

GREATER PORTLAND CITY LEAGUE

Summary of Board Minutes

February 17, 2005

Jen Zahniser called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M. Other board members present were: Betsy Mosser, Terri Shea, Heidi Wilcox, Lori Layne, Barbara Keller, Cheryl Rathbun, Lucille Cassels, Jean Anhoury, Marilyn Crandall, Ruth Kilroy, and Corinne Mitchell.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as submitted by Corinne Mitchell, Recording Secretary.

Terri Shea, Treasurer, reported that our current check book balance is \$9100.77.

Marilyn Crandall, Corresponding Secretary, reported that there are no issues for the board at this time.

Cheryl Rathbun, League Coordinator, addressed the feasibility of eliminating a scheduled match the Tuesday or Wednesday the week of the Thanksgiving holiday. Cheryl explained the process of scheduling all the teams on their given playing days to the Board. General discussion followed. It was concluded that great care is taken to provide equitable schedules for all teams and there already exists a method of rescheduling matches. It is the Board's decision to encourage City League captains to extend courtesy to those teams needing to reschedule matches. The Greater Portland City League extends over two states with different school schedules and breaks to consider.

Cheryl also briefly discussed a late score sheet issue at the D level. The Board listened while Cheryl explained her system for tracking score sheets. In this case, Cheryl felt that no point penalty should apply since effort was made to fax the score sheet on time.

Lori Layne gave feedback on using the MAC club for the Captain's Brunch, scheduled for August 10th. The MAC has a room available that will accommodate our needs and Lori will have them reserve the room. Terri Shea will work up a budget for the event to present at the next Board meeting.

Jen would like the Board to revisit the "1 Singles vs. 2 Singles" issue as well as the "Split Season" issue. General discussion followed. Jen and Chris will work together to create a form to be sent, via email or post, to all City League captains. Captains will then poll their teams and send the results to their division reps. All responses must meet the March 17th deadline in order to be counted.

The Grand Slam Attitude Awards will be continued through the playing season, however, January and February will be combined, as well as March and April. The January/February drawing will be in March and the March/April drawing will

be held in May. All winners and nominees will be posted on the City League's website.

A few general issues were discussed by the Board prior to adjournment. The issue of singles matches taking a long time to conclude was discussed. The 10 minute warm-up must be strictly enforced. Also, to further facilitate all waiting players, singles and doubles players changing ends after the 1st game should do so without heading to the benches.

Also, captains need to arrive at matches 15 minutes prior to the start of the match so that play may begin as scheduled. (Rules and Regulations, Match lineups, pg 4, Rule 3).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

The next Board meeting will be March 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Mitchell
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