

PROPOSED

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