

Minutes

Greater Portland City League Tennis Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m., Irvington Club

Call to Order: Patricia McKinnon called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Members Present: Patricia McKinnon, Patty Morrison, Cindy Dorado, Teresa Darling, Ellen Mullherin, Linda Brumder, Timothea Barnatan, Kate Hunter, Elaine Sibley, Tara De La Rosa

Attendance via speaker phone: Alisa Rakoz

Absent: Joy Kolesnikoff, Penny Birkhofer

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from January 18, 2024, were approved as corrected.

I. Officer Reports

A. President, Patricia McKinnon:

1. Review: Available teams for the 2024-2025 season will be posted on the website. All current tennis facilities will be contacted to ensure interest. Assigning available teams will be addressed at the May and June meetings.
2. Reiterated that it is the Division Representatives' responsibility to encourage good sportsmanship.

B. Treasurer, Penny Birkhofer (reported by Kate Hunter):

1. Presented expenses through the end of January.

C. Website Coordinator, Teresa Darling:

1. 1,943 players currently rostered, few roster changes required.
2. Six matches were rescheduled because of inclement weather.
3. No players have reached the maximum sub allowance.

II. Division Reports

A&B Division, Cindy Dorado:

There has been one rescheduled match completed.

There was some confusion on the part of the administration at PTC, who told a prospective member to contact the City League Board if such member wanted to join a team. Division representative responded to the inquiry that each club adds its own

players to the roster. Directed the prospective member to the link on the website that describes how to join a team.

D Division, Patty Morrison:

There were two rescheduled matches completed.

E Division, Alisa Rakoz:

There was one rescheduled match completed. The second rescheduled match, due to power failure at the facility, will be completed February 21.

There was an inquiry as to whether there was a City League rule that could exclude a club from hosting matches if the facility did not meet a minimum standard. After a brief discussion, it was concluded that it is not within the City League Board's authority or function to inspect facilities to ensure that such facilities meet certain minimum criteria. The Board provides a structure within which players may enjoy recreational tennis on a friendly competitive level. The condition of the facility is the sole responsibility of the facility, and each player has the responsibility to assess the condition of such facility and determine whether the facility conditions warrant a withdrawal from play for that player.

The discussion included a previous year match as well as a match this year between MPRC and PAC in the E Division.

H Division, Tara De La Rosa:

There were two rescheduled matches completed.

General question as to the rules governing a default, review:

1. Day of, at time match is to start: before roster exchanged, default from the bottom or singles. After roster exchanged, whichever team is not available.
2. Day Ahead: start from the bottom or singles.

III. Old Business

S Division review:

There are currently 9 teams. 4 facilities have requested S teams, if available. The question as to whether to continue the S division with the current established protocols, allowing a player to roster on the S and another C-K City League team.

Reviewed the possible issue and fallout of clubs not being able to maintain an S team and their other C-K teams if S players are not allowed to double roster.

Possible alternatives and ideas:

1. Create two smaller S Divisions.
2. Raise the participating age to 67.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 10:30 a.m., at The Irvington Club