

CITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Captain's Summary
September 16, 2004

Members present: Jen Zahniser, Heidi Wilcox, Jean Anhoury, Lucille Cassels, Chris Harms, Marilyn Crandall, Betsy Mosser, Ruth Kilroy, Terri Shea, Corinne Mitchell

Jen Zahniser called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Jen began the meeting by introducing Corinne Mitchell as the Recording Secretary.

All division reps gave a brief report on the state of the teams in their division. Divisions K and J have issues for the board.

Terri Shea, Treasurer, reported that our current checkbook balance is \$6,898.10.

Marilyn Crandall, Corresponding Secretary suggested the board considers Board Insurance. General discussion followed and it was decided that Jen would talk to Cheryl Rathbun, League Coordinator. Marilyn also suggested the Board considers adopting an appropriate letterhead to be used for official board correspondence. Chris and Jen will research for a suitable letterhead.

The next issue was a situation at the "K" level between Vancouver and Eastmoreland. Marilyn was the division rep (in Jean's stead). A misunderstanding in the K division led to the rescheduling of their match.

The next issue was at the "J" level between Mountain Park and Glendoveer. Glendoveer needed to use a last-minute sub, and they weren't sure there was a lower team to draw from at their club. A sub from the general membership outside of City League was used and therefore an illegal sub. The score should reflect 10-0 as per the Substitutions Rule 1 and 5:

1. In order to avoid defaults, teams are allowed to use as substitutes any player from one of their own club's lower division teams. (For example, a "B" division team may use a player from their club's "C" division team.) The lowest division team in a club may use a substitute from their club who is considered to be an equivalent level player who does not appear on any other City League roster.
5. The penalty for using an illegal player is as follows: The illegal player loses any points won and her team is penalized 2 additional points (possible total of 4 points lost.) Two points are awarded to the opposing team, as though that team had won the match in two straight sets, regardless of what the score of the match actually was.

Ruth Kilroy brought up the topic of cell phone usage on the court. The board will implement the new rule as follows:

Cell Phones on Court Disturbance

Please turn off all cell phones before entering the court. The first time the phone rings the opponent is entitled to a let. If the phone rings more than once, the opponent may claim the point based on a deliberate hindrance.

Jen suggested that, due to the age of the Bylaws of the Greater Portland City League Tennis Association, the board review them and make any necessary revisions. It was decided that the board was not in accordance with Article IV, in particular, by failing to notify club pros of City League meetings and locations. It was suggested that the board shows more diligence and could perhaps use our official letterhead. In addition, Jen will compile a current list of club pros.

Furthermore, the board discussed Article V, paragraph one, regarding non-eligibility of persons employed by any club in any capacity to serve on the Board. Chris made a motion to amend the bylaws to indicate no more than two members may be employed simultaneously while serving on the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by all board members present.

Another item suggested by Jen was the sportsmanship award. General discussion followed, and all were in favor. Chris penned The Grand Slam Attitude Award as follows:

The City League Board would like to implement a fun element to this tennis season. It is called the Grand Slam Attitude Award. At the end of each month, each team (via the team captain) will submit the name of one of their players who, for whatever reason, exemplifies good attitude and team spirit. All names from each division will be placed in a hat and a name will be drawn at the next board meeting. The winning player will receive a gift from the board. Since there are 11 divisions, there will be 11 winners each month.

The selection of a player can be yours alone or you can make it a team effort. Participation is not mandatory, but sounds like fun to us, and outstanding attitude should be rewarded.

Thank you for your participation.

Our next board meeting will be October 21 at 9:15 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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