

Greater Portland City League Tennis Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2013

I. Call to order

Antonia Green called the Greater Portland City League Tennis Association Board meeting to order at 10:35 am on October 17, 2013 at Multnomah Athletic Club.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Recording Secretary: Donna Walker

DISCUSSION	A few corrections were provided to minutes provided by Antonia. Wendy moved and Ann 2 nd to approve the September 2013 minutes as corrected. Minutes approved unanimously.
CONCLUSIONS	September captains minutes to be posted to website.

IV. Officer Reports:

President: Antonia Green

Wait List for Clubs

DISCUSSION	Follow up from Antonia on what clubs first requested a position on the wait list for new teams.
CONCLUSIONS	SHC (1 st) and Glendoveer (2 nd) are on the list. Antonia will draft a letter informing captains that requests for additional teams will be open until December 1, 2013. Letter to include that no new teams are currently available and that SHC and Glendoveer are already on the wait list.

NOFTA

DISCUSSION	Representative of NOFTA has requested that NOFTA attend GPCL Board meetings.
CONCLUSIONS	After discussion it was decided that Antonia, Joan and Patricia to draft letter stating that the GPCL Board is composed of representatives from each tennis facility and as such provide the necessary and sufficient avenue for communication between tennis facilities and City League.

Vice President: Patricia McKinnon

UP date on Fair and Equitable Play

DISCUSSION	Patricia reported that she talked to PAC player (5.0 USTA rated) about her playing on the PAC E level team. The player wants to play on the team and for financial reasons can no longer play with the team she played on last season. She said she would always play at number one doubles and with a 3.0 partner. A second E team from Lake Oswego has complained about the same player playing on an E level team.
CONCLUSIONS	After discussion that noted City League does not have a specific rule about ratings, does not follow USTA ratings, and that this is an internal club issue, it was decided that Patricia is to talk to the PAC director and strongly urge the facility to dissuade the player from playing on the E level team as of the start of the spring City League session. Following Patricia's discussion with the PAC director, Donna, as E Division representative is to inform all the E division captains, including the two captains who complained, about the outcome of the PAC discussion and to inform them that for the rest of the current session that the PAC team will be playing a 5.0 USTA rated player at number one doubles (with a 3.0 rated partner).

Treasurer: Wendy Weddle

Financial Report

DISCUSSION	Monthly financial report provided. Susan moved and Joan 2 nd to approve financial report, unanimously approved.
CONCLUSIONS	Monthly financial report approved.

V. Website Coordinator: Ann Cassin

Previous year's stats on website

DISCUSSION	Division D rep received request for previous year's stats to remain on website. Current practice is that at the end of the year it is announced that stats will be deleted on specified date. Ann looked into how much this would cost to implement and reported that the cost would be approximately \$1,500.
CONCLUSIONS	As the cost of maintaining previous year's stats was considered prohibitive, it was decided that the Team Commitment letter, sent in April, should inform captains that the current year stats will only be available through a date certain and request captains to inform new captains of this deadline in order for both current and new captains to download stats before the data purge. It was also decided that the website should state that new team members should not be assumed to be registered until they are listed on the website.

VI. Resolution Coordinator: Susan Bozarth

Coaching Complaint

DISCUSSION	Lake Oswego filed a complaint against Tualatin Hills #2 alleging coaching and asking that Tualatin forfeit the point received for the second set. Resolution Coordination Susan Bozarth provided the Board with email documentation from both teams concerning the issue.
CONCLUSIONS	After discussion, Susan moved and Joan 2 nd that no penalty be assessed against Tualatin. Further, the Board determined that Susan should inform both teams in writing of the Board decision and emphasize to the Captains that they are responsible for dealing with such issues immediately at the time of the incident, and further admonishing both teams for interfering with players during match play.

Early start request LO vs. MPRC

DISCUSSION	Early start request by LO E team for match against MPRC resulted in a number of email exchanges between the captains and a referral to the Board by LO based on LO's interpretation of Board suggestions made in 2012. Susan's investigation into the issue revealed that internal communications by the LO facility to its captains erroneously gave that impression that early starts were mandated by the Board. This is not the case. In a letter dated February 14, 2012, to LO captains the Board made four suggestions for easing the match issue at the LO facility.
CONCLUSIONS	After discussion and review of both the February 14, 2012 letter (attached) and the internal LO memo, the Board directed Antonia to email the LO captains and LO director informing them that the board's actions as to early match starts and other recommendations to ease the court time issue at the LO facility were suggestion not mandates. Further, Antonia is to advise LO captains to contact opposing captains well in advance regarding early start times and other changes to match procedures in order to insure as much cooperation as possible. Finally, the Board is willing to consider instituting 11:30 a.m. match times for the 2014-2015 schedule, if LO so advises. The Board strongly encourages the cooperation of team captains with LO on this issue and to facilitate such cooperation. Antonia will draft a letter to all captains outlining the match time issue at the LO facility and requesting that captains cooperate with LO on the issue.

Line Calling Complaint

DISCUSSION	Susan advised Board of potential new complaint involving I level Cascade and CGM teams where captain was making line calls from viewing area.
CONCLUSIONS	Susan is to follow up with a letter to the captain informing her of City League rules prohibiting such actions.

VII. Division reports: No reports

VIII. Old business: None

IX. New business : None

X. Tabled business

XI. Adjournment

Antonia Green adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Next meeting: November 21, 2013, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Donna Walker, Reporting Secretary

Minutes approved on: November 21, 2013