Sharp announced future meeting dates for the league membership meetings:  
Friday, January 27, 2017 and Friday, March 31, 2017. Both are at Viewpoint.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Arnold  
Secretary/ Treasurer

EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2017

1. The regular meeting of the EVSTL was called to order by President Ralph Sharp at 3:00 pm at Viewpoint. Officers of the EVSTL were introduced and President Sharp made opening comments welcoming the presidents and league representatives. President Sharp requested that in the future all club presidents attend the membership meetings, noting that presently there were only about ½ of the presidents at the table, the rest were league representatives. He also encouraged all presidents and league reps to share all the information from the league board and the TAC with their respective club boards and players. President Sharp then proceeded with the agenda.
2. ROLL CALL: 16 clubs were represented by either the respective club president or league voting representative, constituting a quorum.
3. RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENT VERN LOLAND'S PASSING: Jack Sather read the obituary for Vern Loland, followed by a minute of silent reflection by the members. Vern is to be remembered for his significant commitment to the EVSTL and his many contributions.
4. MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 2016, had been posted on the EVSTL website prior to the meeting. Motion by Tom Arnold and second by Sunland Village East to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed 16-0.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Arnold presented the treasurer's report showing a beginning balance of \$2,161.03, deposits of \$320.00 from member dues, disbursements of \$1,577.16, leaving a balance of \$903.87. A second payment to Tencap Sports was made in November for \$1,500.00 for the final installment for the current season.
6. Jack Sather, Vice President, presented the Standing Committee's report on Social Tennis. The report consisted primarily of a survey of the clubs and a description of how they incorporate social tennis into the club, in addition to the competitive league tennis. There was no discussion on the report.
7. 2017-18 league schedule; Tencap rosters: Ben Wilford, league scheduler, discussed two options for the calendar for league play for next season. Motion by Carriage Manor, second by Monte Vista to recommend option #1 to the board for scheduling. With this option, the fall season will start on Monday, November 6, and will end on Friday, December 22. The winter season starts on Tuesday, January 2, and ends on Friday, March 2. The 3.5 matches scheduled for Monday, January 1 would need to be rescheduled by each club.

Wilford then discussed an idea to help the clubs more accurately manage their Tencap rosters. The idea is to add an additional team to each club for each level for which it has a team, and to name this team xxxDec. This roster would be for team members who arrive after the Dec. 1 deadline for team rosters and would include late arriving players, injured and non-playing players, and others not available for play. Players would be transferred from the xxxDec roster to the play roster when they are available, and vice versa. This would enable the league board to understand

how many players are available to meet minimum team membership numbers and would help others to see what players will eventually be available for play. The membership agreed to recommend that the board further pursue this plan and present it at the next membership meeting in final form.

8. Nominating committee: Jack Sather spoke for the nominating committee. Motion by Mesa Regal, with second by Towerpoint, to approve the slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion approved unanimously. Officers elected for next season terms: Jack Sather, president; Tom Arnold, vice president; Carey Barnard, secretary/treasurer; and Ben Wilford, scheduler. Ralph Sharp will join these officers on the board as past president.

9. 4.0 Captains' meeting: President Sharp reported that he had held a meeting with the 4.0 captains to discuss the idea of adding a 4.5+ division. He said the results of discussions with the 4.0 captains was that they were not in favor of this idea at this time.

10. TAC report: Tom Arnold reported that there were 36 requests for voluntary move-downs and 35 were approved. The only one that was not approved was for a player who was just one point out of the current playing level. Arnold also explained the reason that the window for accepting requests for move-downs was changing, and that has been due to a lack of communication throughout the league to the players regarding the move-down option, and this seems to have been related to the end of the calendar year/ holiday calendar and people being gone.

11. Tencap report: Roger Stevens discussed the large number of tie-breaks we are now experiencing at all levels, how few errors are being made by captains, ratings not being recalculated once scores are verified, and the numbers of players who had moved up in the past two years with few players moving down. He also discussed making appropriate partner matchups and opponent matchups, and other administrative questions. A couple of questions were asked by the club presidents and also a couple of questions from the floor, including how the Tencap fees were determined.

12. Opportunity Match report: Joe Ricci, OM administrator, reported that the OM's seem to be doing well with few issues or problems. All clubs appear to be using the system, and the coordinators are doing a great job. Joe reported that 972 players have been able to play who would not otherwise been able to play if it were not for the OM's.

13. 1.5 Report: Jane Wise reported on the various activities that have been happening throughout the 1.5 league program, including the Fun Days and the league matches. 90 players attended the Fun Day at Monte Vista earlier in the fall, which included lessons as well as social play.

14. 1.5/2.0 League issue: Tom Arnold reported that the board and the TAC have been looking at the high number of 1.5 rated players who play at the 2.0 level. He distributed a handout showing 236 of the 488 players (48%) at the 2.0 play level have a 1.5 rating. This is creating some significant matchup problems for the captains. Arnold reported that the majority of clubs seem to be promoting 1.5 players to the 2.0 level in the same general manner, i.e. with permission of the

1.5 captain and the 1.5 instructor(s). This informal system may be contributing to the problem of so many 1.5 rated players at the 2.0 level. President Sharp stated that he was forming a special committee to study this issue and report back to the membership at the March meeting as to any recommendations.

Committee members are: MR, VDO, SSV representing 1.5 league clubs; SR, CM, SV representing 1.5 social clubs, and Jane Wise (1.5 coord), and Jack Sather, Vice Pres (chair).

15. 75+ League Update: Mel Franz of MV reported that the 75+ league is needing some players. Any clubs that want more information should contact Mel Franz at MV.

16. MV 2.5 level teams: Bekky Butler, past president, reported on the concerns of the MV 2.5 team and its low team numbers. She asked for some patience, that MV is working on the problem, and to please keep in mind that team membership numbers are projected in good faith in the fall, but are subject to change due to number of unforeseen problems.

17. Census comparison/ census report: Jack Sather discussed the census figures comparing this January vs. the previous January 2016. Total census for January 2017 is 2527, and total census for January 2016 was 2860. This reflects a decrease of 333, or -11.6%.

18. Sun Life request to join EVSTL: Tom Arnold reported that Sun Life Resort has requested membership in the EVSTL. Connie Greer is the president of the Sun Life tennis club. Due to its small size, Sun Life has requested joining up with AWWV as a membership club. Arnold stated that he has researched the EVSTL records and could not find a defined precedent or policy regarding a small club joining up with another club, and that he recommends that the league be open to such recruitment to increase the league census, and that perhaps Jack Sather, as president-elect could establish a committee next season to develop policy and procedure for admitting small clubs. Motion by Tom Arnold, sec/treas, and second by Mesa Regal to admit Sun Life into the EVSTL in conjunction with AWWV. Motion approved 16-0.

19. Proposed bylaw changes: Tom Arnold made three motions to approve three bylaw changes (attached to these minutes).

Motion re: VII.J. ***A player must be a member of a team and only one team/ roster.*** Second by SSV. Approved to send to March meeting for final vote.

Motion re: IX.A. add: Players who transfer between clubs within the EVSTL maintain their Tencap rating. The receiving club determines the level of play. Second by Mesa Regal. Approved to send to March meeting for final vote.

Motion re: VII.A.B. To change minimum team membership numbers. First team, no change. ***Second team, change to 20 men and 14 women.*** Third team, no change. ***Fourth team, change to 40 men and 28 women.*** Second by GV.

Discussion was held concerning this proposed change. Arnold stated that at present 26% (9/34) of all teams with 2 or more teams at a level are not achieving league minimum team size requirements. This seems to be creating problems in meeting the 4-3 match requirements, depending on play-ups and OM's to get to the 4-3 requirement. Arnold stated that the board recommends increasing the team size to go to a second team to 20-14 (10-7 per team avg.) to

allow for players who unable to be present, injured, or otherwise not available. Surplus players would then be eligible for OM's or to be borrowed by the sister team. Arnold reported that 24 of the 34 teams that now have 2 or more teams at a level would meet the new requirement. Arnold further stated that the board has had to spend well in excess of 100+ hours addressing waiver requests from clubs that have wanted to add a second team, involving a considerable amount of time over the summer months when club leaders are absent or unable to address the responses from the board, are unable to forge borrowing agreements between clubs, and may be unable to make commitments to team size until just prior to the September 1 deadline.

Membership discussion identified problems with this proposal for clubs with teams with a large number of one gender but not for the other gender, possible large number of sit-outs, and other concerns.

Regarding changing the 4<sup>th</sup> team, Arnold stated that it is the opinion of the board that the current policy is unfair to players who happen to be on larger teams, and that the proposal to have all teams (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup>) after the first team to be of the same minimum standards is more fair and equitable for all.

Vote to send to the March meeting for final vote approved 14-2.

20. Additional topics: None

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Arnold  
Secretary/ Treasurer

TENCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2017

1. Borrowing from sister team:  
***Approved. Teams may borrow without requiring a bye of the sister team. VIII.J.4.***
2. Borrowing one player from OM's vs. borrowing 2 players:  
***Defer to fall. Consider 2.0 trial. Need input of OM coordinators.***
3. Second deuce:  
***Not approved.***
4. Widen Tencap ranges, overlap:  
***Not approved. Keep ranges the same.***
5. Age waiver for mandatory move-ups:  
***No waivers, exceptions based on age. See IX.G.2.***
6. Drop MCI rosters, keep Tencap only:  
***Approved. MCI rosters are discontinued, although all other MCI info is continued.***
7. Tencap fees due March 31; census to be used:  
***Census determined. Invoices to be sent out asap. Fees due at March membership meeting.***
8. Does 6/6 rule need revision? 6/4 was suggested, delete "if possible":  
***Keep at 6/6. Encourage movement toward 6/4.***
9. IX.D. 1-point rule, conflict with mandatory move-up, club responsibility:  
***Keep 1-point rule. Clubs determine how it is used. Re-organize IX.D. and IX.F.1. to clarify the possible conflict between mandatory moves and the exception rule.***
10. Mid-season moves next year, optional or mandatory, announce prior to season, two-level req:  
***Approved mid-season moves for next season, up and down. Move one level only. Dates to be determined. Option of player but must have support of TC coordinator and club leadership, same process as this season, requests to be approved by TAC. No bylaw change, keep as option of TAC, evaluate end of next season.***
11. Players not playing end of season, dissatisfaction with system:  
***First full season difficult, frustrating to some especially unexpected moves. Overall, stronger teams after first full season adjustments. Easier pairings and matchups for captains after moves.***
12. Request to consider "special considerations" from players thru clubs:  
***Re-word para IX.H. to not restrict this to only two-level moves. Medical and special issues, etc. should be considered and will be by TAC. Bylaw change required end of next season.***

13. Team membership bylaw proposed change, Tencap implications:  
***Upcoming move-ups and move-downs have uncertain impact on team sizes. TAC recommends keeping min. team sizes to current requirements for one, two and three teams, but to reduce number for four teams to same as three teams, which would be 40/28.***
14. 2-level (double bump) move-up, criteria, deadline for submission, reviews:  
***Notice/ reminders to be announced at special meeting on March 13.***
15. 1.5/ 2.0 Standing Committee Report:  
***Much discussion. Details in report to the board.***
16. Opportunity to play down:  
***Look at this in October with input from presidents. Tencap ratings should insure appropriate matches, regardless of actual playing level. Must have limitations.***

TA 3/8/17

## SUMMARY OF 1.5 /2.0 PLAN FOR 2017-18

In summary, the recommendation from the special committee to form two 2.0 level (A and B) teams was not accepted. Also, the recommendation that all 1.5 players play just social league without Tencap ratings was also not approved. The recommendations that came from the TAC were generally accepted.

In general, there are three problems:

- more senior players coming down to 2.0 and not able to maintain 2.0 ratings;
- a large number of beginners coming up from 1.5 who are not ready to play competitively at the 2.0 level as evidenced by their inability to maintain a 2.0 rating;
- 1.5 players being promoted to the 2.0 level with 1.5 ratings.

Therefore, we are implementing some new procedures for next season:

### **1. Regarding the 2.0 teams:**

There will be regular 2.0 teams next season, not two teams (A-B, etc).

1.5 rated players on 2.0 teams will continue to have opportunities to play on Tuesdays, but should also be given opportunities to play with other 1.5 rated players on Thursday with the 1.5 team, especially if there is not an similarly-rated partner to play with on Tuesdays. These players remain on the 2.0 team (they are not moved to 1.5 level), but may play with the 1.5 players with similar Tencap ratings. A club may determine that players on the 2.0 team with 1.5 ratings only play with and against other 1.5 rated players, and this might result in more Thursday matches with the 1.5 team.

### **2. Regarding the 1.5 team/ players:**

This is proposed as a long-term solution to solve the problems experienced at the 2.0 level. Consensus is that the clubs need to be more effective at preparing 1.5 level players to play successfully on the 2.0 level, i.e. to maintain 2.0 ratings on the 2.0 team. De-emphasizing the quick movement to 2.0 and playing more competitive league matches in combination with increased training are recommended.

Decision was made to implement a full-season competitive 1.5 league, beginning

in November. Clubs are encouraged to have as many 1.5 players play in the competitive league as possible to make it successful.

Clubs that do not have sufficient numbers of 1.5/ beginner players to form a team (4 men and 2 women) may have individual players/partners play in the league, similar to the OM system for other levels. This procedure will be worked out.

Clubs that do not have sufficient players to form a team may have their 1.5 players join up with other clubs to play competitive matches.

There will also continue to be a 1.5 social component. Players can play social or competitive league, or both.

Social matches can be played at the same time as competitive league matches. For instance, 3 or 4 league matches and 3 or 4 social matches on the same day. Captains and players decide in advance whether the match is social or league.

All 1.5 competitive league players must register with Tencap and have their league matches entered into the Tencap system.

1.5 players who only play social matches are not required to be in Tencap (unless they play a league match)

1.5 players who go to 2.0 must earn a Tencap rating of 69 or better. Certain confidence levels are not required.

Players who only play social and are evaluated to be ready for the 2.0 level will receive a Tencap rating of 69 upon promotion to 2.0.

These procedures will be in effect for the 2017-18 season.

Clubs that have already conducted end-of-the-season evaluations of current 1.5 players and have promoted them based on club criteria are not required to re-evaluate these players, but are encouraged to look closely at these promotions.

TA 3/14/17

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EVSTL MEMBERSHIP  
MARCH 13, 2017

President Sharp called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm at Viewpoint.

Secretary Arnold called the roll, showing all 16 members represented by the president or voting representative.

President Sharp read a letter from Jack Sather, president-elect for next season, which stated he was resigning from the board for health reasons. President Sharp announced that Tom Arnold, vice president-elect, will assume the position of president as of April 1, and that the board will be filling the vice president position.

**Agenda item 1: Team membership bylaw proposal**

Tom Arnold made a motion to amend the original motion presented at the January 27, 2017, meeting. The amendment is to change the minimum team numbers (VIIB.) for clubs with four teams at a level to 40 men and 32 ladies.

Second by Towerpoint (RH). No discussion. Vote 16-0 to approve.

**Agenda item 2: Discussion of the 1.5/ 2.0 issue of a large number of 1.5 rated players at the 2.0 level; how 1.5 players are promoted to 2.0.**

Skip Abell, president-elect of VDO and a member of the committee assigned to address this issue, presented a summary of the findings and recommendations of the special committee. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes. There was considerable discussion following this presentation.

Tom Arnold, vice president and co-chair of the TAC, presented the recommendations of the TAC regarding the 1.5/ 2.0 issue. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes.

After considerable discussion, Rod House (TP) made a motion that the 1.5 players be provided a full-season league play schedule, that clubs encourage all 1.5 players to play in the league, that social play also continue, that individual 1.5 players be allowed to play in the league matches not as part of a club team, and that individual players be allowed and encouraged to join up with a club other than their own.

Second by Joe Ricci (SSV). Vote 16-0 to approve the motion.

Joe Ricci (SSV) made a motion that 1.5 level players be required to have a Tencap rating of 69 to be promoted to the 2.0 level; that 1.5 league players must attain a 69

rating; that social players have a skill ability commensurate with a 69 rating as determined by the club evaluators and be given that rating upon promotion; that this be required beginning with the 2017-18 season; that clubs are encouraged to reconsider 1.5 promotions already conducted this season which may not meet this new standard; and that the confidence level is not a required consideration in promoting 1.5 players to the 2.0 level.

Second by Garry Rowe (MR). Vote 16-0 to approve the motion.

Tom Arnold said he would write a summary of the approved changes and will send it out to the clubs for planning purposes.

**Other non-agenda items:**

President Sharp then discussed the forms he had previously distributed concerning team sizes with possible players for borrowing. Clubs are encouraged to review these forms and communicate between themselves regarding any of their specific needs.

Tom Arnold then distributed a summary of TAC discussions and decisions at its last meeting. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes. Arnold stated that the TAC and the incoming board will have more information available regarding these suggested rule changes at the October meeting.

Tom Arnold,  
Secretary/Treasurer  
3/13/17

EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 31, 2017

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the EVSTL was called to order by President Ralph Sharp at 3:00 pm at Viewpoint. Presidents and league representatives introduced themselves and any guests with them. President Sharp made some introductory remarks and extended many thanks to the people around the league who have helped to make the season successful. He then introduced the executive committee, and proceeded with the agenda.
2. Roll Call: 16 clubs were represented by either the respective club president or league voting representative, constituting a quorum.
3. Minutes: Minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2017, had been posted on the EVSTL website prior to the meeting. Motion and second to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed 16-0.
4. Minutes: Minutes of the special meeting of March 13, 2017, had been posted on the EVSTL website prior to the meeting. Motion and second to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed 16-0.
5. Treasurer's Report: Arnold presented the treasurer's report showing a beginning balance on February 1, 2017, of \$903.87, with no deposits and no disbursements, leaving a balance of \$903.87. Club payments for the Tencap fees were received at this meeting.
6. 75+ League: Mel Franz was not in attendance. President Sharp recognized Mel for a job well done this season with the 75+ league, and if clubs would like to participate in the 75+ league to contact Mel for more information.
7. 1.5 Program: Jane Wise reported that the 1.5 program this season was very successful and plans are underway to improve the program for next season. There will be league play Nov – March and also social play, and clubs with small 1.5 teams and clubs without a full 1.5 team will be able to play OM's and join up with other clubs. Other 1.5 program guidelines will be discussed at the October meeting.
8. Opportunity Matches: Joe Ricci reported that the OM system worked very well this season. The only exception was the 4.0 level, and the 4.0 OM system will not be used next season. An alternative system will be developed and be presented at the October meeting. Joe stated that the OM coordinators did a great job this season and he thanked them for their service.
9. Tencap: Roger Stevens reported on the Tencap system. The 2017-18 league season is set up and ready. All teams are in the system and nearly all clubs have entered rosters for next season. Season-end moves in both directions are the single biggest change for the league in recent history, maybe in the entire history of the league. This is the first season that the league has made move-down rules and enforced them. Multiple levels on a team have been reduced to closer margins, and all clubs are now using the same criteria to form teams.

10. TAC: Tom Arnold presented a short summary of the TAC activity for the season and reviewed a list of decisions the TAC had made. Some of these topics will be followed up on in the fall.

11. Bylaw amendments: Tom Arnold presented discussion on two bylaw amendment proposals.

VIII.J.4. Change to: *A player must be a member of only one team, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws.*

Motion by Mesa Regal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Towerpoint. Vote 16-0 to approve.

IX.A. add last sentence to paragraph: *Players who transfer between clubs within the EVSTL maintain their Tencap rating. The receiving club determines the level of play.*

Motion by Valle del Oro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carriage Manor. Vote 16-0 to approve.

12. Scheduling, MCI, rosters, summer communication: Ben Wilford requested that all clubs should have the MCI contact information updated as soon as possible, that the MCI's must be correct for the number of teams at each level, and team rosters should be in the Tencap system as soon as possible including the new inactive rosters. There will be no MCI team rosters for next season and clubs are to utilize only the Tencap system for rosters. Terry Garrett will begin to work on the 4.0 and 1.5 schedules on April 1. September 1 is the deadline for final roster changes for the 2.0 – 3.5 levels as that is when the scheduling begins. Consequently, presidents are encouraged to stay in contact with club members throughout the season to determine if the status of players changes over the summer which could effect team sizes and minimum numbers.

13. Special requests for minimum team requirements: Tom Arnold presented an option being made available to the clubs to help meet the minimum team requirements. The "2-Point Special Request" outline was distributed to the membership prior to the meeting. The purpose is to only help clubs meet the minimum requirements to field a team. It is not intended to allow clubs to increase a team roster beyond the minimum numbers. This is an option approved by the TAC and the executive committee for this season. It would need approval to be repeated next season. A copy is attached to the minutes.

14. EVSTL comments: Joel Woods, TP, reported that he was part of a team that competed out-of-state and was pleased to hear feedback from others as to the uniqueness of the EVSTL. He suggested that perhaps some public relations could be used to increase the visibility of the EVSTL.

15. Gender-based scheduling: Ralph Sharp stated that Carey Barnard is looking closely at this topic to help deal with gender imbalanced teams and getting more teams fielded. She has produced a handout which looks at team sizes and gender issues. Carey will be presenting more on this topic at the fall membership meeting.

16. Recent mergers: Good Life has joined up with AWWV. The Resort and Sunland Village have looked at a merger, but instead will only be consolidating some teams together at certain levels. Several other clubs are considering similar arrangements of consolidating small teams to form larger teams.

17. Comments from the floor: Rod House, TP, requested that the split team/ single gender format be placed on the agenda for discussion by the membership at the October membership meeting. This was approved.

18. Introduction of officers 2017-18: President Sharp introduced the officers for next season: Tom Arnold VDO, president; Joe Ricci SSV, vice president; Ralph Sharp VP, past president; Ben Wilford VP, scheduler; Carey Barnard MV, secretary/ treasurer.

Bekky Butler recognized Ralph for his outstanding leadership this season and for his commitment to the league for the past two years.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Arnold  
Secretary/ Treasurer