

**EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE**  
**EVSTL MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 30, 2018**

The regular meeting of the EVSTL was called to order by President Joe Ricci at 3:00 pm at Sunland Springs Village. He introduced the officers for 2018-19: Tom Arnold, Past President; Joe Ricci, President; Julie Post, Vice President; Roger Betts, Secretary/Treasurer; and Ben Wilford, Scheduler.

**ROLL CALL:** All 16 clubs were represented by either the respective club president or voting representative. Joe welcomed the presidents and asked them to stand and introduce themselves and any other representatives present from their park.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2018 have been posted on the EVSTL website after that meeting. Motion by Roger Betts, seconded by VDO to approve the minutes as posted. Motion approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Betts reported that the bank balance as of our last meeting on March 6, 2018 was \$997.28. At that meeting, Tencap dues were collected in the amount of \$5999.98, and were deposited. In June, the first payment of \$3000 was paid to Tencap, and in July, the bank refunded us \$18.36 for an overcharge for new bank checks, leaving us a current balance of \$4015.62. Annual dues of \$20 was collected from all 16 clubs at this meeting.

**Appointment of ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Per the bylaws, the next five alphabetical club presidents were appointed to the league advisory committee: SV, TP, TR, SVE, VDO. The vice president is an ad hoc member and will chair the committee.

**Appointment of NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The president appoints 3 club presidents to serve on the nominating committee. Joe had Julie pull three names out of a hat. The clubs serving on the Nominating Committee this year are: Mesa Regal, Silveridge and Towerpoint. The committee will present the nominees for each office at the January meeting when elections will be held.

**CLUB LIAISONS:** President Ricci reminded the presidents that when they have information or questions for the executive board, that the first line of communication should be with the Liaison on the board for your club. The Liaisons are listed on the home page of the EVSTL website. Tom Arnold for VDO,TR,SR; Joe Ricci for SSV,TP,MV; Roger Betts for SVE,AW/VV/GL,GV; Ben Wilford for VP,CM,SV,VO; and Julie Post for LW,RH,MR.

**TENCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE Report:** Tom Arnold, chair of TAC identified the members of the committee for this season. They are listed on the home page of the EVSTL website. The TAC looks at the basic rules, answers questions regarding such things as level issues, rating issues, confidence levels and many others. When

Presidents have questions, send them to Tom Arnold via email and he will forward to other committee members, arrive at a concensus and respond with a decision.

**SCHEDULING Report:** Terry Garrett manually scheduled the 1.5 and 4.0 levels. Some issues were identified after the schedule was sent out, and have been or are being addressed. There are 2 more 4.0 men's teams in the league this year which has impacted the 1.5 schedule. In some cases, the 4.0 men and 4.0 women as well as 1.5 teams are scheduled to play all on the same day at home, so those issues are being worked out.

Ben Wilford has been scheduling the 2.0 through 3.5 levels the last 3 years with a software program that has been used in EVSTL for many years. He explained some details of how the software works. One example is it tries to never have more than 1 bye for a team, never have the same two teams play each other more than once per season, etc. This year there were cases where some teams had no byes, while others had 1 or 2 byes. Those kinds of issues are addressed manually when they are identified.

In considering a different scheduling software, Tencap has a system, but it does not account for the possibility of playing sister teams. What is the possibility of playing sister teams when it helps a scheduling problem? Some parks are not in favor of playing sister teams, while others would like to do so. President Joe asked presidents to ask their respective clubs about that possibility to get their perspectives.

**BEGINNER LEVEL Report:** There is still not a Beginner level coordinator, so it will be up to the captains to communicate with each other. Presidents were asked to talk to members of their clubs and see if anyone would be interested to be the coordinator. This is first year for beginner level, and concept is to separate beginners from 1.5's. The 1.5's are the first competitive level so idea is to have beginners be able to learn basics before putting them into competitive matches. Interest has been expressed to have someone train the coaches so their is some consistency in the basic skills and knowledge being taught. Tom Arnold asked presidents to ask their respective club leadership if they would be interested to attend a "train the trainers" session. Tom Arnold will lead this effort so email Tom to let him know within a week if you are interested. The \$200 fee for the trainer will be paid by the EVSTL.

**OPPORTUNITY MATCHES (OM'S) Report:** Brenda Wile (CM) is the OM Coordinator for EVSTL this year. The OM coordinators for each level are: Jan Sutcliffe (SSV) = 4.0, Jim Haupert (TR) = 3.5, Duwane Richardson (VDO) 3.0, Wayne Krausnick (MR) = 2.5, and Brenda Wile(CM) does the 2.0 & 1.5. OM sheets are accessed through the [SSVtennisclub.org](http://SSVtennisclub.org) webpage, lower L tab.

Presidents and Tencap Coordinators are encouraged to emphasize to team captains for their players to enter the OM any time they would have to sit out. There are some very small teams due to recent health issues to some players who had to rescind their commitment. We have those issues at 2.0, 2.5, and 3.5. It is very important to promote the people who are sitting out on a given week or have byes to sign up for the OMs. The goal is to have as many players as possible playing every week. Remember, that individuals can sign up for OM's as well as 2 person teams.

**75+ LEAGUE:** Mel Frantz is the administrator for those persons 75 years of age and older who want to play in that league. Approximately 4 to 6 clubs have been involved last year so if any clubs are interested in joining, contact Mel Frantz. His contact information is on the EVSTL website.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Mid-season Move-ups and Move-Downs** - This motion for a Bylaw change was tabled at the March, 2018 meeting, has been modified and now brought back for a vote.

### *IX.H. Mid-season Move-ups and Move-downs*

*1. The purpose of mid-season moves is to achieve better team partnerships and competitive matches, and to get players to the level at which their Tencap rating indicates they should be.*

*2. A player is required to move-up to the next level at the end of Fall play if the player's Tencap rating is 3 points into the next higher level with a confidence level of 80% or higher. Club leadership may request a waiver of this rule for a player if the club leadership determines that movement of the player will adversely affect team numbers. Requests for a waiver must be submitted to the EVSTL president no later than December 31.*

*3. A player may voluntarily request to the club to move to a lower level of play at the end of Fall play if the player's Tencap rating is 3 points into the next lower level with a confidence level of 80% or higher. TAC approval is not required for this voluntary move.*

Change the numbering of the current IX.H., IX.I., IX.J. and IX.K. to reflect this new bylaw, so they will become IX.I., IX.J., IX.K and IX.L. Remove the word "Voluntary" from the last line of IX.G. 2. to reflect this new bylaw.

Discussion included a question about why the move-up is mandatory while the move-down is voluntary. Joe Ricci explained the rationale that if the move-down was mandatory, it may cause another "tencap flu" and players may choose not to play the last few matches before the winter break.

A motion was made by TP, seconded by VDO, to approve this new bylaw. Unanimously approved. This bylaw takes effect immediately.

### **B. 2.0's with 70-73 ratings**

A reminder that there is an exemption for 1 year only for 2.0 players with a 70 - 73 rating does not have to go down to the 1.5 level. This is not a bylaw, but a rule made

at the end of last season. Remember, to help those players get their rating moved more quickly to a 2.0, they can play as a move-down at the 1.5 level at their own clubs or in the OM's.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Revised bylaw re: 1-point rule is at the discretion of the club** - This motion for a Bylaw change was requested at the March, 2018 meeting.

IX.D. Players shall be placed on a team roster on a rating level in accordance with their Tencap rating and will remain on that level for the balance of the season unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. An exception that could apply and must be approved by the player's club leadership would be if a player's Tencap rating is one point away from or into the next rating level at the end of a season, then the player could be assigned to either level at the discretion of the club's leadership. *Application of this rule is fully at the discretion of and is determined by the club leadership in consideration of team numbers and/or the player's compliance with playing scheduled matches.* ~~The player's Tencap rating would not be changed.~~

Motion made by SSV, seconded by SV, to approve the bylaw revision. Unanimously approved, and takes effect immediately.

**A. Bylaw changes.** Some minor changes to current bylaws were suggested to make them more accurate. As listed below, they were all passed unanimously, so they take effect immediately since there was more than a 75% approval.

Revise bylaw VII.E. due to the new Inactive Rosters

Present language:

**VII.E.** Roster players shall be players who are present in the resort and are ready and able to play, with the exception of week-to-week injuries. This applies to the December 1 roster and thereafter. If desired, a player who is arriving later may be named on the roster but an \* would indicate that he/she is not currently available for play. This person would not be included in the minimum roster number required to form a team. When the player is present and ready to play the \* must be removed. Rosters should be updated throughout the year.

Revised language:

*E. Roster players shall be players who are present in the resort and are ready and able to play, with the exception of week-to-week injuries. This applies to the December 1 roster and thereafter. Players who are not yet present or are not available for league play due to continuing injuries are to be placed on the inactive roster. Rosters should be updated throughout the year.*

Moved to approve by Tom Arnold, seconded by GV. Passed unanimously and takes effect immediately.

**VIII.F.** Delete phrase: The winner of a match tiebreaker will receive 2 points and the loser 1 point on the match play log. The match and game win and loss will be recorded for a player's statistics. Both players who win a match tiebreaker, which counts as one game played, will receive 1 extra game for statistics.

Moved to approve by VP, seconded by SR. Passed unanimously and takes effect immediately.

**VIII.J.1.** Delete phrase: Players may play up to the next level ~~in any position~~ due to shortages of players on the higher level team. The opposing team must be notified if this occurs.

Moved to approve by SSV, seconded by TR. Passed unanimously and takes effect immediately.

## **B. 4.5's process and plan going forward**

Julie Post, EVSTL Vice President, will take the lead to get a group together to investigate and make recommendations to the league to address the concern of the wide disparity of tencap ratings within the 4.0 level. There are approximately 54 women and 68 men with tencap numbers below 34, so it makes it difficult for captains to match players, resulting in these better players sitting out much too often. Joe Ricci reminds that the whole point of going to tencap was to get more equal matches, and in the 4.0 level, it is very difficult to get equal matches. This will be looked at very carefully this year! The SV representative was asked if they would mind being replaced from the advisory com. on this one issue since they do not have a 4 + team. Nothing has been decided except that this issue needs to be closely looked at. There are too many players and growing at the 4.5 level. It was stated that some years ago the league only went to the 3.0 level. The 3.5 and 4.0 levels had to be added and clubs originally had to team up to form a team at those added levels. This could very well be the case at 4.5. Please give any and all input to Julie!

## **C. 4 men's & 3 women's tracking system -**

President Ricci presented that Clayton Peterson and Roger Stevens will be tracking the matches this year so we have a record of how well clubs are able to play 4 men teams and 3 women teams each week at each level, except 1.5's. It is not intended to police the clubs but rather to have the information. It could be used next year for example to help determine whether clubs should be granted a waiver if requested. Everyone can view this tracking on the players home page in Tencap so you can review it there for information. If anyone is having trouble finding where the lines are being tracked, please ask Roger Stevens or Clayton Peterson.

**D. Questions & Discussion items from the floor.**

Question was asked about tracking of numbers of players in EVSTL. Have the numbers been dropping, people going to pickleball, etc.? Roger Stevens explained that there is a Census link on the [EVSTL.net](http://EVSTL.net) website home page. Tom Arnold explained that the numbers on that census makes it look like we have lost a lot of players in the last 2 years, but we need to remember that the numbers prior to tencap were inflated. Once clubs had to pay for each player listed in their club, the actual numbers are significantly more accurate for those that are actually playing in league in each club. Still, there are fewer players each year recently. It is recognized that some players, particularly women, have chosen to not continue in league. They have many opportunities to play in other women's leagues and some have chosen to do that. Another reason for the diminishing number of teams is that a few years ago new team minimum requirements were set and the clubs were asked to make bigger teams.

**Date of the Next Meeting is January 29, 1989 at 3:00 PM in the Superstition Room at SSV.**

Moved by CM, seconded by TP to adjourn, at 4:35 pm.