

Greater Portland City League Tennis Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2011

I. Call to order

Elaine Sibley called board meeting of the Greater Portland City League Tennis Association to order at 11:04am, November 17, 2011 in King Hill Room, Multnomah Athletic Club.

II. Roll call

Members present: Elaine Sibley, Sue Lucke, Debbie Johnson, Susan Bozarth, Kelly Buhlmann, Kazzie Young, Joan Carnerio, Pam Edinger, Antonia Green, Nancy Osborne, Betsy Ouchida, and Wendy Weddle.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

DISCUSSION	New minute style approved no corrections.
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes approved unanimously.

IV. Officer Reports:

President: Elaine Sibley

Captains Brunch

DISCUSSION	Captains Brunch date is set for 8/15/2012 in Lawnsdown/Ainsworth room upstairs.
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to have the captains' brunch, Wednesday 8/15/2012. Motion: Approved unanimously.

Vice President: Sue Lucke

DISCUSSION	Nothing to report.
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Treasurer: Kazzie Young

Financial Report

DISCUSSION	Distributed budget beginning in October showing activity over City League season. Decisions on including Case of balls, amount of money to keep in the bank, and should we put money into website enhancements, with only minor enhancement left to be made, biggest enhancement is the score sheet.
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to accept budget as is, without purchase of balls. Motion: passed unanimously.

Website Coordinator: Debbie Johnson

Player Registration

DISCUSSION	Registration closed with 1731 players, open registration added just over 40 players.
CONCLUSIONS	No current website updates. Future will add back button on website screen.

Corresponding Secretary: Kelly Buhlman

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: ERC vs. CRRC (C Division)

DISCUSSION	Complaint paperwork provided before meeting, ERC complaint with responses from CRRC and CRRC captain. Also received letter from ERC's partner, due to lateness of letter and CRRC's inability to respond, it was not distributed, does however support what ERC stated. Similar event occurred in the past, and board has rules allowing assessment of penalties. Discussed information in letters and personal conversations with players. Perception of player versus player must be considered. Agree captain's brunch information firmly stressed players request line judges when line calls are questioned. Further complaint on either players will result in increase in penalties including ban for rest of the season, possibly from team. Captain's responsibility to assure behavior does not occur again. Concern voiced on penalty
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	point assessed to reporting player when we requested reporting to prevent continuing behavior. Investigate possible rule allowing captain to send out line assistant without player request
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to assess 2 penalty points to both ERC & CRRC. Players involved will be banned from match and premises of next match between ERC and CRRC and will be on probation for one year from match date. Motion approved - 10, opposed - 1. Letter sent to both captains, ERC & CRRC issued two penalty points for poor sportsmanship.

V. Division Representatives:2

a) MPRC vs. CAC I Division – Antonia Green

DISCUSSION	Player Injury: Captain advised to follow rules, could have retired the match due to amount of time for injury timeout and since there was a 2 nd injury timeout. Due to privacy laws, player is not obligated to tell opponents of her condition. Will contact player to make sure they are aware of rules for illness timeouts and that rules do apply. Player will be provided option to come to board asking for special circumstances, then board can provide special circumstances.
CONCLUSIONS	Match score stands as is, player will be asked if wish to request board special circumstances to allow additional timeouts.

b) MAC parking – Antonia Green

DISCUSSION	MAC board rescinded decision to start charging non-members for parking when lot is full.
CONCLUSIONS	Nothing at this time.

VI. Old business

a) Archive Old Minutes – Susan Bozarth

DISCUSSION	Review of cost information regarding digitizing past minutes, budgets, correspondence letters and presidents binder.
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to allow Recording Secretary to choose company to digitize minutes, other pertinent documents. Approved Unanimously.

b) Salem – Elaine Sibley

DISCUSSION	All board members requested to ask questions, make further comments regarding Salem's request to be exempt from 20 mile distance rule and all related information. Statements were made in understanding of Salem's concerns and being fair and consistent to the league as a whole. Noted, Mint Valley previously offered ability to have their matches at home club if opponent's captain agreed in advance. Board clarified Salem Team is not being disbanded. Suggestion to amend Distance Rule allowing matches outside 20 mile distance, when opposing captain agrees in advance.
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to amend ruling: When <u>both team captains agree</u> , one month prior (minimum) to the scheduled Match date, teams outside the 20 mile designated distance, may play their scheduled home matches at their home courts. Approved – 10, Abstention - 1. Amendment approved. Letter to Salem captain and League captains, regarding amendment to rule.

VII. New business

a) Singles Play Elimination – Elaine Sibley

DISCUSSION	Court time and long matches a concern plus having enough singles players. Substitute and default lists provided.
CONCLUSIONS	To rules committee for investigation and potential rule change. Message to MV and LO on decision to send issues, singles play and time constraints to rules committee.

b) Meeting Time – Elaine Sibley

DISCUSSION	8:30am is hardship for some, 11:30am lunch may be more expensive.
CONCLUSIONS	Next meeting: January 19, 2011 at 10:30 am

c) Letter to League – Debbie Johnson

DISCUSSION	Thank all teams for wonderful job of getting scores in on time, send score changes to Debbie and remind league about the use of line assistants and mid-season registration.
CONCLUSIONS	Create letter for Division Reps to distribute.

VIII. Tabled business

a) Limiting review of expunged records

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **2:29pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Bozarth, Reporting Secretary

Minutes edited by: Elaine Sibley

Minutes approved by: Board Attendees of January 2012 meeting