

SSV TENNIS CLUB – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

11/27/23, 3:00 PM, SUMMIT ROOM

1. Welcome and call to order: 3:05 p.m.

Attending: EB members President Peg Oberg, Vice-President Ed Jolley, Secretary Judy Sheridan-Christensen, Treasurer Brian Crowe, and Member-at-Large John Berger, plus TC members Sue Hertel, Rod Gamble, and Al Hoen.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, October 30, 2023, were approved.

3. President's report.

a) EVSTL and Tenniscores. Peg announced that Bonita Wilford has resigned as commissioner of EVSTL Tenniscores, although she may be returning. John Berger, who is familiar with the platform, commented that Tenniscores was not being used to its full potential and, if it were, organization and recording keeping would be easier for captains than at present.

b) Revision of Standing Rules, Practices and Procedures. Peg has appointed a revision committee: Mike O'Brien, Joela Marenda, and Jerry Pointer. Rod Gamble volunteered to join the committee.

c) Rerating of players: The section on re-rating in our Revision of Standing Rules, Practices and Procedures needs particular attention so that the membership has clarity on how this is done and by whom. The EVSTL guidelines are general and basically leave the procedure to each individual club.

An informal subcommittee of the revision committee (John Berger, Al Hoen, and Merle Bryan) will be asked to review a procedure on challenge matches provided by Jerry Pointer, and to advise the Revision Committee on writing the language for this topic.

It was stressed that the membership should be informed that this work is proceeding.

d) Changes to the Calendar. Peg stressed that the calendar, once adopted, should be followed and any changes should go through the EB. Sue Hertel, Social chair, announced that she and the VO social chair have mutually agreed that our Fun day should be once yearly, not twice, alternating between SSV and VO. The Feb 20 Fun day, originally scheduled for our courts, will not be held this year.

4. Secretary's report.

a) Historical scrapbooks. Judy announced that the missing historical scrapbooks, covering the early years of the Tennis Club, have been located and are now in her possession. She will bring them to the general meeting and have them available for "check out" to interested members. Having them on display at the big parties is also a possibility.

b) A thank you letter from Genesis Project will be read at the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

a) Brian reported the current financials which will be sent to the membership before the next meeting. He has collected tournament fees from every SSV player who entered VO or LW tournaments. All rec teams have received snack funds. Judy will let him know the number for home matches 75+ has and he will supply snack money to that team.

b) Charity donations. Teen Challenge has received our donation.

c) Membership: Currently 218 members, including 9 new members. Brian has removed unpaid members from the publicly available membership list, and informed captains of unpaid team members, who technically cannot play on club teams, league or rec, unless they are paid members.

d) We have lost some members who were on last year's rolls. Brian would like to see us have more outreach to members and other residents. He suggested intra-club play, which would integrate league and rec players and others. There was general agreement that holding "fun play" events and inviting the community would be a good idea.

6. Vice President's and Court Maintenance reports

- a) Ed reminded us that when there are volunteers workers, it's important to thank them. Volunteers do come out when asked.
- b) Ed will remind the membership that the HOA requires that half the players on a court be SSV residents. This applies from November through March.
- c) There is a continuing issue with spilled liquid (coffee, soft drinks) on the courts. We discussed a ban on all liquids except water on the courts. No action was taken.

7. Member-at-Large report: no report

8. New Business:

Sue Hertel has obtained samples and price quotes of possible team shirts, perhaps with more color than the current white with black. She suggests that the club supply a shirt to all league players, so we present a neat and unified team look when we play. Discussion followed, with a reminder that the club voted on March 1, 2022 on changing team colors, and decided to retain white with black trim as our colors. No action was taken on forwarding this issue to the membership.

President Peg reported that several people had approached her on revising our club rule that Rec players cannot play League and vice-versa. John shared the historical background: when the club was larger, there was more pressure for court time than there seems to be presently, so it was decided that limiting crossover between Rec and League play would spread the court times more evenly for all members. There was agreement that the EB needs to know the wishes of the general membership before making a recommendation for change.

Brian commented that we all need to document court use by reserving on "hold my court." This is proof of court usage, which may be important in the future if other sports want to share the courts. There was general agreement that the membership needs to be reminded.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sheridan-Christensen, TC secretary