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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 October 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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