

GREENFIELD TENNIS CLUB
Minutes of the General Meeting
April 2, 2017

QUORUM: 53 members signed in. Enough for a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Lane

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Jim asked if there were any attendees here for their first time.

Jim Martin introduced himself and expressed enthusiasm for getting more involved with club activities when he is here full time. He also recognized the amount of work that gets done around the courts by tennis members.

Trevor Thorne plays on the 3.0 team and has volunteered to captain the 3.0 team with Bill Sinclair next season

Sharon Robins was in attendance and gave an update on Larry, who was not able to accompany her to close up their home here but is doing very well after having a stent inserted.

APPROVAL OF March 12, 2017 MINUTES: A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Darryl King. Second by John Hurst. Motion carried by a show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Pettinari

Dave reported that the May 1, 2016 Bank Balance was \$9,526.95 and at March 31, 2017 our Bank Balance was \$4,130.74. Dave added a note that the \$1700 expense originally quoted in the motion made for the wireless online booking system update actually came to approximately \$1,100 after Dave approached our Park manager a second time to request an additional \$200 which they approved.

Membership dues on this report show 182 paid members.

A full Report is on file.

SECRETARY/COMMUNICATONS: Alda Sigvaldason

Alda read a thank you letter from Jack Williams for the acknowledgement and plaque sent to him as recognition for his years of contribution to the tennis club. The letter is on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Kim Redbird

- **Tennis Banquet:** Gail Pettinari reported that next year's theme is 'Black and White' and is headed up by the 2.5's. They are presently looking for a caterer.
- **Audio System:** Tom Robertson
- **Court Maintenance:** Ball Machine: Bill Sinclair
- **Bulletin Boards:** Dale and Janet Snell
- **Court Coordinator:** Sandee Bittner. Sandee reported that scheduling is going really well and she has received a lot of good comments. She added a reminder that when you book the ball machine, you must also book the court for the ball machine. There was some discussion whether the people booking courts could include the four names rather than just the person booking the court. After some discussion, it was decided that that information would be voluntary. Dave assured the members that the present system does have the capacity to include up to four names which can be very helpful to players wanting to book a court, to know who is already playing on that date or at that time.
- **Courthouse Supplies:** Daryl King
- **Invitational:** Gail Ruppelius Gail requested that a court washing schedule be coordinated with the Invitational and Fun Day dates, which Jim agreed to get to her. Once she has all the information that she needs, she will complete the newsletter.
- **Score Keepers:** Margie Sutton - ok
- **Coordinator:** Don Herman requested that all players please notify their captains of their return date for next season as there are 2 rosters, 'active' and 'inactive'. Only players who are available to play in November can be added to the 'active' roster. He reported that GV will have a 1.5 EVSTL league team next season. There will also be 1.5 social tennis. He would encourage 2.0 players with 1.5 Tencap numbers to play in the 1.5 league. These 2.0 players would also be listed as substitutes on the 2.0 team. He suggested that the club work extra hard with lessons for these players as well as the 1.5s to develop their skills further to help bring them up to the 2.0 level. He added that Kim has sent out emails to all the 1.5 players to register on Tencap. Don listed the Captains/Co-Captains for the upcoming season as: 1.5 - Kim Redbird and Brett White; 2.0 - Pat Nugent and Wayne Collins; 2.5 - Larry Robins and Pat Dooley; 3.0 - Trevor Thorne and Bill Sinclair; 3.5 - Helen Northam and Ray Holmes; 4.0 Men's - Sam Kowalko (Co-Captain not yet chosen by Sam)..
- **Newsletter:** Gail Ruppelius
- **Fun Days:** Jim Lane
- **Round Robin:** Fay Rynearson (Lady's) and Gene Larson (Men's)
- **Tournaments:** Lorne Davies
- **Monte Vista Tournament:** Brad Young reported that 2.0 and 2.5 teams were well represented. It was a fun tournament and he thanked all the people who came out to support the players.

- **Sunshine Lady:** Dawn Schnarr sent cards to Lea Young and Gail Ruppelius.
- **Phone List:** Dave Pettinari
- **Fundraiser:** Lea Young

OLD BUSINESS:

Round Robin Sign Up: After some discussion it was decided to go back to having weekly Round Robin sign up sheets. Trying to determine the number of players expected is resulting in too many courts blocked out but not always needed. Signing up online is somewhat cumbersome and will be visited again in this Fall.

Don Herman advised that there will be no scheduled team practices next season due to a lack of player interest. It will be up to the Captains to decide whether to book courts if they find that player interest is there.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Change in Court Booking time:** Jim advised that members have expressed concerns that the present 8 AM start time for online booking does not always work, ie out of the park in mornings; on their way to church on Sundays; on courts for Round Robin at 8 AM, etc. Times of 8 PM, 7:30 AM or 7 AM have been suggested. Another suggesting was made for 4 PM and discussion followed. Sandee mentioned that 7:30 works well for league days as courts that may be released by captains will then show up online. Janet Snell made a motion to change the online booking start time to 4 PM. Second by Joan Sisson. Show of hands did not show a majority. Don Herman made a motion to change the online booking start time to 7:30 AM. Second by Sue House. Motion carried by majority show of hands. Dave suggested that a notification email go out to all members and Jim suggested that the start date for the change be in mid to late October, 2017.
- **Ladder Tennis:** Jim advised members that the idea of a Doubles Challenge Ladder was suggested to him as an addition to our social tennis. It will have nothing to do with Tencap. Once every two weeks you and your partner would need to challenge another team to a match, or move down a position on the ladder. It would be set up for Nov/Dec and again for Jan/Feb/Mar. Don Herman suggested a mixed doubles Ladder. John Tovell suggested that it might be of interest to the approximately 60 players who are not currently involved with league play. Jim closed the discussion suggesting that people “think about it” over the summer.
- **Extending league play until 1 PM.** Jim added this to the agenda as there has been an increase in the duration of the matches, primarily due to Tencap matches being more competitive resulting in many deuces and tie breakers. This impacts the 12:30 court booking time. The choices are: to start Round Robin at 7:30 or shorten Round Robin to one hour, both of these options being undesirable; starting the afternoon times at 1 PM

rather than 12:30 which may have some online programming complications; Dale Snell suggested the warm up time be shortened from 10 minutes to 5 minutes. Don Herman said that EVSTL operates under the USTA rules of a 10 minute warm up because there are no ball boys/girls. Suggestions were made that scorekeepers try to remind players to limit warm-up times to the maximum 10 minutes and to keep the match switch times to a minimum, in other words keep the match going in a timely manner. Both Denny Sisson and Ray Holmes advised that they already do this when they are scorekeeping. However, Margie Sutton added that this does not always work for some of the scorekeepers. John Hurst and Dawn Schnarr suggested second deuce, game point, as we have in tournaments, as this would save a lot of time. This was voted down by EVSTL for this season but they suggested that EVSTL revisit it for next season. John Robarge mentioned that there is a 20 per cent chance of getting the court that is experiencing a time over run. Jim added that with less numbers of teams next season, over runs may cease to be such a problem. Margie agreed to speak to her score keepers. Dawn Schnarr suggested that team captains make their players aware of the warm up and change allowable times. Don Herman suggested that these times be added to the scorekeepers sheets as reminders. Jim concluded that the discussion end with no change to the present league play time and see how the next season goes.

- **Invitationals and Fun Days:** Jim handed out sheets listing the dates of Fun days and Invitationals for the upcoming season and asked what members thoughts are as far as changes needed. There was some concern with not enough 2.0 players at CM and not enough 2.5 players at VO this year so that our players played our own people. Gail Ruppelius confirmed that the hosting parks were short of players at those levels. The only problem date was the March Fun Day which conflicts with year end tournaments, Donna Shamseldin suggested that the final Fun day be scheduled for Sunday rather than Saturday, which is the tournament finals day. Further, it was suggested that due to shrinking league player numbers that non league playing club members be approached to contribute their time to court washing and other Fun day duties. Craig Thompson expressed concern with too many players on some teams after New Years and was assured that extra players would be in opportunity matches and should have very few sit outs.
- **4.0 Players from Val Vista/Apache Wells:** Jim received a request from the President of the VV tennis club to include two players from their Park to join our 4.0 Men's team as they do not have enough men to create their own 4.0 team and these men need to belong to a park to be able to play in the EVSTL league and opportunity matches. The initial decision to include these players was made by the 4.0 captain, the club coordinator and the club executive. The GV 4.0 men were consulted. Jim included this issue in the meeting feeling that there was concern expressed over this decision. A

heated discussion ensued. Some members felt that the recent vote against the Sunland Village club joining our tennis club already covered this new request. Others felt that a friend's request to join our club had been unfairly refused by us some years ago and therefore the same refusal should stand for these players. Others felt that there are qualified 3.5 men that should have the opportunity to play up if we are short rather than adding players to the team. Members were reminded that historically we need 25 percent more players to field five teams weekly. Also, that without a 4.0 women's team, we have left at least 2 women without a club to belong to and in order for them to play league, our club coordinator would need to seek approval from another club the same as these men are requesting. Therefore, we can find ourselves in the same situation as our team numbers diminish. Bringing opportunity players from other parks is a EVSTL ruling and does not require permission from the club membership. However, because of the divisiveness of this issue, Jim decided that he would feel more comfortable reversing the initial decision made and will advise the VV/AW president to look elsewhere as he is quite sure that Tower Point or one of the other clubs in our league will accommodate these players.

- Introduction of the New Executive: Jim introduced Virginia Henry as the new Secretary replacing Alda Sigvaldason. Unfortunately Virginia was unable to attend due to a health issue. Jim presented Alda with a token of appreciation and she thanked the executive and expressed pleasure for the opportunity to work with such dedicated, organized, progressive and professional individuals.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Craig Thompson and seconded by Larry Hall. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM