

VPTC General Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2018 @ 7pm at Northpoint Multipurpose room

President Michele Walters called the meeting to order at **7:00pm** with a quorum (25%) in attendance.

Guest: Chris Langdon from ATGA introduced his new pro Mark Heleker, to the membership and encouraged all to try some lessons with Mark until the end of February. Two successful boot camps were held to kick off the season. Saturday morning clinics begin at 7:30 each week, as well as Sunday skill development clinics at 3pm. Three and me and four and me sessions are also available. Stringing and any other tennis help is also available.

Secretary's Report – Karalee Drdul

M/S Phil Olson/Kersten Grant to approve the minutes of March General meeting as posted on the website. **CARRIED**

Survey 2018 results update – summaries of last spring's member survey responses and resulting action plans have been posted to the website under the Archives tab for 2017/18.

Members were reminded that our policy documents have been developed over the past few years to make it easier to know how club business and activities are organized. It is the responsibility of every member to read over these policies as posted on the club website. Some policies are very specific, others apply to everyone, so please take a few minutes and keep yourself up to date.

Some changes will be needed in various policies due to EVSTL bylaw changes; drafts will be ready for the December Board meeting. New policies are being developed for Recognition and Round Robin play. All these policies will be brought to the January General meeting for membership approval.

Early notification that we will be looking for a new Secretary for next season. Karalee will continue to do policy updates and any survey work required. See her if you have any interest or questions.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Bremness on behalf of Linda Loessl

Number of paid members estimated to be about 300

Fund balances:

General	3745.52
Capital	1933.86
ATGA	-168.36
Petty Cash	60.95
Total	5511.02

Vice-President's Report – Mike Bowman

Recognition:

Kathy and Steve Johnson for being our representatives for the Venture Out Tournament

Court cleaning and patio cleaning crew in late October on east courts

Colleen and Pete Petersen for coordinating the Black and White tournament.

Thank you to retiring nominating committee members Ron Christiaens and John Henry.

Upcoming Events:

November 15 scorekeeping training East courts at 3pm

Toms and Hens tournament November 24 and 25 – Fred Muckelt reminded everyone to sign up on line; teams of four will be formed by the organizers
Friday night barbecue November 16 East courts

Committees and Volunteers:

We have an opening on our nominating committee – Kersten Grant volunteered to join Louise Rancourt and Norma Boa to complete this committee
Harold Heyming is now our Club Round Robin Coordinator.
Members were reminded about adhering to the Court Usage policy in January

President's Report – Michele Walters

Remembering – Sharon Vandenburg – passed away this last week in Mexico, after playing for VP for the past 6 years; Pat and Arv Stolpe passed away in March and August; Star Dillabaugh, passed away August 14 played for 11 years and was recognized by Loretta Jones.

Thank you to Sharon Olson for the tremendous job she did as President of the Club last season and for serving as our Club liaison with ATGA this year.

Recognition:

I would like to thank the permanent residents for all they do for the club during the summer. Donna Lesko for doing Treasurer duties, Bobby Oakley and Tom Barton for the courts, Ben Wilford for his continual website enhancements, Larry Warnke for auditing our books this spring and Gord Mann for the new photos in the restrooms. I'd also like to thank all of the people who spent a lot of time in the effort to try to save court 10 last spring: Sharon, Mike, Kersten Grant, Gord Mann, Ted Burgess, Ralph Sharp and Ed DeWald and I am sure there were a few more.
Sunshine Acres will be our charity this year but if your team would like to support some other organization, they are free to do that. Linda will distribute envelopes to teams.

Kitchen update: every team should have at least 3-4 people with a current food handler's certificate.

Online signups and information:

I want to encourage everyone to utilize all that our website has to offer. The most pertinent or current information is usually posted on the Home page (green screen) of the site. There is also a new section in Event Registration called "New Messages". Here we post a lot of information that is generally forwarded on to you by the captains. Once you have viewed a new message from the main menu in Event Registration, it disappears. You can go back to the message by clicking Display Messages from the main menu. We are hoping that this new messaging feature will eliminate some of the emails that need to be forwarded by captains. Ben has also created a new Directory system that feeds data into a new Roster that you can access from the Main Menu in Event Registration. These enhancements have really streamlined the data entry and communications necessary for our club including the tracking of dues payments. Please start using the new roster since we will probably be eliminating the old one. The new roster in event registration is by level. You can either click on a level and see all of the teams at that level, or you can click on a team and see only that team's members. The drawback to this roster is if you want a total team roster, you have to print it by level. The beauty of it is it is up to date at all times. So, if someone's site number changes and they update their directory information, the roster changes automatically. And, the people that bought your house in the park will thank you.

We are also using more collaborative tools so that we can keep things like the Social Calendar, Committees and Volunteers list, and Captains list up to date.

Any requests for equipment or maintenance requests can be given to Mike or Michele.

M/S Dan Cotton/ Deb Morton to accept the 2018/19 budget proposal as posted on the website. CARRIED

EVSTL update:

Noteworthy changes

- Beginners level was created. The emphasis is on learning the game. They have no Tencap ratings, can play matches but are not recorded. Promotion is by an on-court evaluation.
- 1.5 level now functions as all other levels.
- Recording a match when a team has to withdraw for an injury – One full set must be completed before any games are recorded in Tencap. Once the first set is completed, all games played to the point of the retirement are recorded. The team that did not retire is declared the winner.
- Play downs – A player may play down a level if their Tencap rating is into the next level down. A captain may also bring players down to match opponent's individual ratings. The players brought down cannot have a lower Tencap than their individual opponents' Tencap. Example: The match is a 3.0 match and your opposition has a player or players with 3.5 Tencap. You may bring players down from a 3.5 team to match opponents' individual ratings.
- Clubs are allowed to borrow players from their sister teams to meet matchup requirements.
- Legislation just passed in October and effective immediately makes mid-season move-ups mandatory if a player is 3 points into the next higher level and has a confidence level of 80% at the end of the fall season.
- Also, effective immediately, players may voluntarily move down at the end of the fall season if their Tencap is 3 points into the next lower level and have a confidence level of 80%.
- Lastly, is a change in regards to the 1-point bubble rule for end of season moves. This is important so I am going to read the rule as it exists with the addition of a new last added sentence. – **Players shall be placed on a team roster on a rating level in accordance with their Tencap rating and will remain at that level for the balance of the season unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. An exception that could apply and must be approved by the player's club leadership would be if a player's Tencap rating is one point away from or into the next rating level at the end of a season then the player could be assigned to either level at the discretion of the club's leadership. Here's the new addition – *Application of this rule is fully at the discretion of and is determined by the club leadership in consideration of team numbers and/or the player's compliance with playing scheduled matches.***

The EVSTL is requesting input regarding willingness to play sister teams in league matches. Discussion ensued about options and possibilities. About 2/3 were in favor of making the match score count in Tencap.

The league is also looking into creating a 4.5 level and possibly a 5.0 level. There are 54 ladies and 68 men with 4.5 or lower Tencap ratings.

Past President's Report – Sharon Olson

Summer Projects List

Mike Bowman and I met with Cheri DeWarrat, Manager of Viewpoint, with a list of improvements in March 2018.

The improvements which have been completed are:

- Resurfacing two courts (1 and 6)
- Purchase of two new nets
- Clean and replace lights on courts and replace with LED bulbs and reflectors
- Paint a center line going into the East Courts for added safety
- At West courts, move and repair platform for ball machine to court 9. We will be having Bobby Oakley take a look at this high platform and asking for improvements

Mike and Sharon have requested a follow-up meeting with Cheri to determine the status of these items:

- We had requested two additional courts at the East. When I spoke with Cheri over the summer, she has requested a quote for one additional court and is waiting for the Mesa Fire Department to verify that the gate at the end could be permanently closed.
- Cheri will be following up with Dan, head of maintenance about removing the cacti in front of the viewing area on the East Courts.
- We requested that both water fountains be replaced with the type that allows filling water bottles.

ATGA update

Chris Langdon (ATGA) has completed two boot camps and is providing Sunday skill clinics and Saturday morning drop-in clinics. If you have any ideas for specific types of training, please let me know.

“Go Green Project”

It was amazing how many people have brought their own table service to the Welcome Back Potluck, along with bringing their own coffee mugs to matches. Everything we do will make a difference in reducing the garbage and recycling.

I have a poster that will assist people with simple ideas for creating less waste.

Committee Reports

Fall Classic – Kathy Johnson highlighted 28 teams participating, 21 teams made the semi-finals, 13 teams made it to the finals on Saturday.

Holiday Mixed Tournament – Gord Mann highlighted details of the tournament Dec 27/28/29 including the need for volunteers; see the website to sign up

Apparel – Patty Warnke @4718 takes sweatshirt orders, Deb Schoeberl @3100 coordinates team shirts

Adjournment at 8:06pm