

Greater Portland City League Tennis Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2014

I. Call to order

Antonia Green called the Greater Portland City League Tennis Association board meeting to order at 10:45 am on April 17, 2014 at Multnomah Athletic Club.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Antonia Green, Patricia McKinnon, Ann Cassin, Susan Bozarth, Melissa Light, Maggie Creps, Lorelee Campbell, Wendy Weddle, Joan Carneiro and Donna Walker. Sierra Wright and Lois Gibson were absent.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Recording Secretary: Donna Walker

DISCUSSION	No corrections were made to the minutes. Susan moved and Joan 2 nd to approve the March 2014 minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.
CONCLUSIONS	March captains minutes to be posted to website.

IV. Officer Reports:

President: Antonia Green

Incoming Board Members

DISCUSSION	Antonia announced that there will be 5 new board members for the 2014-2015 board; She has received confirmations on two of the new board members; three have not yet confirmed.
CONCLUSIONS	Due to Lois Gibson's move to Cincinnati, Susan Bozarth will represent the Vancouver Tennis Club and be the C level representative for the remainder of the 2013-2014 Board term.

Team Commitments

DISCUSSION	The email regarding team commitments contained a typo as regards the facility fees. This resulted in an email charging that the Board was raising fees and a subsequent email charging that City League financial records have not been made available when requested. Both of these allegations are not correct.
CONCLUSIONS	Antonia will send an email correcting the error and stating that commitment fees have not been raised. Wendy will email the Stafford Hills member who complained about not having access to City League financial information, informing her that financial information was previously sent to her.

Check facilities link on website

	Antonia requested each board member to check the website link to their respective clubs website to be sure that the links are correct and appropriate.
CONCLUSIONS	Report findings to Ann Cassin, website coordinator.

Vice President: Patricia McKinnon

Brunch

DISCUSSION	Patricia gave a progress report on the brunch. The winners' gift is a toilet tote bag with City League logo in black; center pieces are being worked on, and bag tags will be ordered.
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CONCLUSIONS	Patricia will send out a save the date announcement to each facility; winners banners need to be returned to Susan by June board meeting; board members need to ask various contacts for donations.
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Treasurer: Wendy Weddle

Financial Report

DISCUSSION	February and March Monthly financial reports provided. Wendy commented that commitment fees are coming in. Joan moved and Ann 2 nd to approve financial reports; unanimously approved.
CONCLUSIONS	Monthly financial report approved.

Website Coordinator: Ann Cassin

DISCUSSION	No report.
CONCLUSIONS	Antonia requested Ann to research the cost of putting City League financial information (tax returns, fiscal year end treasurer’s report, annual budget) on website. Susan to verify what the legal requirements are for non-profits to report financial data.

Rules Committee Chair: Susan Bozarth

Review

DISCUSSION	Susan explained rules changing procedures: (1) Committee chair compiles requests for rule changes received or considered by the Board during the current year; (2) rules committee meets to review and decides on any new rules or rule changes to propose to the Board; (3) the proposed rules and rule changes are presented to the Board at the May meeting; (4) The proposed rules and rule changes are considered and voted on at the June Board meeting. Bylaws are then reviewed to include rule changes. The rules committee members are Antonia and Patricia.
CONCLUSIONS	Susan requested members of the executive committee review their current job descriptions in the Bylaws for any needed changes for considered by the Rules Committee.

Replay of Deuce Point

DISCUSSION	The Board considered the question: if a (sudden death) deuce point needs to be replayed, can the receiver be changed? There is no City League covering the issue and no USTA rule could be found.
CONCLUSIONS	Board consensus was that no change could be made; but needs to be covered by the City League rules; Susan was requested to research USTA rules governing junior play and pro sets where sudden death deuce points are played.

V. Division Representatives:

H Division: Wendy Weddle: “Sandbagging” at #5

DISCUSSION	Sunset captain asked about City League’s position on line ups where perception is that stronger players are being played at # 5. Concern was that it was not fair play.
CONCLUSIONS	There is no City League rule regarding this issue, and it is was an issue that cannot be handled through a rule. Wendy to follow up her initial comment to the captain with Board’s position on issue.

I Division: Maggie Creps

DISCUSSION	Mountain Park I team wrote a letter to Maggie, as Division Representative, with concerns that the increase in the number of City League teams in combination with a varying number of teams at specific tennis facilities has resulted in an uneven playing field. The letter outlined a complex proposal to correct this perceived misalignment.
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CONCLUSIONS	Board consensus was to commend the individuals for their interest but to emphasize that the current system sorts out teams that maybe at an in appropriate level through the process of the highest and lowest scoring teams moving up or down in level. Maggie is to reply for the Board.
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VI. Old business

None

VII. New business

Alex Rovello Memorial Tennis Courts, Antonia Green

DISCUSSION	The Board was asked to support efforts to rename the Berkeley Park tennis courts as the “Alex Rovello Memorial Tennis Courts” in honor of Alex Rovello.
CONCLUSIONS	Unanimous support by the Board. Antonia to send email endorsing the name change.

VII. Tabled business

VIII. Adjournment

Antonia Green adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Next meeting: May 15, 2014, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Donna Walker, Reporting Secretary

Minutes approved on: May 15, 2014