

**Greater Portland City League Tennis
Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2019**

I. Call to order by Nikki Nadig at 10:33 am at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

II. Roll call: Members present – Nikki Nadig, Mary Klinger, Penny Birkhofer, Kelly Buhlmann, Jian Xu, Linda Brumder, Patricia McKinnon, Jennie Lee, Elaine Sibley, Barb Schmitz, Alisa Rakoz, Cyndee Brockett

Absent: Kelley Nielsen

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Recording Secretary: Linda Brumder

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| DISCUSSION | A motion to approve the amended March minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Minutes will be placed on the website. |

IV. Officer Reports:

President: Nikki Nadig

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| DISCUSSION | Nikki has contacted the four clubs next on the Board rotation list: Irvington, Mint Valley (Longview), MAC and Clackamas River. If any does not nominate a Board member, next in the rotation is Columbia Gorge and then Mountain Park. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Nikki will follow up with each club and will contact Columbia Gorge if necessary. |
| DISCUSSION | The Rules Committee will meet this month and two situations have raised questions regarding the rules. First, if a match is rescheduled due to weather, can a player, who is added to the roster after the original match date, play in the match on the rescheduled date? The Board discussed the potential difficulties of captains keeping track of when players were added to their roster, as well as the goal of having team members play when available rather than using subs. |
| CONCLUSIONS | The decision was made to allow all players on the roster at the time of the rescheduled match to play regardless of when they were added to the roster. |
| DISCUSSION | The second rules question pertains to when a player is injured during the warm-up and retires. The captain has five minutes to find a sub and the sub is allowed a ten minute warm-up. The rules do not state how much time the sub has to get on the court after being asked to play, and the question is whether there should be a time limit. The concern is that several clubs have programs that begin right after the allotted time for City League matches and anything that prolongs a match could affect the outcome. |
| CONCLUSIONS | The Rules Committee will discuss this at their meeting. |

Vice President: Mary Klinger

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| DISCUSSION | Mary has chosen “Tennis, A Game For All Seasons” as the theme for the August brunch. Raffle prizes, prizes for division winners and decorations were discussed. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Patricia will contact Players Racquets for donations. Nikki will contact her friend who is a Wilson rep. |

Treasurer: Penny Birkhofer

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| DISCUSSION | Penny distributed a list of teams that have not yet paid the Team Commitment Fee (due May 1) to each Division Rep. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Division Reps will email reminders. |
| DISCUSSION | MAC has raised their catering prices and room rental fees which have increased the cost of Board lunches. The Board discussed the pros of meeting at MAC (central location and parking) and possible alternatives. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Nikki will contact MAC catering to see if the room rental fee can be reduced. |

Website Coordinator: Jian Xu

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| DISCUSSION | Default updates: 57 total; singles-34, D1-1, D2-1, D3-2, D4-1 D5-18. Substitutions: 581 total; singles-126, D1-46, D2-58, D3-62, D4-121, D5-168. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Jian will continue to monitor. |
| DISCUSSION | The problem with the Sub List on the website has been fixed and captains and players will be alerted to the number of times subs have played. Four players have reached the maximum seven times subbing and have been alerted that they are not eligible to sub again. One player subbed eight times, but as she subbed for the lowest level team at a club and is not on another team, her email is not in the system so she was not automatically alerted. Twelve players have subbed six times and have been alerted via email that they can only sub one more match. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Because of the Sub List problem, the sub infraction (subbing eight times) is considered a clerical error as the number of times the player had subbed was miscounted. Jian will continue to monitor all subbing. |

Resolution Coordinator: Kelly Buhlmann

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| DISCUSSION | The Rules Committee (Nikki, Mary and Kelly) will be meeting to go over any new proposals and clarify the language. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Revisions will be presented at the next meeting. |

V. Division Reports

Division E- Alisa Rakoz

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| DISCUSSION | Received a question of whether a player from one E team could sub on the second E team at that club. |
| CONCLUSIONS | No. Rules state that players can only sub on higher level teams. |

Division H-Mary Klinger

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| DISCUSSION | Received an email from a player asking if they could play on more than one roster. |
| CONCLUSIONS | No. Players can only play on one team (unless subbing for a higher-level team). |

Division K-Kelly Buhlmann

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| DISCUSSION | Deferred to Elaine as captain of PAC K Team. In a recent match at MAC, PAC members were told that they only had 7 minutes to warm-up for their match, rather than the ten minutes allowed per City League rules. |
| CONCLUSIONS | The Tennis Director of MAC will be emailed to get clarification on warm-up time. |

VI. Old Business

Singles Survey

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| DISCUSSION | Singles surveys are still being collected so it is too soon to make any conclusions. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Nikki and Patricia will collate results and report at the May meeting. |

Senior Division

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| DISCUSSION | Kelly has spoken with the group advocating for a Senior Division and asked to clarify what other options are available for senior players: Oregon Senior Women's Tennis, Portland Tennis League and USTA 65 & Over. |
| CONCLUSIONS | Kelly will report back to the group and arrange a preliminary meeting to discuss their proposal. |

VII. New business

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| DISCUSSION | There is a possibility that one or two B teams (Salem and TH) will be disbanding. |
| CONCLUSIONS | The Board will continue to monitor the situation. |

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 16th, 10:30am, MAC

Minutes submitted by: Linda Brumder, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved on: Thursday, May 16, 2019