

VIEWPOINT TENNIS CLUB GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

March 10, 2014, 7 P.M.

President, Ramona Rees, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

The President was informed that we have a quorum.

Secretary, Pam Ouellette

Sue Twyman made a motion, seconded by Russ Lesko, to approve the minutes of the previous general meeting as posted on the website. Approved.

Treasurer, Maria Bitman

Capital fund, \$5,492.23

General Fund, \$221.70

ATGA Academy Fund, \$738.76

Petty Cash, \$23.50

Total, \$6,476.19

We have 373 paid members.

All receipts for reimbursement must be handed in as soon as possible to Maria at #5351 as the books will soon be closed for the year.

Vice President, Deena Burns

Tournaments:

- We had a great year of Saturday tournaments - many thanks go to Bill and Chris McQuitty. Next year Ted and Rosemary Burgess will take this on with Len and Donna Grant in training for the following year. Next year Greenfield Village will not be participating, otherwise the schedule will be similar to this year.
- All levels will be represented at the Monte Vista team tournament, except the 1.5's as there were not enough participants from other parks to include them.
- There was a Mesa Regal tournament for the 1.5's and we won 2 gold and 2 bronze medals.
- The Venture Out Fall Classic tournament information is already at the East Courts. Deadline for entry is March 20th, \$50 a team, date October 27th to November 1st. You are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games at this tournament.

The Tennis Carnival went well and the exhibition of the pros was impressive.

The Spring Fling will be at Tia's Royal Islanders on Sunday March 16th.

The end of season tournaments have begun. Thanks all the co-ordinators, Ali Garcia, Ken Gamble, Bob Finch and Ray Cottrell. Good luck to all the participants.

We have over 100 volunteers in our club. Everyone was thanked for helping run our tennis program. When you decide to move on from your volunteer position, if you can find a replacement that would be most helpful, if not we will look around to find someone.

Proposals for next year:

- Ball machine drills, daily, Monday through Friday 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on court 10 with each level having a day and each week a different stroke. Deena will be in charge of this program, with the 4.0 and 3.5's helping with some direction.
 - o Mondays 2.5
 - o Tuesday 3.0
 - o Wednesday 3.5
 - o Thursday 2.0
 - o Friday 4.0
- A committee is being formed to start an in-park tournament under the lights. This would take place at the end of February/beginning of March next year.
- A practice board/court is being suggested for next year at the East parking lot of the East Courts, similar to the one at Gene Autry courts. With the use of cinder blocks, it is completely silent and is about the size of a pickleball court.

We have 16 teams and they all have winning records. 4 teams with only 2 losses; 5 teams with only 1 loss and one team, 2.0 blue, is undefeated.

President – Ramona Rees

Nancy Nicola has been in the hospital having very serious stomach surgery. She is home now and would appreciate your good wishes.

Bill Moore is back in the hospital.

The sunscreens on courts 1 and 2 have been taken down and will be used for court 10. New sunscreens will be installed on courts 1 and 2 with new frames at a cost of almost \$5,000, to be paid for by the park, thanks to Sheri. The new netting between courts 2 through 6 will be installed over the summer.

We finally received \$200 from Trilogy to help offset the cost of the invitational held in January.

We're working on drawing up an agreement with the pickleball president for them to use our new blower to clean their courts. They're willing to pay half the cost of the blower.

Most of the captains have already arranged their teams for next year with all the move-ups. The only captains who need to attend the redraw meeting are the 2.5's. Meeting is Monday, March 17th at 7 p.m. in the Gathering room at Northpoint.

A new ball proposal for next season is that if we buy the balls from a different supplier we can save 20% per sleeve. If we spend an extra \$308.74 we would be able to switch out the ball machine and coaching basket balls more frequently. This proposal was accepted by the Board.

Larry Warnke – stats

- We played over 30,000 games
- Won 65% of matches played
- We had 241 team matches
- We won 188 team matches for 78%
- There are 70 scorekeepers, 682 matches used scorekeepers throughout the year.

Lorne McLeod – Nominating Committee

The following nominations were accepted and approved:

President – Deena Burns

Vice President – Bob Allan

Treasurer – Donna Lesko

Secretary – Karalee Drdul

Del Stitt – EVSTL representative

- Gender based teams was introduced by Monte Vista as they are having trouble with their teams not having enough women players. It was defeated, but Monte Vista are still pushing for this at the 4.0 level only. If it comes up again, VP will strongly object.
- Proposal to introduce no-add scoring. The intent of this is to speed up matches. Our board strongly suggested to vote against this.
- The EVSTL website is a great place to visit for pertinent information for all tennis players. It has the constitution/by-laws/captains' guidelines/stats and all the rules we follow, as well as the minutes of all their meetings. It's well worth reading.

Ed DeWald – PPAC (Player Policy Advisory Committee)

Ed recognized members of his committee – Ralph Sharp, Bob Allan, Ruth Finch and Keith Swanson.

- 91 players have attained their stats to be able to move up a level this year:
 - o 5 – 3.5
 - o 14 – 3.0
 - o 11 – 2.5
 - o 34 – 2.0
 - o 27 – 1.5
- 64 of them are moving up.
- No player rated as a level 1 or 2 moves down. For those rated 3 or 4, they must win 40% of games played. In our club this year there are 3 players who may move down.
- There was a proposal by PPAC to exclude the 4.0 level line 3 players from moving down. As this is against the EVSTL present rules this proposal will be withdrawn. A survey will be sent out to members over the summer regarding the whole system of move-downs before possibly taking this up with EVSTL.
- PPAC were asked to develop a Conflict Resolution Policy to be added to the Captains' Handbook. At the moment there are two versions which will be amalgamated over the summer, sent to all

members for their perusal, then presented to the Board. It was also suggested we might form a Mediation Committee, but this was turned down at the Board level.

- A resolution has been drawn up with the many reasons why the park should change its current name to Viewpoint RV Golf and Tennis Resort. It will be presented to Sheri.

Website – thanks to Ben Wilford, Larry Beres and Joe Sparrow for all their work. The phone numbers have been mixed up, so please all check your information and let Ben know of any corrections. This information is separate from the website.

On-line scheduling has been adopted by some parks. A dummy file has been placed on our website for members to play with and we will vote on the system next year to see if we want to use it.

Deena Burns thanked Ramona very much for working so hard as our President this past year.

Joe Morton – Pro liaison

The Board decided to extend Chris Langdon's contract to end on March 31st 2015. At the moment his contract expires October 31st each year. As we have to vote at a General Meeting to extend his contract, and we don't have a general meeting before the end of October, it was felt that we should change the expiry date. Karalee Drdul proposed a motion to extend the pro contract to expire March 31st, seconded by Judy Nixon. Carried.

Joe explained that he and Maureen will be leaving the park after 10 years. He was thanked for all his work and wished well in his new home.

The 4.0's made brownies and cookies for everyone to enjoy.

There was a draw for anyone interested to pick names of volunteers who were willing to hit balls, or play a games, and one lesson from Chris Langdon.

The 1.5 team recognized Dale Bowen as he's retiring. He received a standing ovation. In his honour they have bought new coffee pots engraved with "donated by Dale Bowen" for the kitchen.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Bob Allan, seconded by Deb Morton. Carried.