

**Greater Portland City League Tennis  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2019**

**I. Call to order by Nikki Nadig at 10:35am at the Multnomah Athletic Club.**

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

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

Recording Secretary: Linda Brumder

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Minutes will be placed on the website.

**IV. Officer Reports:**

President: Nikki Nadig

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Board member rotation. CRRC declined to nominate a member to a term on the board. This is the second time they have passed and will be moved to the bottom of the board rotation list.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Four nominees are: Kate Hunter (IRV), Jill Craven (MAC), Cathy Jones (LONG), and Joanne Reardon (GC). They will be invited to our June meeting.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Team Commitment Fees: All teams submitted their team commitment fees. Salem has a new captain and will keep their B team. Tualatin Hills may still choose to give up their B team.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Wait for a confirmation from TH.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	MAC Warm-up. Nikki discussed MAC's 7-minute warm-up with their Director of Tennis, who did not realize that City League rules state that the warm-up is 10 minutes. He agreed to allow a 10 minute warm-up, but expressed concern that matches can take too long (i.e. players are not ready when their match is called, too much time taken between games and sets). This is an issue of concern for several clubs and will be put on the Brunch agenda.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Warm-up time at MAC has been changed back to 10 minutes.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	For a second time this year, a captain complained about the lack of food available for lunch when visiting another club. Teams need to be reminded they are feeding 22 people LUNCH, not a snack.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	This is clearly an issue and will be brought up at the Brunch in August.

Vice President: Mary Klinger

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Brunch details were discussed. Kelley brought samples of prizes.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Elaine will be in charge of centerpieces, and Penny and Barb are in charge of the game.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Division banners (and tubes) need to be brought to the June meeting.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Mary will locate which teams have them and send reminders to Division reps.

Treasurer: Nikki Nadig for Penny Birkhofer

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Nikki spoke with MAC regarding the increase in price for our lunches. MAC has agreed to drop the price from \$100 to \$50 for the room rental. Irvington also has an appropriate meeting room and would charge \$25/hr. We would need to bring in lunch.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	With the reduced fee, staying at MAC is within our budget.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The monthly financial report was presented. A motion to approve the financial report was made and seconded.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Motion passed unanimously.

Website Coordinator: Jian Xu

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Default updates: total 75; singles 45, D1-2, D2-1, D3-3, D4-2, D5-23. Substitutions: 671 total; singles 142, D1-48, D2-67, D3-68, D4-147, D5-199.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Jian will continue to monitor.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Jian reported that the Substitution report on the website has been fixed, and the 2019-2020 calendar will be available on the website at the end of the season.

Resolution Coordinator: Kelly Buhlmann

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Nothing to report.
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## V. Division Reports

### Division – Barb Schmitz D

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A captain needed her singles player for doubles, and therefore defaulted singles, and asked if that was acceptable.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Clearly within the rules.

## VI. Old Business

### Singles Survey

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Singles survey completed with 100% of captains responding. Based on votes and comments, key findings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Most teams (69%) have players who prefer to play singles and 86% of teams have players who will play singles when asked.</li> <li>--63% of teams have players from lower level divisions who will sub at singles.</li> <li>--When a team defaulted the singles position, 50% of the time it was because no singles player was available, and 50% of the time because the captain chose to play 5 doubles teams.</li> <li>--58% of teams would approve if City League changed to a doubles only league, 48% would disapprove.</li> <li>--Only 16 captains have players who they believe would leave the league if it were a doubles only league. Most captains were unsure if players would leave the league.</li> <li>--If City League changed to doubles only, 54% of teams would prefer five doubles matches, 46% would prefer six doubles matches.</li> </ul>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	As there does not yet appear to be a consensus that singles is a widespread problem, we are not compelled to make changes to the league at this time. However, this issue will continue to be monitored.

### Senior Division

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Two advocates for a Senior Division presented an overview of their proposal to Nikki, Kelly and Mary before the Board meeting. They believe that a senior division would be a benefit to our senior players and make the entire league more competitive. They hope that a minimum of five clubs would exchange an existing division team and designate it a senior team (60 & over). Senior teams would play doubles only and division winners and losers would not move up or down at the end of the season. Discussion centered on the lack of other opportunities for senior players, perceived interest from clubs, and how a shift would impact teams and divisions at each club.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	A subcommittee will be formed in September to further evaluate the proposal.

**VII. New business**

**Revisions to Rules and Regulations, Bylaws and FAQs**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Board reviewed the first drafts of revisions to the Bylaws, FAQs, and Rules and Regulations for the 2019-20 season. Several corrections and suggestions were made, which will be incorporated into the final revision
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The Board will vote on the final revisions of all 3 documents at the June 13 meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:58pm  
 Next meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2019  
 Minutes submitted by: Linda Brumder, Recording Secretary  
 Minutes approved on: June 13, 2019