

Greater Portland City League Tennis Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2013

I. Call to order

Antonia Green called the Greater Portland City League Tennis Association board meeting to order at 10:36 am on November 21, 2013, at Multnomah Athletic Club.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Recording Secretary: Donna Walker

DISCUSSION	A few corrections to minutes were provided by Susan and Patricia. Susan moved and Lois 2 nd to approve the October 2013 minutes as corrected. Minutes approved unanimously.
CONCLUSIONS	October captains minutes to be posted to website.

IV. Officer Reports:

President: Antonia Green

Wait List for Clubs

DISCUSSION	Follow up on letter Antonia was to issue opening up wait list. After discussion which included whether or not wait list procedures should be changed, it was decided that given City League rules no changes could be made at this time. Therefore, a letter was not required, instead the wait list on the website would be opened with SHC and Glendoveer listed first and second.
CONCLUSIONS	Ann to open up wait list on website and list SHC and Glendoveer as already on list with directions as to how other facilities can get on the list.

NOFTA

DISCUSSION	Antonia read letter she sent to NOFTA representative and NOFTA response.
CONCLUSIONS	No action necessary by Board at this time; Board will respond when further response received from NOFTA.

Vice President: Patricia McKinnon

UP date on Fair and Equitable Play

DISCUSSION	Background: MPRC E Team in September 2013 requested an evaluation be made on Fair and Equitable Play based on a match played against PAC. A USTA rated 5.0 player is playing on PAC E Team, which is currently PAC's highest level team. At October Board meeting Patricia reported that she had talked to club owner and based on that discussion believed the player had agreed not to play on the team in the 2 nd half of the 2013-2014 seasons. Antonia sent letter to all E Captains informing them of this. Subsequent to the issuance of the letter, the captain of the E team sent an email to Antonia and the E division representative complaining about the decision. Just prior to the November Board meeting Patricia was given information that the player had changed her mind and would play on the E team in the 2 nd half of the season. In discussion that followed it was once again noted that one player does not have the ability to affect the overall team score and this in an internal club issue not one the Board is in a position to control. CL does not following USTA ratings.
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CONCLUSIONS	Donna as E division representative is to email division captains informing them that the Board has received no confirmation that the player in question will not be playing in the 2 nd session. The email is to include appropriate sections from the City League rules.
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Website Inquiry on Monthly Column on Rules

DISCUSSION	Background: A former CL board member and tennis official has solicited the Board about writing a monthly question and answer column on The USTA Code and/or International Tennis Federation (ITF) rules of Tennis as they apply to CL matches. After discussion, it was decided that the website costs that would be incurred outweighed the benefits.
CONCLUSIONS	Patricia to inform person of Board decision.

Treasurer: Wendy Weddle

Financial Report

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

Website Coordinator: Ann Cassin

DISCUSSION	Ann reported that 65 players were added to City League teams by November 1, 2013, deadline. The revised system is easier to use and a number of teams, predominately division K teams, peaked out adding the maximum of three new players. Antonia will send out an announcement regarding the deadline for adding players in the 2 nd session. Ann also reported that new website enhancement that automatically cross checks match scores with both captains' score reports is working well. One dispute regarding the scores for a VTC match was on going (scoring dispute will not affect match outcome). Ann is to ask for signed score sheets; Board may consider if at large in January.

Resolution Coordinator: Susan Bozarth

DISCUSSION	Nothing to report.
CONCLUSIONS	

V. Division Representatives:

DISCUSSION	No divisional reports.
CONCLUSIONS	

VI. Old business

DISCUSSION	None
CONCLUSIONS	

VII. New business

a) LOTC Concerns about 2nd Round Start Times - Antonia

DISCUSSION	Background: Inquiries have been made by LO captains as regards the “official start time” of the match for purposes of determining the second round match time. Also question as to which match goes to an open court if several matches go beyond 3pm.
CONCLUSIONS	The official match start time is to remain at Noon for purposes of determining second round match time. Matches are to be assigned open courts in the standard match order sequence of 2, 3, 4. Decisions arising from other special circumstances need to be made at the time by the captains. Antonia to inform LO captains.

VII. Tabled business: None

VIII. Adjournment

Antonia Green adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting: January 16, 2014, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Donna Walker, Reporting Secretary

Minutes approved on: January 16, 2014