

# **Greater Portland City League Tennis Meeting Minutes**

February 19, 2015

**I. Call to order**

Patricia McKinnon called the Greater Portland City League Tennis Association board meeting to order at 10:33 am on February 19, 2015 at Multnomah Athletic Club.

**II. Roll call**

Members present were: Patricia McKinnon, Donna Walker, Nikki Nadig, Susan Bozarth, Sherri Moore, Elaine Sibley, Loralee Campbell, Melissa Light, Maggie Creps, Joni Hinton, Ann Cassin and Karey Welling.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Recording Secretary: Nikki Nadig

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to approve the January meeting minutes.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	January captains' minutes to be posted to website.

**IV. Officer Reports:**

President: Patricia McKinnon

**Great Portland Tennis Council**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Patricia reported that a member of Tualatin Hills A Team recently accepted a position with the Greater Portland Tennis Council which teaches tennis to children in the Head Start Program. The program needs volunteers and asked if a request could be sent to all City League players. The board requires that an organization is a nonprofit that promotes tennis before it is willing to consider requests to forward information. As the GPTC meets the criteria, Susan motioned and Donna 2 <sup>nd</sup> to forward information on the program to all teams. Motion passed unanimously.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Information on GPTC's request for volunteers will be forwarded to all teams.

**Updating Captain Information**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Patricia explained that some team captains did not realize that they are responsible for updating all contact information on the website and that has led to communication problems with a few teams.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Division reps should remind captains to make certain their contact information on the website is current, and that home team captains should contact the opposing team captains prior to a match with the start time, number of courts available, and order of play.

Vice President: Donna Walker

**Captains' Brunch**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Donna presented the theme, format and timing for the Captains' Brunch, as well as pictures of potential gift ideas for division winners. Board members volunteered to help with certain tasks: centerpieces (Nikki), banners (Susan), greeters (Ann, Elaine, Loralee), and game format (Maggie). Donations for prizes were discussed. Susan will contact Players East and Patricia will contact Players West.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Planning for brunch ongoing.

Treasurer's Report: Karey Welling

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Karey gave an update on the budget and current expenditures. Donna moved and Maggie 2 <sup>nd</sup> to approve the budget.
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Budget passed unanimously.
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**V. New business**  
**Resolution Coordinator: Susan Bozarth**  
**Formal Complaint E Division**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Susan ascertained that each board member had received and reviewed the complaint submitted on February 10, 2015 by the captains of Lake Oswego E1 Team; the response to the complaint submitted on February 15 by the captains of PAC E Team; as well as additional emails from a TDFCC E co-captain, an E Team member from SAC, and a VTC E Red co-captain. The captains from Lake Oswego assert that the addition of a 5.5 USTA rated player to the PAC E team violates the City League rules of sportsmanship as she is playing at a level way below her ability. Susan summarized the questions before the board: to determine if any rules were violated and if penalties need to be assessed, specific to this complaint; and to determine how to resolve this issue moving forward as it has clearly become a problem within the E Division and has the potential to affect other divisions as well. Each board member was given an opportunity to comment on the issues.</p> <p>Most agreed that no rules had been broken as the definition of sportsmanship is so subjective, however Sherri disagreed and put forth the motion that sportsmanship and fair play rules had been violated and that points earned by the new player should not be allowed to count towards the team's total. As there was no second, the motion died. After much discussion, it was decided that it is not fair to make changes to the rules in the middle of the season, and technically no rules were broken by PAC, though the question remains whether having two players rated so much higher than all other players in the division is fair and good sportsmanship. A motion was made by Nikki and seconded by Maggie that the board determined that no rules were broken and no penalties will be assessed. Letters will be written to LO E1 and PAC to explain the decision, as well as to captains of all divisions to explain that this situation will be carefully considered by the board in the coming months and a rule change will be proposed this spring.</p>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>Susan will write letters to both captains explaining the board's decision. This issue will be discussed by the Rules and Regulations committee in the coming months and a rule will be proposed for the May (or June) meeting. A letter will be drafted and sent to all division captains and facility directors explaining the issues and the plans for moving forward.</p>

**VI. Adjournment**

Patricia McKinnon adjourned the meeting at 1:08p.m.

Next meeting: March 19, 2015, 10:30 AM

Minutes submitted by: Nikki Nadig, Reporting Secretary

Minutes approved on: **March 19, 2015**