

## EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

October 29, 2013

President Kline Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. at Tower Point. Roll call was taken when each of the sixteen club Presidents or Voting representative introduced themselves, constituting a quorum. President Wilson introduced the Executive Committee members.

### **MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2013**

Brona Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. A motion was made by Dee Brosowski, SSV and seconded by Gail Young, SR to accept the minutes as posted. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing bank balance is \$271.84. There is an increase of \$.01 from the March 26, 2013 report due to interest earned. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Wilson reminded everyone that the By-Laws approved at the March 26, 2013 meeting are on the EVSTL website.

With the retirement of Hal Cohen, Joe Fusaro, SSV has volunteered to assume the responsibilities as the 1.5 Coordinator. Assisting him is Carolyn Schultheiss, SV as the Co-coordinator. A 1.5 tournament will be held in February 2014. Actual dates have not been decided. Any questions regarding the tournament should be directed to Joe.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Advisory Committee members selected by the President Wilson are Club Presidents from AW/VV, CM, GV, LW, and MR. EVSTL Vice President Tom Arnold will serve as Chairman.

President Wilson appointed three Club Presidents to be on the Nominating Committee. Those appointed are Earl Backman, MV, Ralph Halstead, RH, and Gail Young, SR. They will present nominees for EVSTL President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Scheduler at the January 2014 meeting. Nominations from the floor will be allowed.

President Wilson stated his concern regarding By-Law V.C.2 with respect to MCI submission dates. Some scheduling is done by an automated program but the 1.5 and 4.0 matches must be done by hand which is very tedious and time consuming. For any changes to the MCIs prepared and submitted prior to each annual March meeting, an updated MCI needs to be submitted to the Web Site Manager before September 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Vikki Dillon, SVE and seconded by Allen Cziok to consider changing By-Law V.C.2 to read "submitted to the Web Site Manager before September 1<sup>st</sup>." Motion carried. This motion will be presented at the January 2014 and voted on at the March 2014 meeting.

Vice President, Tom Arnold reported on Position One play/players. After a careful review of each club's reporting at the end of the 2012/13 season, it was determined that 100% of the mandatory moves were made. He thanked the clubs for good management of position one players.

President Wilson encouraged each club to use their rating committee, particularly on move-up and move-down actions. Also, he stressed the importance of talking to team captains and keeping them involved in making decisions.

Ruth Swanson, Past President, shared her thoughts on ranking players to ensure good, competitive matches. Team captains have the ultimate responsibility of ranking their team members and playing them in the appropriate position.

Huey Burke, EVSTL Historian, gave an update on her efforts to build a history of EVSTL. She stated that not only did she use written documentation provided by various clubs, many individuals shared their personal knowledge of when EVSTL was actually established and significant happenings over the years. She is returning all of the materials she used to each club. The history is found on "evstl.net" website. President Wilson thanked her for a "job well done."

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Allen Cziok, LW reported on the status of their new courts. They have 8 new courts and 4 old ones for a total of 12. Parking area has been changed and there is not a need to go thru the welcome gate. Entry is to the right of the gate. League play will now begin at 9:00, **NOT** 9:30.

Gretchen Richards, RH stated that league play will begin at 9:00 **NOT** 8:30.

Mel Franz, Scheduler, said that each club should have approximately 50% home and 50% away matches for the season. Most of the time, home and away is alternated

## **PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

President Wilson said he is looking forward to the tennis season and hopes everyone enjoys it and has fun. He thanked everyone for their attendance and comments at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting will be January 28, 2014.

Respectively submitted,

*Brona Freeman*

Secretary/Treasurer

## EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

January 28, 2014

President Kline Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. at Tower Point. Sixteen clubs, each represented by its club president or voting representative, constituting a quorum.

### **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2013**

Brona Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. A motion was made by Allen Cziok, LW and seconded by Barb Swanson, TR to accept the minutes as posted. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing bank balance is \$367.16. Income from park dues was \$320.00. Expenses were \$208.08 for the Yahoo Web Site for 2013/2014 and \$16.60 for printing of 1.5 Captain's Guidelines. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Wilson addressed the proposal to modify By-law V, C2. Currently it reads "If changes are made, assure that the updated "MCI" from each park has been submitted to the Web Site Manager "prior to the October meeting". Change to "submitted to the Web Site Manager before September 1<sup>st</sup>." A motion was made by Diane Roskuski, SVE and seconded by Marty Cutter, VDO to modify By-law V, C2. Motion carried. Final vote on this change will take place at the March 25, 2014 meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice President, Tom Arnold, VDO gave the EVSTL Census Report. Each park was given a copy of the report and he briefly pointed out the changes to the various levels. There are a reduced number of players at the 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 and 3.5 levels. The 3.0 and 4.0s show an increase of players since last census. He recommended an active recruiting program in each park.

President Kline expressed some concern associated with some scheduling problems. Some of the problems may be associated with inaccurate MCI, late changes to MCI, or teams being too small. Much discussion occurred addressing each area. He encouraged larger teams, (12 men, 12 women), and the use of fewer teams in first half of the season.

Brenda Wile, CM presented a proposal to consider gender-based teams. The proposal reads: "Alternatively, any EVSTL level (ex: 2.0, 3.0) with a league majority vote, may, for the entire EVSTL level, and for an entire season, provide gender-based teams. A Club must roster a minimum of 9 players per team and provide at least 3 matches for each league play date." A motion was made by Warren Peterson, AW/VV and seconded by Brenda Wile, CM to change 9 players per team to 7 players per team. Motion failed.

Brenda Wile, CM made a motion to consider the proposal to add it as a By-law to Article VII, E. Earl Backman seconded the motion. Motion failed 7 to 9.

Ted Sondej, SSV presented a concern regarding the 4.0 level at SSV. He stated that SSV has 18 women and 17 men at the 4.0 level. He asked that SSV have 2 teams but only one roster be established at SSV. He pointed out that MV is currently allowed to do 2 teams with one roster. After some discussion, he was discouraged from doing one roster with two teams.

Gail Young, SR presented a recommended slate of officers for 2014/15. For President, Tom Arnold, VDO; Vice President, Becky Butler, MV; Secretary/Treasurer, Brona Freeman, SR; and Scheduler, Mel Frantz, MV. President Kline asked for nominations from the floor. Being none, Dee Brosowski, SSV made a motion that was seconded by Sam Kowalko, GF, to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried.

President Kline thanked all attendees for their participation and meaningful discussion on each topic.

Next meeting will be held on March 25, 2014 at Towerpoint at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Brona Freeman*

Secretary/Treasurer

## EVSTL SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

March 25, 2014

The meeting was called to Order by President Kline Wilson at 1:00 p.m. at Tower Point. Sixteen clubs, each represented by its club president or voting representative, constituted a quorum. President Kline talked about the Member Club Information (MCI) Form. If any given club has someone identified as their EVSTL representative, show the information on the MCI.

### **MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2014**

Secretary/Treasurer, Brona Freeman moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. A motion was made by Gail Young, SR and seconded by Earl Backman, MV to accept the minutes as posted. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report was given by Brona Freeman showing bank balance is \$367.16. Report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

At the January 28, 2014 meeting a proposal was made modify By-law V, C2. That By-law currently reads "If changes are made, assure that the updated "MCI" from each park has been submitted to the Web Site Manager "prior to the October meeting". Change to "submitted to the Web Site Manager before September 1<sup>st</sup>." On January 28, 2014, a motion was made by Diane Roskuski, SVE and seconded by Marty Cutter, VDO to modify By-law V, C2. President Kline asked for a "show of hands" of those in favor of the motion. All sixteen clubs responded in the affirmative. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Kline announced the resignation of Joe Fusaro as the EVSTL 1.5 coordinator. Carolyn Schultheiss has agreed to be the 1.5 coordinator. Carolyn stated that 4 clubs will have 1.5 players for the fall beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week in November. All other clubs who have 1.5 players are encouraged to participate in "open play/competition". Lower level 2.0 players may also participate. A schedule will be established to show where the play will be held using various courts on a rotating basis. Carolyn asked that if anyone has suggestions for the 1.5 program, please email her at [dancynandcarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:dancynandcarolyn@gmail.com)

Tom Arnold, EVSTL President for 2014/15 spoke briefly on the numbers required by the current by-laws to form a team at each level. There are several options that should be considered to increase team sizes. This will be looked at again at the fall membership meeting. He talked about the information currently required to be submitted on number one position players. The current requirement may be modified in the future.

Bill Diedrich, MR shared information on using players from other parks to participate in Mesa Regal player challenges. He felt it worked very well and encouraged other parks to consider this option. He was asked to share this information about how it works on the President's Group email.

Vikki Dillon, SVE presented SVE's problems with 3.5 players. . The EVSTL board discussed this situation prior to the general meeting. The board decided to consider allowing SVE to borrow players on a temporary basis if other solutions do not work. This option will be considered in fall after all MCI and Roster issues are settled. SVE currently has 25 men and only 5 women. She stated that several options have been considered in order to increase the number of 5 women players. First option would be to acquire players on a permanent basis from other parks. Second would be to move 3.0 players to 3.5 even without required statistics. She said that the best 3.0 players struggled at the 3.0 level when playing in position one. SVE's situation is not unique as it applies to other clubs at various levels. She will continue to work the problem. Tom Arnold indicated that this will be looked at in the fall and hopefully be helpful to SVE and other parks. In some cases, parks have refused to play a team that has brought up players from the lower level.

Sam Kowalko, GV expressed his concern about foot faulting. He provided each club with a copy of a document, EVSTL Discussion Paper on Foot Faulting prepared by Don Herman, GV. Sam was asked to consider sharing this document by putting it on the President's Group email.

President Kline thanked everyone for their participation resulting in another EVSTL successful year. He thanked Tower Point Activity Director, D. Johnson for his support and refreshments at the meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Next meeting will be held in late October and will be posted on EVSTL website.

Respectively submitted,

*Brona Freeman*

Secretary/Treasurer

