

GREATER PORTLAND CITY LEAGUE

Captain's Summary of Board Minutes

November 18, 2004

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

Jen Zahniser called the meeting to order at 9:28 A.M.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as submitted by Corinne Mitchell, Recording Secretary.

Terri Shea, Treasurer, reported that the City League budget is balanced and in line with anticipated expenditures.

Marilyn Crandall, Corresponding Secretary, began her report stating that: the age issue regarding Sunset Athletic Club using a 16 year old player may not have been resolved. General discussion followed with regards to whether the girl is an illegal player due to age or playing ability. It was decided that the K division representative should call the SAC captain and suggest not using the 16 year old for their last match of the first half of the season.

Corinne reported an issue at the G level, TH vs. PAC. At issue is whether perceived bad line call(s) is sufficient reason for the Board to issue a warning to a player. In this instance, a singles match went to a 3rd set tiebreaker and during the tiebreaker a call was made that was questioned, but reaffirmed by the player as being out. The match continued and concluded without the request for line judges and the score sheets were agreed upon and signed by both captains. It was the decision of the board that no formal action will be taken. Please refer to Rules and Regulations, page 3 Sportsmanship/Disputes.

Jen suggested that division reps email a reminder to their division captains to use line judges in matches where there are perceived bad line calls.

Tabled for discussion: placement of line judges during the match. Rules and Regulations, page 3, paragraph 7.

Marilyn reported an issue at the E level that occurred during a match on October 27, between WH and PAC. There was an unfriendly verbal exchange and complaints by several WH players that the PAC player used loud, foul language during the match. The Board discussed the matter and decided to issue a letter of warning for unsportsman-like behavior to the PAC player. The Division Representative will notify management at both facilities of the board's decision.

Ruth reported an issue at the D level regarding a match between MAC and MPRC. Since a player from the MPRC D team was used as a sub in a first round A match, and then played in the second round of her own team's match, the question of player

readiness was raised by the MAC team captain. The Board expects all City League players to adhere to Rule 1 under Defaults (page 6 of the Rules and Regulations) and does not superintend players after they have arrived and checked in with their captains.

Jen re-introduced the topic of Board Insurance for general discussion and a vote by the Board members present. Chris motioned and Lucille seconded **disapproval for board insurance**. The motion was passed by all present.

Marilyn worked with a small committee to pen the **new cell phone rule**. The rule will be added to the Greater Portland City League Rules and Regulations under the heading Sportsmanship/Disputes and will be Rule 8. The new rule takes effect January 1, 2005, and reads as follows:

Cell Phones Ringing: Court Disturbance

Please turn off all cell phones before entering the court; it is a courtesy to your opponents and the surrounding courts. 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. If you must leave your phone on, leave it with an off court player who can answer and inform you of the emergency.

Jen reported a positive response from Club Pros regarding the Board's effort to provide them with the minutes of the meetings.

Cheryl would like captains in all divisions to include first and last names on all score sheets and rosters.

New Business **Tabled for discussion**: Cheryl received a letter regarding default penalty.

Amended Team Rosters must be mailed and postmarked by December 31st. Money is needed only if the player is new to City League. Please refer to Rules and Regulations, page 2, Rule 3 and 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

The next Board meeting TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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