

Greater Portland City League Tennis
Summary of Board Minutes
November 18, 2010

Call to Order

President, Becky Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:20am

Board Members in attendance: Becky Edwards, Victoria Beard, Sue Lucke, Betsy Ouchida, Jean Davidson, Kelly Buhlmann, Julie Hanson, Kazzie Young, Susan Bozarth, Debbie Johnson and Elaine Sibley.

Board member in absentia: Sue Stone

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 21, 2010 board meeting were approved.

President's Report: Becky Edwards asked the board if there were any problems with the new player deadline that occurred on November 1st. Julie Hanson reported that there were a couple of questions, but nothing serious. It was agreed that there would be an inevitable need to re-evaluate the rules for adding players in order to make the procedural steps less complex to captains. The treasurer reported that she had no trouble collecting new player fees.

Vice President's Report: Elaine Sibley reported to the board that all requirements were completed in order to reserve the MAC facility for the August 10, 2011 Captains' Brunch.

Treasurer's Report: Kazzie Young distributed the monthly statement to all members.

Website Coordinator Report: Debbie Johnson proposes the following dates for midseason registration: December 22nd through January 7, 2011. The website will be inaccessible after the last match scores of the first half of the season are posted, but will be up and running again by January 10th. Julie Hanson will compose an informational email regarding these deadlines and transmit them to all division reps. who will in turn deliver the information to all division captains.

Of mention is the success of the new player add-on program. 41 players were added to the first half season rosters, with the most gains in the divisions of I and J.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Julie Hanson received an official complaint reporting unsportsmanlike conduct during an official tennis match. The complaint was investigated by the Board and the following penalty was imposed: The player will not be permitted to play in, attend, nor be on premises during a specified match scheduled in the spring season. The player will be placed on a 1-year probationary period and any further complaints submitted to the City League Tennis Board pertaining to the player, may result in additional penalties determined by the Board.

A suggestion was made that the division reps mail out guidelines to captains on supporting good player behavior and include some simple recommendations on how to avoid conflict, such as contacting opposing captains a week before match time and reminding captains to be certain both score sheets are identical before signing them. Also, the captains will be reminded of the rules about sportsmanship and that warm-up before match play is no longer than 10 minutes. Accessibility to the rules of tennis for captains and players is another simple measure to take in avoiding conflict on the court. Julie Hanson will compose an email with these ideas and email to the reps for league wide distribution.

Old Business: Becky Edwards reported on concerns that she has received involving parking complaints at away matches. Becky will send an email to all Division Reps. to forward on to their Division Captains and Co-Captains asking them to contact their Division Reps with any past and future parking issues that occurred at any club when attending a City League match this season. Based on the responses received, the board will determine what further action, if any, needs to be taken at a later date.

New Business: Debbie Johnson sent out a letter to facility managers regarding a proposed calendar change and discussed her collected responses. The board discussed the changes for 2011/2012 season. No decisions will be made today about the calendar changes.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2011 at 9:15
Meeting adjourned at 11:11am

Victoria Beard, Recording Secretary