

## MINUTES 2017-18

### EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 25, 2017

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the EVSTL was called to order by President Tom Arnold at 3:00 pm at Valle del Oro. Presidents and league representatives introduced themselves and any guests with them. President Arnold made some introductory remarks regarding the purpose and proper use of the presidents' email group. 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 March 31, 2017, had been posted on the EVSTL website prior to the meeting. Motion by VDO and second by VP to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed 16-0.
4. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Carey Bernard, secretary/ treasurer, Arnold presented the treasurer's report showing a beginning balance on April 1, 2017, of \$ 6,867.15 , with no further deposits. The only disbursement was \$ 3,000.00 payment to Tencap for this season one-half payment, leaving a balance of \$ 3,867.15. The second half payment to Tencap is due in December. Club payments for annual dues for 2017-18 were received at this meeting. Motion made by AWVV to approve the minutes and second by LW. Motion carried. Arnold also explained that the league bank account was changed from Wells Fargo to US Bank due to some suspicious email activity regarding the bank account.
5. Appointment of advisory committee. Per the bylaws, the next five alphabetical club presidents were appointed to the league advisory committee: MR, MV, RH, SR, SSV. The vice president will be an ad hoc member of the committee and will chair the committee.
6. Appointment of nominating committee. A drawing was held to determine the members of the nominating committee. The members are VO, SSV, VP. The current vice president will be available for consultation to the committee. The nominating committee will submit a recommended slate of officers for the 2018-19 season to the president EVSTL by January 12. The slate will include nominations for president, vice president, secretary/ treasurer, and scheduler. The past president position is automatic.
7. Club liaisons. President Arnold explained the club liaison arrangement wherein each member of the executive committee works with a select group of clubs to assist the clubs in any way and facilitate communication with the executive committee as may be needed. The assignments are: Tom Arnold (VDO, SR, TR); Joe Ricci (LW, TP, SVE, SSV); Carey Bernard (MV, AWVV, GV); Ben Wilford (VP, CM, SV); Ralph Sharp (VO, RH, MR).

## 8. Coordinator reports:

Tencap Advisory Committee: Chairman Ralph Sharp introduced the committee members (Ralph Sharp, Roger Stevens, Joe Ricci, Rebecca Elliott, Julie Post). He then listed several important matters to be discussed by the TAC with recommendations to the executive committee:

- \* borrowing players from sister team (impending bylaw change recommendation)
- \* review the 6/6 rule in captains' procedures
- \* mid-season voluntary move-up and move-down (set requirements/ dates, etc)
- \* review possible opportunity for play-downs
- \* review the 2-point rule, whether to retain or not.

Chairman Sharp then summarized the process whereby the TAC discusses issues, which are then forwarded to the executive committee for final decisions, communication with the clubs, and possible bylaw changes.

Scheduling: Ben Wilford, league scheduler, and Terry Garrett, scheduler for the 1.5 and 4.0 teams, made comments regarding the scheduling process, team rosters, the need for accurate MCI information to be made current, the Jan. 1, 2018 league play day. Both schedulers thanked the membership for getting their Tencap rosters up to date and the number of teams established quickly. This was very helpful and necessary in supporting their efforts to put the schedules together.

1.5 Plan (handout): Jane Wise, 1.5 coordinator for the EVSTL, summarized the plan for 1.5 play this season. There will be league play all season for the first time. Social as well as league play will still be arranged. Players must attain a 69 or better rating to be promoted to the 2.0 level. Social players will be given a 69 when promoted to 2.0 level. Players on 2.0 teams with a 1.5 rating (70+) will be encouraged to play on Thursdays with players with similar ratings. Clubs with 1.5 rated players on the 2.0 level have the option to require these players to play on Thursdays or not.

Opportunity matches: Joe Ricci, OM administrator, named the OM coordinators for this season, and explained that there will not be a 4.0 opportunity match system. Ricci also explained that there will be a trial for the 2.0 level concerning clubs sending individual players to the OM system. The trial will be evaluated and the results and recommendations will be discussed with the membership at the next meeting in January.

75+ League: Mel Franz, coordinator for the 75+ league, was not in attendance. If clubs would like to participate in the 75+ league they are to contact Mel at MV for more information. There will be six teams in the 75+ league this season.

MCI (Master Club Information): Ben Wilford discussed the change this season to eliminate the team rosters from the MCI websites and to simply maintain the Tencap rosters current.. Ben also emphasized the importance of keeping the MCI club information regarding club leadership and contact information up to date.

## 9. Other business:

TP president Joel Woods requested that certain bylaws be observed regarding the split roster rule and the rule requiring players be a member of only one team. Discussion followed. Recommendation was made by President Arnold that this matter be tabled until the January meeting and at that time a proposed bylaw change could be proposed by TP or another member to address the issue.

MV representative asked about the possibility of a single-gender league schedule for all levels. Ben Wilford responded with an explanation as to the very difficult scheduling problems that would possibly result. This includes the possibility of more teams for scheduling. This would be most felt in the shortage of courts to host more teams. President Arnold suggested that each club look at its teams and determine if there is a need for more teams, or not. This will be further discussed at the January league meeting.

TR president explained the merging of some teams with TR and SV. Some matches will be played at TR and some at SV. The teams involved will be informed as to the particulars.

SR also explained that some teams of SR have merged with CM.

TR asked for clarification as to the active vs. the inactive rosters. Ben Wilford explained that the active roster is for players who are here and ready for play. The inactive roster is for players not yet here or injured or absent or not available for play in a particular week. Players can and should be moved from the active to the inactive and back as appropriate to keep the active roster current.

Joe Ricci explained that Tennis Cabana is now closed and that there is no tennis shop now in the local area. Gary Widdup of Tennis Cabana is willing to come to clubs and make available racquets and other gear. If clubs are interested they should contact Joe Ricci who will make arrangements with Gary Widdup.

Arnold announced that the next meeting of the membership is at VDO on January 23.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Arnold  
President  
(Carey Bernard absent)

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East Valley Senior Tennis League (EVSTL)

General Membership Meeting

held January 23, 2018, 3pm at VDO

1. Call to Order by President Tom Arnold.
2. Roll Call- 16 clubs were in attendance, all represented by Presidents: Skip Abell VDO, Ken Kirsch CM, Gaylene Warner RH, Mary Ann Mathison SV, Joel Woods TP, Bob Downs MR, Byron Barnard MV, Clyde Baum VO, Sharon Olson BP, Jennifer Wittick SSV, Rick Hueback AWWV, Jim Lane GV, Rebecca Elliot LW, Juanita Dressel SR, Doug Shjeflo SVE and Jodi Dossier TR. Quorum present. Executive Board members in attendance: Tom Arnold (TA) President, Joe Ricci (JR) Vice President, Carey Barnard (CB) Secretary-Treasurer, Ralph Sharp (RS) Past President, Ben Wilford (BW) Scheduler.
3. Previous Meeting's Minutes of October 25, 2017 have been posted on the EVSTL website. One correction will be made prior to approval at March meeting: Point 3 where it reads "minutes of the regular meeting of October 31, 2017, had been posted on the website..." should read "minutes of the regular meeting of March 31, 2017 had been posted on the website". A motion to approve the minutes will be conducted at the March 2018 meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report: CB, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report showing

Opening Balance: as at October 25, 2017 (last general meeting)  
\$3867.15

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Deposits:

\$320 from club memberships

Disbursements:

\$3000 December 28, 2017 Tencap Sports ½ fees

\$189.87 January 23, 2018 Go Daddy Website hosting

Closing Balance: as at January 23, 2018

\$997.28

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**MOTION by VDO to accept Treasurer's Report as read, SECONDED by AWWV.**

**VOTE: unanimous**

5. Election of Officers for 2018-2019 Season. The slate of officers presented included Joe Ricci as President, Julie Post as Vice President, Roger Betts as Secretary-Treasurer and Ben Wilford as Scheduler. President Tom Arnold called for other nominations from the floor, three times. No other nominations from the floor.

**MOTION by LW to close 2018-18 EVSTL nominations. Seconded by SSV.**

**VOTE: unanimous**

Joe Ricci recognized the good work Tom Arnold has done as President in 2017-2018.

6. TA gave a brief account of EVSTL history regarding complaints of unfair match-ups from as far back as 1979. With the introduction of tencap, we are now having a maximum number of tiebreaks. BW noted 36% of all VP matches involved match tiebreaks, not including counting the number of set tiebreaks. MV recognized the success of tencap creating good matchups and the uniqueness of EVSTL as a league.
7. Report – Tencap Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair Ralph Sharp (RS)
  - a. RS recognized members of the TAC including Roger Stevens. Joe Ricci, Julie Post and Rebecca Elliott.
  - b. A review of tasks that were undertaken by the TAC at monthly meetings over the past year were noted, including split 4.0s, injured player rules, retirement rules, introduction of playing down, changes to confidence levels, mid season moves, health moves, individual opportunity matches and more.
  - c. An appeal to clubs was made to ensure that all clubs make every effort to field the bylaw-required number of lines at their league matches, which is 4 for men, and 3 for women.
  - d. During the 2017-2018 break there were 45 requests submitted to TAC for mid-season moves. 44 met the criteria, 1 was denied. Of 44 approved, 31 requests were for move-ups and 13 requests were for move-downs.
  - e. Carriage Manor recognized the work that the TAC undertakes.
8. Report – Scheduler Ben Wilford (BW)
  - a. BW noted scheduling for 2.0 to 3.5 levels was done by Ben Wilford with 4.0 and 1.5 scheduling done manually by Terry Garrett.
  - b. Three seasonal calendar options were presented with Fall League starting on Monday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Option A**

Fall Ends 12/21 (7 weeks); Winter Begins 12/31 (9 weeks); Winter ends 3/1

**Option B**

Fall Ends 12/21 (7 weeks); Winter Begins 1/7 (9 weeks); Winter Ends 3/8

**Option C**

Fall Ends 12/14; Winter Begins 12/31; Winter Ends 3/8

**MOTION by TP: to accept OPTION C, Seconded by SR.**

**VOTE: 14 FOR, 2 AGAINST**

- c. Michele Waters (CM) questioned whether 2 week window for moveup requests will be maintained in the new schedule and when. Response – it will remain over the Christmas break.

9. Bylaw Changes Proposed

1. **a) MOTION by MV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM - Beginner Bylaw Changes, SECONDED by RH**

VI. E. (1.5 Coordinator) Change 1.5 to Beginning Level Coordinator

VII. Team Membership

B. Change 1.5 – 4.0 for all minimum team numbers for teams 2-4.

K. (new) Clubs shall establish Beginner level teams for new players who do not have significant prior tennis experience or skills.

1. The Beginner level of play is to focus on learning the game of tennis through instruction and social play. Emphasis is on learning tennis fundamentals and rules, and less emphasis is on competitive play.

2. Beginners would practice separately from the 1.5 teams as determined by clubs.

3. Beginners are encouraged to play social matches to gain experience in combination with continuing instruction and support from the club.

4. Beginners may substitute in league match play but the match will not count.

5. Beginners may play social matches on Thursdays concurrent with the 1.5 teams but on separate courts.

6. Players on the 1.5 level may voluntarily move to the Beginner level, wherein their Tencap rating would go inactive for a period of time during which they do not compete in league matches.

7. Players may not be a member of the Beginner level and the 1.5 team concurrently.

8. A player on the 1.5 level may not be required to move to the Beginner level.

9. When Beginner team captains and coaches recommend that a Beginner player is ready to be promoted to the 1.5 or other level, the club's rating committee shall conduct an on-court evaluation to determine the player's appropriate level of play. The player will then be given a Tencap rating. If the player has an inactive Tencap rating (#6 above) the club shall request a change in the confidence level from the TAC if the on-court evaluation determines that the player (whose Tencap rating has been inactive) should be promoted to a level beyond 1.5.

IX. Player Rating Procedures

F.2. Eliminate this paragraph because on-court evaluations are required to move to 1.5

## DISCUSSION

TA reviewed short history of 1.5 level issue with many 1.5 players currently playing at the 2.0 level creating problems with fair matchups. There was a need to establish a non-competitive beginner level, separate from the 1.5 league players. The Executive Committee tasked the TAC and the Advisory Committee (MV, MR, RH, SSV, SR) to review a new beginner level proposal. Comments were received by TAC and Advisory Committee, with results incorporated into draft content of bylaw shown in these minutes.

Comment AWWV- concern as a small club about minimum roster requirements, losing players at 2.0/1.5 levels even with the proposed 73 tencap allowance for 1.5s playing in 2.0s. TA noted that the 73 tencap was a temporary cutoff between 1.5s and 2.0s for next year and allow for an easier transition for those 1.5s playing 2.0 having 70-73 tencaps.

TP questioned why change to 73 tencap when 1.5 and 2.0 players could play up or down anyways. LW stated next year using the 73 tencap break will assist players and lessen the impact of changing levels. LW noted the adjustment for players has been difficult. Roger Stevens (Tencap Administrator) noted that approx. 3 or 4 - 2.0 club teams would be impacted by the 73 tencap allowance.

JR suggested enough 4.5 player coaches from various parks were available to assist parks as volunteers and suggested that parks communicate with each other to establish joint beginner training sessions where coaching or number of players limited. Jane Wise (1.5 Coordinator) noted that players do not want to move up to 2.0 then be required to move down. SR noted 4 men and 2 women still required to field a 1.5 team.

**VOTE: unanimous.**

**b) MOTION by LW: That players having a tencap of 70, 71, 72, 73 who currently play at the 2.0 level may be grandfathered to the 2.0 level for the 2018-2019 season after which, players will be assigned to the appropriate level dictated by their tencap (with no 1 point bubble allowed). SECONDED by SVE**

Discussion: This proposal is temporary to assist transition of players to and from 1.5/2.0 levels. It will not be a bylaw as is only intended for 2018-2019 season.

**VOTE: unanimous.**

[Details for the motions following, including reason for changes, are found in Minutes of EVSTL Executive Board Meeting from Dec 13, 2017 and numbered corresponding to the agenda attachment provided at the January 23, 2018 General Meeting.]

- 2. MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- eliminate VII.D regarding rostering players on one team and splitting them into two sub-teams. SECONDED by CM**

[This was implemented January 1, 2018]

**VOTE: unanimous**

- 3. a) MOTION by MV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- Injured Player/Retirement Bylaw Change VIII.I to March AGM. SECONDED by VDO**

**DISCUSSION:** Roger Stevens outlined issue, noting the system does not handle retirements well with respect to impact on players tencaps and recommended at least 1 set be played before recording scores in tencap.

**VOTE: unanimous**

- b) MOTION by SSV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to replace Bylaw Attachment C: Captains Procedures, Section 3 #9. SECONDED by SR**

[This reflects the changes made in previous motion regarding Injured Player/Retirements in # above]

**VOTE: unanimous**

- 4. a) MOTION by TR: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to replace VII.J.2 to allow “play-downs”. SECONDED by LW**

**VOTE: unanimous**

- b) MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to replace Captains Procedures Section 4.1 to encourage players to play-up and/or play down to the next level whenever appropriate. SECONDED by AWVV**

**VOTE: unanimous**

- c) MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to revise Captains Procedures 4.3 to encourage players to play-up and/or play down to the next level whenever appropriate. SECONDED by CM**

**VOTE: unanimous**

5. **MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace IX.H reflecting a change in Confidence Level will be made, not a change in tencap. SECONDED by GV**

**DISCUSSION:** Roger Stevens noted that if confidence levels were reduced to 60% the system would adjust the tencaps of returning players to appropriate levels faster. AWVV asked why 60% was chosen. RS noted it was between 30-80 (official) and that at 60% the confidence levels would move 2-3x faster than if left at higher levels. SSV questioned how the confidence level of a player at 60% would affect the player's partner? RS responded that players will move according to their confidence levels, but that individuals are affected by a partner with a reduced confidence level. SV commented that it is difficult to match partnerships where, for eg. a 3.5 level player has a 4.0 level tencap. RS noted a number of players who felt they should be changed to a lower level, however, they continue to play at the level they came from, and most often maintain those tencaps. TA noted success of the confidence level change in e.g. 3.0 player who was re-rated at a 2.0 and within 4 matches moved from a 55 to 67.

**VOTE: unanimous**

6. **MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to propose new Bylaw IX.H. allowing for mid-season moves. SECONDED by AWVV**

**DISCUSSION:** TA introduced concept giving players option to move if tencap reflects another level. It was trialed at 2017-2018 break. Mid-season infers at the Christmas break. VDO suggested the first week of January be deleted. MV questioned why it should be a voluntary move and not a required move? TR suggested "voluntary" is powerful and positive language for players. RS responded that the current bylaw requirements for team sizes must be considered to maintain team numbers throughout the season.

**VOTE: unanimous**

7. **MOTION by VP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to modify VIII.J.5 to allow borrowing of players from park sister teams to meet match up requirements. SECONDED by VDO.**

**VOTE: unanimous**

8. a) **MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace IX.F.1 to clarify confusing language "at end of season and at start of season". SECONDED by VDO.**

**VOTE: unanimous**

**b) MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to delete IX.F.2. regarding movement of payers from 1.5 to 2.0 level. [Subject is now addressed in #1 above: New Bylaw to Address Beginner and 1.5 levels.]  
SECONDED by MV**

9. **MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace IX.G.1. to clarify confusing language regarding “start of the season” phrase.  
SECONDED by SV.**

**VOTE: unanimous**

10. **MOTION by TR: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace IX.H. stating no player shall be allowed or required to move more than one skill level per season instead of year. SECONDED by SR.**

**VOTE: unanimous**

11. **MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM –to replace IX.G.2 to limit players from using health/disability move downs for more than one season when rating does not conform to new level within a year.  
SECONDED by CM.**

**DISCUSSION:** JR explained that confidence levels may be moved to 60% . Roger Stevens suggests we should include that a change in confidence level be done when a person is moved for health/disability reasons and that the bylaws should be revised to reflect this.

**VOTE: unanimous**

12. **MOTION by SV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace the annual census dates from January to March to coincide with tencap fee assessment. SECONDED by VDO.**

**DISCUSSION:** Roger Stevens noted historically census figures were given at different times and through different requests. The proposed March census date will reflect the number of players who have played a minimum of one match during the season and corresponds with the tencap fees assessed for each park. So March date is geared toward fee deadlines. Census reported was 2434 for January 2018 versus 2517 in January 2017. Since the January census, another 66 have registered bringing our current to approximately 2500.

**VOTE: unanimous**

13. **MOTION by VP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace V.C.2 and V.C.3. to change the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer and Scheduler to reflect actual responsibilities. SECONDED by VDO.**

**DISCUSSION:** BW requested clubs to provide rosters by August 1<sup>st</sup> annually, as proposed, and to update all club executive members and contact information in the MCIs as soon as possible.

**VOTE: unanimous**

14. a) **MOTION by VP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace Attachment A to allow both single or pairs of players to participate in Opportunity Matches. SECONDED by MV.**

**DISCUSSION:** JR announced that he would step down as OM Administrator. He announced that Brenda Wile would replace him and recognized her contribution to making OMs successful.

Proposed changes to OM “Attachment A” :

Delete #2, Attachment A and Replace with: “Players will be sent to and sent from the pool of players as two-person teams from the same club or single players.

Delete #3, Attachment A and Replace with: Play will always be on the same mornings as the league matches. The OM will always be set up as one club against another club or two single players from different clubs against a third or fourth club. They will be chosen to get the team ratings as close as possible. No team or single players will be allowed to compete against their own club.

Delete #2 under Coordinator’s Duties and Replace with: “Will send teams or single players to clubs requesting them for their league play.”

**VOTE: unanimous**

- b) **MOTION by VP: To allow immediate implementation of single players allowable in Opportunity Matches. SECONDED by LW.**

**VOTE: unanimous**

#### 10. REPORTS ON TOURNAMENTS

- i. Tom Bostock reported on **SVE tournament** and changes to include a Women’s 4.5 division. SVE felt that 4.0 level women were too challenged by 4.5 women in the past and that this new division to improve participation. Tournament offers 2- 1.5 brackets and all regular brackets. The tencap ranges between 4.0 and 4.5 have be altered to 33+ to play 4.0 and 32 or less to play at 4.5 in hopes to improve 4.0 registration. Deadline is Feb 9, 2018. See <https://sites.google.com/site/svetennis/>
- ii. Jerry Mason reported on **SSV tournament**. Their hope is to increase participation, especially at 4.5 level by allowing partners of different clubs to register as a 4.5 team. SSV is using player’s tencaps as of week of Jan 8. Deadline is Feb 23, 2018. See [www.SSVtennisclub.org](http://www.SSVtennisclub.org)

- iii. Byron Barnard reported on the **MV Roy Wise Team Tournament**. Teams are comprised of 4 men and 4 women at all levels, including 1.5 and 4.5 teams. Because of the uneven distribution of 4.5 players within parks, 4.5 players wishing to play in the MV tournament will register individually and be placed on a blended team (players from different parks) by the tournament committee. Individuals who do not make it onto their club team at 1.5 thru 4.0 levels may also register as individuals and be placed on a blended team. Club teams may also recruit members for their teams from other parks but must use their own players who wish to play prior to recruiting from other parks. A team may register with only 6 players and request the tournament committee to add 2 players if available. Tournament dates are March 23-29, reduced to 5 days and deadline is February 17, 2018. See [www.montevistatennisclub.com](http://www.montevistatennisclub.com)
  - iv. Mesa Regal reported on upcoming **Mesa Regal 1.5 tournament** to be held February 9-10-11. Details are available on the Mesa Regal website. See <https://mrtennisclub.wikispaces.com/1.5+Tennis+Tournament>
11. Other Discussion
- i. TR recognized the good changes made to the tencap website page making it easier to identify contacts.
  - ii. CM promoted their upcoming Chicken Dinner Sat Feb 17. Tickets through 507-440-1605.
  - iii. Tom Arnold noted the 2 point rule was implemented to assist clubs to make teams. It is not currently in the bylaws and questioned if it should be included. MV noted we should be trying to get people to the correct levels and use pure numbers. AWVV stated that smaller clubs need that flexibility. TA explained reason for the flexibility was to allow clubs to create and keep teams at levels. TR questioned the two points when the bylaws say a 1 point bubble. TP agrees that the flexibility helps keep balance in the teams. TA concluded from presidents' input at this time to exclude the 2 point rule from bylaws but maintain the executive committee's ability to use this flexibility where necessary to maintain team numbers.
  - iv. Tom Walsh (MV) questioned the status of discussion on gender league. TA noted it was voted on by club presidents previously this year [and defeated (14-2)].

Meeting Adjourned

Next General Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2018 at 3pm at VDO

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East Valley Senior Tennis League (EVSTL)

General Membership Meeting

held March 6, 2018, 3pm at VDO

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2. Roll Call- 16 clubs were in attendance: Skip Abell VDO, Ken Kirsch CM, Gaylene Warner RH, Mary Ann Mathison SV, Joel Woods TP, Dick Thompson MR, Byron Barnard MV, Clyde Baum VO, Michele Walters VP, Jerry Pointer SSV, Rick Huebsch AWWV, Jim Lane GV, Rebecca Elliot LW, Juanita Dressel SR, Tom Maitrejean SVE and Hank Hof TR. Quorum present. Executive Board members in attendance: Joe Ricci President-elect, Julie Post Vice President-elect, Carey Barnard Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Betts Secretary-Treasurer-elect, Ralph Sharp Past President, Ben Wilford Scheduler. Absent: President-Tom Arnold.
3. Introduction of New Officers/Executive for 2018-19  

President – Joe Ricci, Vice President – Julie Post, Secretary-Treasurer – Roger Betts, Scheduler – Ben Wilford, Past President – Tom Arnold
4. Previous Meeting's Minutes of January 23, 2018 have been posted on the EVSTL website. Motion to Accept VDO Second: SR Unanimous
5. Treasurer's Report: CB, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report showing Opening Balance: as at January 23, 2018 (last general meeting)  
\$997.28

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Deposits: \$0 Disbursements: \$0

Closing Balance: as at March 6, 2018  
\$997.28

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6. Scheduler's Report – Ben Wilford
  - a. Contact Roger Stevens to update the MCI asap
  - b. Clubs can enter rosters now for fall season – all 2017-18 teams have been blanked out
  - c. Remember to use the ACTIVE and INACTIVE tencap rosters. Rule is: players who are not returning before Dec 1<sup>st</sup> should be listed on the INACTIVE roster for your respective park. Once they arrive, they should be moved to ACTIVE roster.

- d. Club presidents should be reviewing their team distributions now to determine whether exemptions/waivers may be needed, whether they should consider combining with other parks etc.
- e. If combining with another club, please notify Ben Wilford as soon as you know.
- f. AUGUST 1 deadline for submitting teams so that schedules may be developed.

7. Introductions of Presidents and Other Club Representatives

8. JR requested that presidents forward suggested names to take on the Beginners Coordinator Role as Jane Wise is stepping down from that similar role in the 1.5s.

9. Bylaw Changes for Adoption

The following chart summarizes adoption of bylaw amendments itemized in the supporting document received with March 6, 2018 agenda and attached to these minutes. Refer to detail in that document for wording. (3 items were not unanimously passed and are detailed following this chart)

#	BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSED (See "Supporting Document" Mar 6, 2018 Agenda)	Vote/Comment	Motion	Second
1)	III.A - Membership Meeting Dates	Unanimously Passed	VDO	SR
2)	V.B.3 - Census	Unanimously Passed	LW	VDO
3)	V.C. - Sec-Treasurer	Unanimously Passed	SSV	GF
4)	V.D. - Scheduler	Unanimously Passed	LW	VDO
5)	VII.K. NEW BYLAW – Beginners Level	Unanimously Passed	VDO	MV
6)	VI.E. - Beginners Coordinator	Unanimously Passed	VDO	TP
7)	1 Year Exception to 1.5/2.0 Tencap Ranges (70,71,72,73)	Unanimously Passed	LW	SSV
8)	IX.F.2 -Movement of 1.5s	Unanimously Passed	VDO	MR
9)	VII.B - Team Minimums	Unanimously Passed	SSV	TR
10)	VII.D - Split Rosters	Unanimously Passed	TP	MV
11)	VIII.I - Retirements	Unanimously Passed	GF	TP
12)	Attachment C: Retirements	Unanimously Passed	LW	VDO
13)	VIII.J.2 - Play-downs	Unanimously Passed	VDO	TP
14)	Attachment C: Play-downs	Unanimously Passed	VDO	SR
15)	Attachment C: Play-ups and Play-downs	Unanimously Passed	VDO	RH
16)	VIII.J.5 - Borrowing from Sister Teams	Unanimously Passed	VDO	CM
17)	IX.C - Returning Players	Unanimously Passed	VDO	GF
18)	IX.F.1 - End of Season Moves	Unanimously Passed	VDO	MV
19)	IX.G.1 - End of Season Moves	<b>See minutes</b>	VDO	TP
20)	IX.G.2 - Health Related Moves	<b>See minutes</b>	VDO	SSV
21)	IX.H - Moves of one level only	Unanimously Passed	GF	MR
22)	IX.H - Mid Season Moves	<b>TABLED See minutes</b>	TP	VDO
23)	IX.K - Rating Statistics Report	Unanimously Passed	GF	VDO
24)	IX.I, IX.J, IX.K NUMBERING OF BYLAW	Unanimously Passed	SSV	MR

a. **#19 IX.G.1 End of Season Moves**

Clarification of the wording was required.

a.i. Original Proposed Amendment to Bylaw

IX.G.1: At the end of a season, a player who has earned the Tencap rating for the next lower level with confidence level of 80% or higher shall move to the next lower level at the start of the next season unless otherwise provided by these bylaws.

a.ii. March 6, 2018 Proposed Amendment to Bylaw (emphasis showing change)

IX.G.1: At the end of a season, a player who has earned the Tencap rating for the next lower level with confidence level of 80% or higher shall move to the next lower level unless otherwise provided by these bylaws.

Motion to Amend: TP Second: SSV Vote: Unanimous

b. **#20 IX.G.2 Health Related Moves**

Clarification of the wording was required.

i. Original Proposed Amendment to Bylaw

IX.G.2: A club may not move a player down to a lower level of play for any reason other than long-term health issues, disabilities due to the aging process, or as noted in the move-down criteria section IX.G.1 above. If a club keeps/moves a player at/to a level that does not reflect their rating because of long-term health issues, disabilities due to the aging process or as noted in the move-down criteria Section G.1 above, this player will not be allowed to use this exemption again within a calendar year. The player will be required to play at his/her official tencap-rated level at the beginning of the following calendar year. This same player, however, will be eligible for a mid-season move if he/she meets the required criteria noted in Section IX.H: Voluntary Mid-Season Move Ups and Move-Downs.

ii. March 6,2018 Proposed Amendment to Bylaw (emphasis showing change)

IX.G.2: A club may not move a player down to a lower level of play for any reason other than long-term health issues, disabilities due to the aging process, or as noted in the move-down criteria section IX.G.1 above. If a club keeps/moves a player at/to a level that does not reflect their rating because of long-term health issues, disabilities due to the aging process or as noted in the move-down criteria Section G.1 above, this player will not be allowed to use this exemption again within 12 consecutive months. The player will be required to play at his/her official tencap-rated level. This same player, however, will be eligible for a mid-season move if he/she meets the required criteria noted in Section IX.H: Voluntary Mid-Season Move Ups and Move-Downs.

Motion to Amend: TP Second: VDO Vote: Unanimous

c. **#22 IX.H Voluntary Mid-season Move-Ups and Move-Downs**

Clarification of wording was required.

i. Original Proposed Amendment to Bylaw

**IX.H: Voluntary Mid-Season Move Ups and Move-Downs**

a.i. "The purpose of allowing voluntary mid-season moves is to achieve better team partnerships and competing matches, and to get players to the level which their tencap rating indicates.

a.ii. A player may voluntarily move to the level that reflects his/her tencap rating if:

a.ii.1. The player's Confidence level is at least 80%, and

a.ii.2. The player's tencap rating, at the last league play date in December, is three points into the range that they wish to move to, and

a.ii.3. The club's Tencap Coordinator and Club President support this move based on club/team needs.

A club president must submit requests for mid-season moves to the TAC Chair by email between the first Saturday following fall league play and the first Saturday following the first week of spring play.

a.iii. March 6, 2018 Amendment Proposed by Mesa Regal to make moves mandatory

**IX.H: ~~Voluntary~~ Mid-Season Move Ups and Move-Downs**

i. "The purpose of ~~allowing voluntary~~ mid-season moves is to achieve better team partnerships and competing matches, and to get players to the level which their tencap rating indicates.

ii. A player ~~may voluntarily~~ must move to the level that reflects his/her tencap rating if:

a.iii.1. The player's Confidence level is at least 80%, and

a.iii.2. The player's tencap rating, at the last league play date in December, is three points into the next level ~~range that they wish to move to~~, and

a.iii.3. ~~The club's Tencap Coordinator and Club President support this move based on club/team needs.~~

A club president must submit requests for mid-season moves to the TAC Chair by email between the first Saturday following fall league play and the first Saturday following the first week of spring play.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding whether the moves should be voluntary versus mandatory and the impact on the team structures that may occur. In addition, numerous comments had been received via emails in response to the Mesa Regal

amendment. Tom Arnold suggested, via email, read by Carey Barnard, that an exemption clause should be included in Mes Regal's suggested amendment. Suggested: "A club may request an exemption from a mandatory mid-season move, where minimum team membership numbers would be adversely affected."

Joe Ricci, asked for a straw vote wherein few voted for mandatory. If an exemption clause was included, 9 cast a straw vote for mandatory moves. After discussion, it was suggested this be **tabled** until October, allowing for a redraft of this section. It was noted that mid-season moves would not occur until January anyways, so time available for re-draft before implementation.

## 12. Other

### a) 6-6 versus 4-4

A brief discussion regarding changing the partnership and match differentials from 6-6 to 4-4 took place. The majority felt it best to leave it at 6-6 because of team numbers and difficulty in only matching within 4 points, especially in small teams.

### b) Tencap Flu - VDO Solution

A discussion on tencap flu took place and the proposed solution VDO will use in their club. VDO has decided that a player who wants to exercise the 1-point rule must have played at least 2 of the final 3 matches in the season. It reads as follows and is here, for information only:

#### "VDO SOP's SECTION III: MOVE-UP CRITERIA

Section III – A: At the end of the season, a player who has earned a Tencap rating for the next higher level with a confidence level of 80% or higher shall move to the next higher level at the start of the next season.

Section III – B: An exception would be if a player's Tencap rating with a confidence level 80% or higher is one point away from or into the next rating level at the end of the season, then that player could be assigned to either level. The player's Tencap rating would not be changed. To request this exception, a player must submit an Appendix B form to the Rating Committee Chairman at the end of the season. The rating committee will review the request and forward a recommendation to the club president, based on a majority vote of the rating committee members. Waivers must meet the following criteria:

1. The player must have played in two of the last three matches available to him/her for the year. The captain must obtain pre-approval of the club president prior to having a player sit out during one of these matches.
2. The player must have demonstrated the ability to perform at the desired level.
3. Waivers are approved by the club president upon recommendation of the rating committee and are dependent upon team size/composition."

c) 1-point “Bubble”

SVE suggested that EVSTL amend Section IX.D (the 1-point bubble) to include the reason for allowing the 1 point bubble being team size requirements because their members felt it was elective under any circumstances. The current clause states it must be approved by the player’s club leadership and therefore each club’s leadership should deal with their players’ requests based on club needs as determined by club leadership. No revision to Section IX.D planned.

d) Minimum Line Requirements

Joe Ricci reviewed the seriousness of the issue noting a number of clubs were not providing the minimum number of lines for matches. It is expected that clubs monitor their number of lineups and address failings at each level to ensure they meet minimum lineup requirements. Joe Ricci explained that all the tools are available to clubs now to ensure minimum lineups: opportunity matches, play ups, play downs and borrowing from sister teams. There should be no excuses next year and there may be consequences for not having minimum required lineups. Club leadership should ensure all captains and tencap coordinators are fully knowledgeable regarding the tools they must use to ensure minimum lines.

It was noted that substitutes were not being removed from rosters immediately after substituting. Captains should be instructed to do this.

e) Gender Teams – 2.5 Issue Developing

Joe Ricci notes that there was a vote last fall regarding gender league, where the number of teams per level per club would not depend on the other gender. That vote indicated 12 against, 2 abstained and 2 for, gender league. Since that time, email exchanges have indicated a big problem at the 2.5 level developing, where there are considerably more men than women. A gender league schedule for the 2.5 division will be considered by the Executive Committee and possibly Advisory Committee.

f) Waiver Requests

Please submit team number waiver requests to outgoing President Tom Arnold, up until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please submit team number waiver requests to incoming President Joe Ricci, after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please submit Tencap player waiver requests to outgoing TAC Chair, Ralph Sharp until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please submit Tencap player waiver requests to incoming TAC Chair, Tom Arnold after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

g) Email Blasts on Tencap

Only tennis related subjects may be communicated through a tencap email blast to members. This includes, for example, tournament information. It does not include fund-raising activities for individual clubs. Presidents should use other sources to email the presidents of other clubs if they require it.

h) Appointments and Responsibilities

- The Advisory Committee for 2018-2019 will consist of Sunland Village, Towerpoint, The Resort, Sunland Village East and Valle De Oro Presidents with chair, VP – Julie Post.
- TAC membership will consist of Jodi Dossler, Clayton Peterson, Rebecca Elliot, Tom Arnold (chair), Julie Post and Roger Stevens.
- Brenda Wile is the 2018-2019 Opportunity Match Coordinator
- Executive Committee liaisons for 2018-2019 are as follows:
  - h.i. Tom Arnold – VDO TR SR
  - h.ii. Joe Ricci – SSV TP MV
  - h.iii. Roger Betts – SVE AWWV GF
  - h.iv. Ben Wilford – VP CM SV VO
  - h.v. Julie Post – LW RH MR

i) Joe Ricci's Summary 2017-2018 Observations:

Joe Ricci recognized Ralph Sharp, Tom Arnold and Carey Barnard for their service over the past few years on EVSTL executive committee and Tencap Advisory Committee. He then offered some observations of the first three years of tencap including:

- Major culture change, especially on move downs, this was a first for the league and the SINGLE BIGGEST DISTINCTION from prior years.
- More competitive and fair matches.
- "Sitting out " to protect place at a specific level renamed "Tencap Flu".

What can we look forward to in the next three years?

- Changes to bylaws will slow dramatically. League should be more stable.
- Level adjustments slow dramatically. Expect ~ 5% move up and ~ 5-10% move down each season. We have begun tracking this.
- Culture will evolve toward more players wanting to move down to play at the top of a lower level instead of the bottom of a higher level. For example, a 47 will try to figure out how to be a 48 so they can play at the top of the 3.0 level instead of the bottom of the 3.5 level.
- Improved training and knowledge of the league policies and the system for both captains and players.

Things that probably won't change -

- Tencap flu continues without an effective " vaccine " but less contagious.
  - The minority of people continue to make the majority of complaints.

Meeting Adjourned 4:45

Next General Meeting: October 2018 TBA

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## **Bylaw/Other Changes Proposed**

### **1) III.A CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Membership Meeting Dates**

III.A Three “regular” meetings will be held each league season, namely the last weeks of October, January and March.

### **III.A PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

III.A Three “regular” meetings will be held each league season, namely during the week prior to league play in the fall, the last week in January and the week following the conclusion of league in spring.

### **2) V.B.3 CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW - Census**

V.B.3: In January, the vice president will coordinate a census for the league. When complete, a report will be submitted to the website manager for posting on the website.

### **V.B.3 PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

V.B.3: In March, the vice president will coordinate a census for the league. When complete, a report will be submitted to the website manager for posting on the website.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by SV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace the annual census dates from January to March to coincide with tencap fee assessment. SECONDED by VDO.

### **3) V.C. CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – V.C Secretary-Treasurer**

- V.C.
1. Keep minutes of all league meetings. Submit final copy of minutes to the EVSTL president for approval, after which submitting a copy to the website manager for posting on the website.
  2. Assure that the Member Club Information” (MCI) from each park has been updated on the EVSTL website prior to the annual March meeting. If changes are made assure that the updated “MCI” from each park has been updated before September 1.
  3. Assure that current team roster from each park are updated on the EVSTL and Tencap web sites by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Act as treasurer in league financial matters.
  5. Assist in other league administration as requested by the President.

### **V.C. PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW – Secretary - Treasurer**

- V.C.**
1. Keep minutes of all league meetings. Submit final copy of minutes to the EVSTL president for approval, after which submitting a copy to the website manager for posting on the website.
  2. Act as treasurer in league financial matters.
  3. Assist in other league administration as requested by the President.

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: Motion by VP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace V.C.2 and V.C.3. to change the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer and Scheduler to reflect actual responsibilities. SECONDED by VDO. VOTE: unanimous.

**4) V.D. CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Scheduler**

- V.D.**
1. Prepare league team play schedules and submit schedules to the website manager for posting on the website.
  2. Create all league team play matches in the Tencap system.

**V.D. PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW - Scheduler**

- V.D.**
1. Prepare league team play schedules and submit schedules to the website manager for posting on the website.
  2. Create all league team play matches in the Tencap system.
  3. Ensure that the Member Club Information” (MCI) from each park has been updated on the EVSTL website prior to the annual March meeting. If changes are made ensure that the updated “MCI” from each park has been updated before August\_1.
  4. Ensure that current team roster from each park are updated on the EVSTL and Tencap web sites by August 1.

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: Motion by VP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace V.C.2 and V.C.3. to change the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer and Scheduler to reflect actual responsibilities. SECONDED by VDO. VOTE: unanimous.

**5) VII.K. NEW BYLAW – Beginners Level**

This is a NEW bylaw.

**VII.K PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

**VII.K** Clubs shall establish Beginner level teams for new players who do not have significant prior tennis experience or skills.

1. The Beginner level of play is to focus on learning the game of tennis through instruction and social play. Emphasis is on learning tennis fundamentals and rules, and less emphasis is on competitive play.
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2. Beginners would practice separately from the 1.5 teams as determined by clubs.
3. Beginners are encouraged to play social matches to gain experience in combination with continuing instruction and support from the club.
4. Beginners may substitute in league match play but the match will not count.
5. Beginners may play social matches on Thursdays concurrent with the 1.5 teams but on separate courts.
6. Players on the 1.5 level may voluntarily move to the Beginner level, wherein their Tencap rating would go inactive for a period of time during which they do not compete in league matches.
7. Players may not be a member of the Beginner level and the 1.5 team concurrently.
8. A player on the 1.5 level may not be required to move to the Beginner level.
9. When Beginner team captains and coaches recommend that a Beginner player is ready to be promoted to the 1.5 or other level, the club's rating committee shall conduct an on-court evaluation to determine the player's appropriate level of play. The player will then be given a Tencap rating. If the player has an inactive Tencap rating (#6 above) the club shall request a change in the confidence level from the TAC if the on-court evaluation determines that the player (whose Tencap rating has been inactive) should be promoted to a level beyond 1.5.

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: Motion by MV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – Beginner Bylaw changes, SECONDED by RH. VOTE: unanimous.

**6) VI.E. CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Beginners Coordinator**

VI. E. 1.5 Coordinator

- a. The EVSTL president will appoint a 1.5 coordinator at the beginning of each season.
- b. The duties of the 1.5 coordinator are:
  - a.i. Communicate with the 1.5 team captains to insure each club has a good 1.5 program in existence, including instruction and practice sessions for the players.
  - a.ii. Hold 1.5 captain's meetings as necessary to strengthen the programs and/or discuss any other pertinent information that may be useful to the captains and/or the players.
  - a.iii. As deemed necessary, submit progress reports to the president.

**VI.E PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

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VI. E. Beginner's Coordinator

- a. The EVSTL president will appoint a Beginner's Coordinator at the beginning of each season.
- b. The duties of the Beginner's Coordinator are:
- c. Communicate with the Beginners' team captains to ensure each club has a good Beginner's program in existence, including instruction and practice sessions for the players.
- d. Hold Beginner Captains' meetings as necessary to strengthen the programs and/or discuss any other pertinent information that may be useful to the captains and/or the players.
- e. As deemed necessary, submit progress reports to the president.

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: Motion by MV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – Beginner Bylaw changes, SECONDED by RH. VOTE: unanimous.

**7) NOT a BYLAW – 1 Year Exception to 1.5/2.0 Tencap Ranges (70,71,72,73)**

January 23, 2018 MOTION by LW: That players having a tencap of 70, 71, 72, 73 who currently play at the 2.0 level may be grandfathered to the 2.0 level for the 2018-2019 season after which, players will be assigned to the appropriate level dictated by their tencap (with no 1 point bubble allowed). SECONDED by SVE. VOTE: unanimous.

**8) IX.F.2 CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Movement of 1.5s**

IX.F.2 : Movement of players from the 1.5 level to the 2.0 level is determined by the rules of the member club. Movement of 1.5 player to a level other than 2.0 must be approved by the Tencap Advisory Committee (see Section IX.H.)

**IX.F.2 PROPOSED DELETION OF BYLAW**

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to delete IX.F.2. regarding movement of players from 1.5 to 2.0 level. SECONDED by MV VOTE: unanimous.

**9) VII.B CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Team Minimums**

VII.B : To form a second, third and fourth team, a club must roster, at a minimum, the following number of players

Second Team: Level 2.0 – 4.0: 18 men, 12 women

Third Team: Level 2.0 – 4.0: 30 men, 21 women

Fourth team: Level 2.0 – 4.0: 40 men, 28 women

**VII.B PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

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Fourth team: Level 1.5 – 4.0: 40 men, 28 women

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: Motion by MV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – Beginner Bylaw changes, SECONDED by RH. VOTE: unanimous.

**10) VII.D CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Split Rosters**

VII.D Due to gender imbalance and to avoid a large number of sit-outs, a 4.0 team may roster players on one team and split them into two sub-teams for matches against two different opponent clubs. If the split-roster format is used, the split-roster format must be used the entire season.

**VII.D PROPOSED DELETION OF BYLAW**

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- eliminate VII.D regarding rostering players on one team and splitting them into two sub-teams. SECONDED by CM VOTE: unanimous

**11) VIII.I CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Retirements**

VIII.I Injured Player Policy (Retirement): Once a match begins and a player retires for any reason, the opposing team has an automatic match win. All games that have been finished will be recorded for both teams and players in Tencap. A win is awarded to the players on the team that did not retire; a loss is awarded to the players on the team that retired. The Tencap system will ask for the winner of the match that ended by a retirement.

**VIII.I PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

VIII.I Injured Player Policy (Retirement): In the event that a match is stopped due to a retirement, a minimum of one set must have been played to record the scores and then all games played, to the point of retirement, will be recorded. The captain recording the scores must select the team who did not retire as the winner of the match.

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: MOTION by MV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- Injured Player/Retirement Bylaw Change VIII.I to March AGM. SECONDED by VDO VOTE: unanimous

**12) Attachment C: CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW - Retirements**

Attachment C: Captains' Procedures, Section 3.9: In the event that a match is stopped due to a retirement all games completed are entered into Tencap. The Tencap system will ask for the winner of the match that ends by a retirement.

**Attachment C: PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

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Attachment C: Captains' Procedures, Section 3.9: In the event that a match is stopped due to a retirement, a minimum of one set must have been played to record the scores and then all games played, to the point of retirement, will be recorded. The captain recording the scores must select the team who did not retire as the winner of the match.

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: MOTION by SSV: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to replace Bylaw Attachment C: Captains Procedures, Section 3 #9. SECONDED by SR VOTE: unanimous

**13) VIII.J.2 CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Play-downs**

VIII.J.2 A player shall not play in a rating level lower than that assigned to the player. Exception: If shortages of players exist at the 1.5 level, 2.0 players with a higher Tencap rating number may be borrowed from the same club to play for the 1.5 team.

**VIII.J.2 PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

VIII.J.2 A captain may bring a player or players from a higher level down to match opponents' individual ratings. The player or players brought down cannot have a rating lower (better) than their individual opponents' ratings.

Jan 23, 2018 BACKGROUND: MOTION by TR: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to replace VII.J.2 to allow "play-downs". SECONDED by LW. VOTE: unanimous

**14) Attachment C: CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW**

Attachment C: Captains Procedures, Section 4.1:  
"4.1 Captains should encourage players to play-up to the next level whenever appropriate. A player should not be required to have permission of his/her captain to play up, although the sending captain and the borrowing caption should communicate as to which players have the best probability of playing a fair and competitive match at the next level. Tencap ratings must be considered and other factors also to indicate the probability of a fair and competitive match at the next level."

**Attachment C: PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW:**

Attachment C: Captains Procedures, Section 4.1:  
4.1 Captains should encourage players to play-up or play-down to the next level whenever appropriate. A player should not be required to have permission of his/her captain to play up or down, although the captains from both levels should communicate as to which players have the best probability of playing a fair and competitive match at the next level using tencap ratings and other relevant factors. A captain may bring a player or

players from a higher level down to match opponents' individual ratings. The player or players brought down cannot have a rating lower (better) than their individual opponents' ratings.

(Example: There are two 3.0 players on the lineup with a 45 and 47 tencap. The opposing captain can bring down two 3.5 players with rating no lower than the 45 and 47.

Example: There are two 3.0 players on the lineup with a 45 and 49 tencap. The opposing captain can bring down one 3.5 that can be no lower than the 45 and match up the other player from his 3.0 team.)

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to replace Captains Procedures Section 4.1 to encourage players to play-up and/or play down to the next level whenever appropriate. SECONDED by AWWV VOTE: unanimous

**15) Attachment C: CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Play-ups and Play-downs**

Attachment C: Captain's Procedures Section 4.3:

Players who have Tencap ratings that are significantly lower (better) than the player's rating level should be scheduled to play-up to the next level when possible. The use of Opportunity Matches at the next level should be considered if a play-up opportunity is not possible at regularly scheduled club match.

**Attachment C: PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW:**

Attachment C: Captain's Procedures Section 4.3:

Captain's Procedures Section 4.3: Players who have Tencap rating that are significantly lower (better) or higher (weaker) than the player's rating level should be scheduled to play-up or play-down. Play-ups and play-downs are encouraged to ensure fair and competitive matches between clubs. A captain may bring a player or players from a higher level down to match opponents' individual ratings. The player or players brought down cannot have a rating lower (better) than their individual opponents' ratings. The use of Opportunity Matches by players at levels above or below their current level should be considered if play-up or play-down opportunities are not possible at regularly scheduled club matches.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM- to revise Captains Procedures 4.3 to encourage players to play-up and/or play down to the next level whenever appropriate. SECONDED by CM VOTE: unanimous

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**16) VIII.J.5 CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Borrowing from Sister Teams**

VIII.J.5: If a team has a “bye” players from the “bye” team may be borrowed to play for another team of the same club.

**VIII.J.5 PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

VIII.J.5: Club teams are allowed to borrow players from their sister team(s) to meet matchup requirements. “Sister teams” are defined as two or more teams from a club at the same level/gender.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by VP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to modify VIII.J.5 to allow borrowing of players from park sister teams to meet match up requirements. SECONDED by VDO. VOTE: unanimous

**17) IX.C CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW- Returning Players**

IX.C Returning Players: If a returning player was unable to play in the previous season, the member park’s rating committee shall give the player an on-court rating evaluation. If the player’s Tencap rating is to be changed, the Tencap Advisory Committee must approve the new rating.

**IX.C PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW- Returning Players**

IX.C Returning Players: If a returning player was unable to play in the previous season, the member park’s rating committee shall give the player an on-court evaluation. If the evaluation determines a change to the players level of play, the club may request a change to the player’s Confidence Level. The Tencap Advisory Committee must approve any changes to Confidence Levels.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to modify change rating to change Confidence Levels when on-court evaluations indicate a change in level is necessary. SECONDED by GV. VOTE: unanimous

**18) IX.F.1 CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – End of Season Moves**

IX.F.1: At the end of a season, a player who has earned the Tencap rating for the next higher level with a confidence level of 80% or higher shall move to the next higher level at the start of the season.

**IX.F.1 PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

IX.F.1: At the end of a season, a player who has earned the Tencap rating for the next higher level with a confidence level of 80% or higher shall move to the next higher level.

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Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace IX.F.1 to clarify confusing language “at end of season and at start of season”. SECONDED by SSV. VOTE: unanimous

**19) IX.G.1 CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – End of Season Moves**

IX.G.1: At the end of a season, a player who has earned the Tencap rating for the next lower level with confidence level of 80% or higher shall move to the next lower level at the start of the next season. Players at the 2.0 level shall not be required to move to the 1.5 level due to a Tencap rating, although players may be encouraged to do so if appropriate.

**IX.G.1 PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

IX.G.1: At the end of a season, a player who has earned the Tencap rating for the next lower level with confidence level of 80% or higher shall move to the next lower level at the start of the next season unless otherwise provided by these bylaws.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to replace IX.G.1. to clarify confusing language regarding “start of the season” phrase. SECONDED by SV. VOTE: unanimous

**20) IX.G.2 CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Health Related Moves**

IX.G.2: A club may not move a player down to a lower level of play for any reason other than long-term health issues, disabilities due to the aging process, or as noted in the move-down criteria section G.1 above.

**IX.G.2 PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW**

IX.G.2: A club may not move a player down to a lower level of play for any reason other than long-term health issues, disabilities due to the aging process, or as noted in the move-down criteria section IX.G.1 above. If a club keeps/moves a player at/to a level that does not reflect their rating because of long-term health issues, disabilities due to the aging process or as noted in the move-down criteria Section G.1 above, this player will not be allowed to use this exemption again within a calendar year. The player will be required to play at his/her official tencap-rated level at the beginning of the following calendar year. This same player, however, will be eligible for a mid-season move if he/she meets the required criteria noted in Section IX.H: Voluntary Mid-Season Move Ups and Move-Downs.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by VDO: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM –to replace IX.G.2 to limit players from using health/disability move

downs for more than one season when rating does not conform to new level within a year. SECONDED by CM. VOTE: unanimous

**21) IX.H CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW – Moves of one level only**

IX.H: No player will be allowed or required to move more than one skill level per year regardless of the Tencap rating. Exceptions may be requested by a club's president to the EVSTL Tencap Advisory Committee. The Committee's decision will be final unless appealed to the EVSTL president.

**IX.I PROPOSED WORDING AND NUMBERING CHANGE OF BYLAW – Moves of one level only**

IX.I: No player will be allowed or required to move more than one skill level per season regardless of the Tencap rating. Exceptions may be request by a club's president to the EVSTL Tencap Advisory Committee. The Committee's decision will be final unless appealed to the EVSTL president.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by TR: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to propose new Bylaw IX.L. allowing for mid-season moves. SECONDED by SR VOTE: unanimous

**22) IX.H NEW BYLAW PROPOSED WORDING – Mid Season Moves**

**IX.H: Voluntary Mid-Season Move Ups and Move-Downs**

- a.i. "The purpose of allowing voluntary mid-season moves is to achieve better team partnerships and competing matches, and to get players to the level which their tencap rating indicates.
- a.ii. A player may voluntarily move to the level that reflects his/her tencap rating if:
  - a.ii.1. The player's Confidence level is at least 80%, and
  - a.ii.2. The player's tencap rating, at the last league play date in December, is three points into the range that they wish to move to, and
  - a.ii.3. The club's Tencap Coordinator and Club President support this move based on club/team needs.
- a.iii. A club president must submit requests for mid-season moves to the TAC Chair by email between the first Saturday following fall league play and the first Saturday following the first week of spring play.

Jan 23, 2018 Background: MOTION by TP: To bring forward for vote at March 2018 AGM – to propose new Bylaw IX.L. allowing for mid-season moves. SECONDED by AWWV. VOTE: unanimous

**23) IX.K CURRENT WORDING OF BYLAW**

Rating Statistics report: Each club shall submit to the web site manager, within two weeks after the end of the season, the following information for all players in rating

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categories 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 whose Tencap rating indicated they were required to have moved up to the next rating level or required to have moved down to the next lower level (per IX.F and G above).

1. Names of players whose Tencap rating indicated a move-up was required to have occurred, including the players' Tencap confidence level, at the end of the season.
2. Names of players whose Tencap rating indicates a move-down was required to have occurred, including the players' Tencap confidence level, at the end of the season.
3. Comments indicating that the player moved up or moved down. If a player did not move up or move down when such move was required by these bylaws there must be an explanation as to why the player did not move. An example of an explanation as to why a player did not move moved be as an exception under para. IX.D.

**IX.K PROPOSED WORDING OF BYLAW – Players with tencaps outside their levels**

Rating Report: Each club shall submit to the incoming Vice-President, within a month of the end of spring season, a list of their club players who are assigned to teams in a level that does not reflect their tencap rating. An explanation why that player is not playing in the appropriate level is required in the report to the Vice President.

**24) IX.I, IX.J, IX.K CURRENT NUMBERING OF BYLAW**

IX.I, IX.J, IX.K as per bylaws.

**IX.J, IX.K, IX.L PROPOSED RE-NUMBERING OF BYLAW SECTIONS (to reflect changes to IX.H and IX.I)**

IX.I be revised to IX.J

IX.J be revised to IX.K

IX.K be deleted as per 14) above

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