

SSV TENNIS CLUB – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1/29/2024, 3:00 PM, SUMMIT ROOM

1. Welcome and call to order 3:02 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 Jerry Pointer, John Pearce, Larry Delp, Nancy Fahey, and Les Fahey.
2. Minutes of the last meeting, January 2, 2024, were approved.
3. President's report. President Peg reported the EVSTL is revamping its move-up/move-down policy for next league year. This is still under discussion by EVSTL.
Peg noted that our by-laws require that an office with no nomination on the slate at the January meeting be declared a vacant spot and must be open for nominations from the floor at the February election. Therefore, the position of secretary will be open for nominations from the floor. Nancy Fahey has agreed to accept the nomination, but the open nomination procedure will be followed.
4. Secretary's report. None
5. Treasurer's Report.
 - a) Brian reported the current financials will be sent to the membership before the next meeting. We have over \$52,000 in the bank. There was discussion of investing in a CD or Treasury Bonds. This should be considered after the tournament.
 - b) Social Committee financials have been distributed.
 - c) Membership: Currently 237 members, including 18 new members.
 - d) Brian is collecting for four events or tournaments. We need a club coordinator for the 1.5-2.0 MR Breakout.
 - e) Brian will pay our approved charity donations to Hope Women's Center and Genesis.
 - f) Upcoming improvements:
 1. North courts fencing replacement will be covered entirely by the HOA and a \$3000 donation from Bingo. Install after April 1.
 2. End Caps for all benches have been purchased from the Memorial Fund.
 3. New food tent and the shade sails are ordered.
 4. Brian and Larry Delp presented a proposal to purchase a new grill, to be shared with softball. Each club would pay about \$2000. They recommend not going through the HOA process. After discussion, the EB moved, seconded, and approved to recommend purchasing the grill to the membership.
6. Vice President's Report: Ed noted that several EVSTL clubs require members to have Food Handler's licenses. Discussion followed. Getting the license online is easier (about 15 minutes) and cheaper (\$8) than in the past. If our club adopted this requirement, it was suggested that new members have a one year exemption. Also, making a requirement retroactive could be problematic. At this time, we will encourage getting the food handlers' license but not require it. Our website has a handy link.

7. Member-at-Large report: John noted that EVSTL is discussing team sizes. At present, some clubs have split levels into too-small teams, like 4 members.

8. Business and Discussion:

- a) We will announce the opportunity to support the Veterans' Club "Packages from Home" project at the next meeting and will provide time for a presentation in the March meeting.
- b) Ed is working on an article for Margaret's Mentions announcing open play on Wednesday and Sunday. This will be open to all residents.
- c) Larry Delp reported that he and Sheryl Delp visited a pickleball club in Surprise that has a Vaptr court drying machine. He shared pictures and his very positive impression of the device. It would store easily, clean swiftly, and is sturdy and easy to use. Cost around \$3000. The EB moved, seconded and approved to recommend an immediate purchase of one 36" pro model Vaptr court drying machine. If it works out well, more can be ordered in the future.
- d) Larry suggested the club have a Marketing budget to cover costs of member recruitment and publicity. This could include communications needs, perhaps involving the website. Brian will include a Marketing line in the 2024-2025 budget, which will be presented at the March meeting.
- e) Peg has made an executive decision that a wine social time will follow the next meeting.

9. New Business.

John Pearce presented to the EB a proposal for a men's Blue Rec team, to play Fridays at 10 am. He volunteered to be captain. He would maintain rosters and fairly control players' court time. The EB moved, seconded and approved establishing a men's Blue Rec team with John Pearce as captain.

John also shared that he keeps a record of his duties as a league team captain; he was asked to share that with other captains in the future.

Les Fahey reported that 66 teams have signed up for the SSV Tournament.

Jerry Pointer reported that he will add Cyndi Turner's name to the Silent Racquet Board, and Rod Gamble's and Peg Oberg's names to the Past Presidents' Board.

Jerry requested that the EB approve a method of allowing League players to move up this year. This would be optional and only apply this year. After lively discussion, Ed moved, it was seconded and approved that we will follow the EVSTL criteria in place at the beginning of the 2023-24 league season, for this year only. That means if a player has played a minimum of 8 matches and won 75% of matches and 55% of games, the player has the option of moving to the next level. Next year, new EVSTL criteria will be available.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sheridan-Christensen, TC secretary