

# Minutes

## Greater Portland City League Tennis Association Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 21, 2024, 10:30 a.m., Irvington Club

**Call to Order:** Patricia McKinnon called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

**Members Present:** Patricia McKinnon, Patty Morrison, Cindy Dorado, Alisa Rakoz, Teresa Darling, Ellen Mulherin, Linda Brumder, Timothea Barnatan, Kate Hunter, Elaine Sibley, Penny Birkhofer.

**Absent:** Tara De La Rosa, Joy Kolesnikoff.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting were approved as corrected.

### I. Officer Reports

#### A. President, Patricia McKinnon

**Schedule Review:** There have been inquiries from several Tennis Directors, requesting a review of the City League schedule before it is published, primarily for changes to double bookings. This approach is not feasible, given the timing and difficulty of creating a working schedule. A consideration is to provide the 2023-2024 facility schedules for all teams in City League, the scheduling guidelines for their review and asking them what they might have changed.

**Columbia Gorge:** Columbia Gorge has a C and an I team. Both teams are advising concern they may not be able to continue in the program. Their population is aging, and many are moving to pickleball. There are 7 teams now available. Possible solutions to the distribution of teams and players will be discussed.

#### B. Vice President, Patty Morrison

**Captains Brunch:** The Captains Brunch is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> at Club Green Meadows. Board members should start looking for donations for raffle prizes. Home tennis clubs should be asked for donations.

#### C. Treasurer, Penny Birkhofer

**Nonprofit Status:** The nonprofit status of City League organization has been secured for the upcoming year. This is an annual renewal filed with the IRS.

**Budget Report:** The monthly budget report was distributed.

#### D. Website Coordinator, Teresa Darling

There have been 10 roster changes since the last meeting and a total of 16 roster changes for the Spring session. There are currently a total of 1,953 City League players.

## **E. Resolution Coordinator, Elaine Sibley**

The FAQs have been revised and the document is now titled the Captains Handbook. The Board has been requested to review this document for the April meeting.

## **II. Division Reports**

### **A Division, Cindy Dorado**

There has been some inquiry and nonformal complaints regarding the level of play that may be compromised by placing subs in higher position doubles. City League strongly encourages the placement of players at the appropriate level to try to achieve the highest level of competition.

### **I Division, Linda Brumder**

There is one rescheduled match pending at Club Green Meadows. There was some confusion as to the process. The parties involved were redirected to send the request in an email to the Website Coordinator.

In a match between Cascade and West Hills, there was an issue with a default in singles, as the singles player got lost on her way to Cascade Athletic Club. The captains worked together to find a reasonable solution, putting the home Singles player in D4. Excellent example of good sportsmanship and cooperation.

## **III. New Business**

**New Board Members:** An email will be going out in April to clubs coming up on the Board rotation. Four new board members will join the board and four members will exit after the August 14 meeting. The new members shall be nominated from Evergreen, Irvington, Multnomah Athletic Club, and Columbia Gorge. The following clubs will have their term expire: Mountain Park, Glendoveer, Tualatin Hills and Cascade.

**2024-2025 Team Availability:** The formal notice for available teams will be sent to all facilities in April. The teams available are: C D E G H J S

**Cascade Athletic Club:** Courts 1 and 2 are dedicated to pickleball. Three courts are available for City League play. Cascade has plans to remove one wall to allow one more tennis court, but it is not clear when this will happen. Teams will be advised Pickleball is on the first two courts and will be played during City League matches. There is also discussion about converting the outdoor courts to indoor tennis courts with a lobby. Columbia Gorge currently plays out of Cascade. They have been advised by Cascade that courts may not be available for next season.

**2024-25 Season Format:** Most facilities have advised that returning to 5 doubles would be a burden, impacting both player and court availability. There was discussion reviewing the positives and negatives of returning to the 5 doubles format. A motion was made to retain the current format of Singles and 4 Doubles. The motion was approved. This change will be reflected in the next version of the Rules & Regulations.

### III. Old Business

**Home Page Shout Outs:** Shout outs were reviewed by email prior to the meeting and were approved for posting on the website.

**S Division:** When the S Division was created, the Board set a trial timeframe of 3 years. This year marks the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of the S Division. Feedback is that players love the format of the division and would like it to continue.

There are 9 S Division teams and currently 4 requests for an S Division team. A discussion followed on expanding the S Division to allow for more teams. A motion was made and seconded to allow more than 9 teams in the S Division. The motion passed.

Elaine led a discussion on whether to continue to allow players to roster on both an S team and a C-K team. Some facilities allow S players to roster on two teams and other facilities limit rostering to one team. The merits of allowing double rostering were discussed at length. A motion was made and seconded to not permit S Division players to also play on a C-K Division team. The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. at The Irvington Club .