

VPTC General Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021 @ 6:30pm at Northpoint Multipurpose room

Meeting was called to order by President Harold Heyming at 6:30pm

Secretary's Report - Harold Heyming

M/S Bob Grant and Frank James. **Carried** Approval of minutes of February 2, 2021, as posted on the website.

68 players attended meeting; we have a quorum.

Treasurer's Report - Carter Giles

Number of paid members. 216

Bank Balance \$17106.27

Approval of the Budget M/S Bob Grant and Frank James **Carried**

Vice-President's Report - Pam Wolfe

Recognition:

We are off to a great season of tennis, and we have already had so many of our members volunteer to get us started.

Bob Grant and a team of about 30 volunteers had the courts cleaned. We owe a special thank you to Bob for going above and beyond to support the VP tennis club!

Carter & Holly Giles In-Park Tournament Coordinators started us off with the Poppin Back into Tennis Tournament this last weekend. There was such a great group of volunteers to help with this past tournament.

Captains and Rec Coordinators for taking a role in this year's tennis program.

Gail Hagert and her team for giving us a beautiful garden as we go back and forth to tennis.

The tennis program would not happen if we did not all do our part in volunteering. League, Rec, or STARS we are all part of the Viewpoint Tennis Club.

Thank you to the Executive this past year as we faced unexpected challenges yet provided a great season of tennis for everyone that was here.

Upcoming Events:

The Social Calendar is posted on the Events System. This year we are taking a more simplified approach and we will only have dances - no dinner- but light snacks will be on the tables. The Park will also have the bar in place. We have a first big dance coming up 12/4/21 if we can get a Social Committee and a group of volunteers to plan it.

Naughty or Nice In-Park Tournament 12/18, registration will open shortly after Thanksgiving.

ATGA:

We have a contract in place with Chris Langdon this year for clinics and services. We had our first tennis camp before Venture Out. We will continue to keep you posted on upcoming events.

President's Report – Harold Heyming

I would like to give you an overview of the work of your executive over the course of the last year. The season got off to a start with some significant hiccups as presented by Viewpoint Management. Because of the significant danger of COVID, Viewpoint was requiring a member of the Executive to sign off on all the protocols which they presented to us. We met as an executive and decided none of us were prepared to sign off on the documents as presented by Viewpoint. As an alternative we put together a document which followed CDC guidelines, as well as Arizona Team sport guidelines and submitted it back to Viewpoint. They replied and indicated the courts would be locked if we did not sign the original documents. We then sent out a notice to all our members saying that all Viewpoint Tennis Club tennis would be suspended immediately and to contact the General Manager with your concerns. Within the next 2 days the courts were again open with our suggested protocol in place and posted on our website. Unfortunately, we had to take down our events system, so it took till the following week to get us up and running once again.

Once that first major hurdle was overcome, we began as a team, to put together a program for our Club because it was clear there was not going to be League Tennis this season. It was not really that difficult thanks to a great Events System, that was already in place, thanks to Ben Wilford. For the balance of the season right till May we had Rec Tennis 5 days a week at the East Courts at 9 AM. It turned out to be very successful and thousands of matches were played. In addition, the club hosted 4 in park Fun Tournaments and a good time was had by all who participated. The Executive also decided that since we would not have any expenses, in return we would not collect any dues this season.

In February of this year the executive began planning for this season. With the long-term effects of the Pandemic and the uncertainty of the next season and what it would look like, the executive made the following decisions: which were posted on the Web under Board Minutes Feb 20/2021

V/P position next season and nomination process: Kersten Grant has agreed to be the new VP for the upcoming season. Given the circumstances, since we have a person willing to fill the position we will not look for further nominations.

Term extension for executive positions till Dec. 1, 2021, The current executive voluntarily agreed to extend their terms until Dec 1/2021. This will give the month of November of 2021 to get organized for the new season whenever it will begin. Gina was not present for the discussion, but we are hopeful she will agree. December 1, 2021/2022, Executive Board will be Harold Heyming Past President Pam Wolfe President Kersten Grant Vice President Gina Caruana Secretary Carter Giles Treasurer

Team(s) re draw for next season/ MCI. The current team draw is what is currently reflected on the MCI on the EVSTL website. This draw was done in March 2020 and has obviously never been used. The EVSTL wants the MCI completed by April 15, 2021. This will not be possible for Viewpoint given the number of Canadians not in the park this season and the uncertainty of the Border. We did submit our old MCI even though it was not accurate. We had a complete redraw in the first week of November and have submitted the new MCI to the League.

Captain election(s) for this season This was done in the first week of November using the same process of secret ballot, the same as 2020 although no ballots were required.

Kersten Grant is the coaching pool coordinator for this season. Coaching will be done from a pool for this season and assigned by the coaching coordinator. This was put into place for 2020 but never used because the season was cancelled. That was also done in the first week of November.

Rec Tennis and how to integrate into our club. Rec tennis will be an option next season for our members. There was considerable interest over the course of the summer via email by members. Then, because the season was cancelled, we initiated an organized Rec Tennis program in our Events System for Viewpoint, which has been very successful. So, this will be an option for returning players.

Court scheduling and priorities. Priorities for court scheduling will change somewhat for the new season. Equal priority will be given to Club organized Rec and League tennis. Also practice times for all league teams will be predetermined as they were for the last season but were never put in to play. Practice times and days are currently posted on the website.

EVSTL start date for Viewpoint. This was determined by the EVSTL in March 2021. Our club has suggested a Dec 1 start date and a possible extension into March of 2022. Given the number of Canadians and the issues at the border we would not be able to get a firm commitment for Nov 1st given that there are so many unknowns. Viewpoint did indicate to the EVSTL that we will not be prepared for a Nov 1st start. The executive position was a Dec 1st start for league play. If the season does start Nov 1st there will be no Viewpoint teams on the schedule for November. Given our unique circumstances and the size of our club the executive had decided that this is a viable option that would avoid the most confusion.

New Players We have had a surprising number of new players, who are not beginners, last year. They have all enjoyed the organized tennis and most are committed for next season to our Rec program, and some may want to play league.

Member Communication March 2021. The executive sent out a communication after he EVSTL met in March. This explained the EVSTL proposed start date and how our club will work through the process for the 2021/2022 season. We also sent out another communication in Oct 2021 explaining the two options for play this season and the new online registration process which did occur Oct 25th till Nov 1st of this year.

Note: If you are not receiving the emails, please let Pam or Kersten know, and we will get Ben Wilford to investigate it.

EVSTL Rec League Integration:

The EVSTL currently has a Rec Tennis Program in place with 9 of parks participating. It has its own schedule, OM, and MCI which are all posted on the web site. Most of those participating are smaller clubs who require other clubs to produce matches. Currently, we do not have the infrastructure in place to enter the EVSTL Rec league just yet. As indicated in both our March and November communications, we would have to see how many rec participants we have for the season and then, starting with the groups with a lower number of participants, we would ask players if they would like some outside competition. If there is sufficient interest, there would need to be volunteers who would be willing to first take the training and then facilitate the setting up of the matches whether they would be OM or regular schedule matches. There is a considerable amount of complexity to this process, and it is not just Sign Up and Show Up that we currently have in house. The time frame for this would be hopefully January, if there is interest and the resources to facilitate. Stay Tuned.

Finally, I would like to thank the team of people that I have worked with over the past year. All the decisions were made by consensus, and I think the results have shown a much more streamlined Tennis Club with place for everyone to enjoy the sport and have FUN.

Past President's Report – Mike Bowman

No report

Other Business:

Holiday Mixed: There will be no HMT this year

Coaching report: Kersten Grant

At the end of the 2019/2020 season, it was decided that there would be a different approach taken to serving the coaching needs for the various league teams. The intention was to maximize the use of coaches' expertise, without burning out the volunteers, and to make sure that all the teams with the least amount of experience received the most coaching time. At that time, 18 club members put their names forward indicating that they would be willing to help in some capacity.

Fast forward to November 2021. Once all the league teams were formed, we were able to determine our priority groups, and which teams could be combined into the same practice slots. We currently have practices running on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 1:30 pm, with all the Beginner through 3.0 teams being coached. The 3.5 and 4.0 teams are running their own practices right now.

A huge thank you to Mike Jauncey, Karalee Drdul, Jim Wolfe and Ann McLeod who have stepped up to take on the coaching duties thus far; they have committed until Christmas break. Those who choose to coach for the entire season will continue in January, and we will fill gaps that arise with coaches arriving in January.

I would ask that the 3.5 and 4.0 teams, that would like some help with coaching, contact me directly instead of trying to get a coach on their own. We do have volunteers who would be happy to step in as needed, and we want to avoid burning out individuals who hate to say no.

Anyone who might be interested in coaching, but may not be comfortable coaching on their own, please let me know. We welcome anyone interested in coaching. We will have a coach meeting in the next few weeks so please stay tuned if you are interested.

Social Events/ Social Committee

In-Park Tournaments/ Tournament Committee

The club is looking for volunteers to organize of the social events however in addition to the volunteers to help plan, set up and work the events. Please reach out to Pam or Kersten if you are Interested in overseeing n event on the social calendar.

Kitchen Committee Coordinator is Val Jesky. Val & the committee will be purchasing snacks and supplying the kitchen with the food for home match days. Teams will continue to do the food set up. Please contact Val at 4928 if you are interested in joining the kitchen committee.

Deborah Lenover @ 2835 still has a supply of uniforms. Please contact Deborah if you are interested in an apparel purchase.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

