

**Greater Portland City League Tennis Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes, Thursday, January 19, 2023
10:30 am, Irvington Club**

Call to Order: Joanne Reardon called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Members Present: Joanne Reardon, Elaine Sibley, Kate Hunter, Patricia McKinnon Jeanette Thomas, Joy Kolesnikoff, Timothea Barnatan, Patty Morrison, and Ellen Mulherin attended in person.

Members Absent: Penny Birkhofer. Linda Brumder and Kelley Gaylor were absent.

Review/Approval of Minutes: The November 17, 2022, minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

- A. Joanne Reardon, President. Joanne had nothing to report.
- B. Patricia McKinnon, Vice President. Patricia reported that Club Green Meadows would host the Captains' Brunch again this year. The date for this is August 16, 2023.
- C. Penny Birkhofer, Treasurer (presented by Kate Hunter). Kate reported that there was only one expense for December for the post office box.
- D. Elaine Sibley, Resolution Coordinator. Nothing to report.
- E. Kate Hunter, Website Coordinator. Kate reported that the midseason roster updates went well. The net change is a decrease of 7 players compared to the end of the Fall Session.

Old Business

- A. Lunches: Lunches are still required by City League and it appears that all divisions and all teams are providing lunches as required.
- B. New Team Request Rule. The Board discussed amending the Rules mid-year to address the issue of clubs requesting a new team and then dropping a team in the level below the newly requested team during the Registration Period. The proposal was to add the following language to the "New Team Requests" section of the Rules: "Tennis clubs may not request an available team in the spring and return their next lower division team during summer registration."

Action Taken: Timothea moved to approve the addition of the clarifying language and the motion was seconded by Ellen Mulherin. The motion was passed and the Rules will be updated accordingly.

C. Home Page Updates. The homepage of the website will be updated after the meeting to identify the teams available (C, D, G, H, J and K), the last day to add players is March 30, 2023, and a Shoutout from the S Division.

New Business

Available Teams. Joanne will send a letter to all participating clubs letting them know which teams are available and the time frame for requesting a new team.

Division Reports

Kate Hunter, B Division. There was an issue in one match where after the lineups were exchanged a captain went and changed the lineups without first speaking to the opposing captain. The change was to address an error in the name of the substitute, not to switch the lineups around. The parties resolved it on their own.

Elaine Sibley on behalf of Kelley Gaylor, E Division. There was an issue in a match where the parties disagreed about the calling of hinderances from balls coming onto the court as they were not being called uniformly and appeared to be called strategically. The captains were able to discuss this and resolve it amicably.

Ellen Mulherin, F Division. There were several weather-related problems in connection with the scheduling of a match with Columbia Gorge and the match had to be rescheduled several times. The captains worked well with each other and ultimately played one line on December 27, 2022 and the other four lines were forfeited. Both captains did an admirable job of working to play the match at a time when they had very low availability because of the holiday season.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 10:30 am at The Irvington Club.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Thomas, substitute Recording Secretary

Minutes approved on: Thursday, February 16, 2023