East Valley Senior Tennis League

General Meeting January 15, 2026

I. Call to Order:

The General meeting of the EVSTL was called to order by EVSTL President Kim Heintzman at 3:00pm at Carriage Manor, Heritage Room.

II. Roll Call:

All 15 EVSTL clubs were in attendance, represented by either their Club President or representative. There was a quorum as per the bylaws. 14 visitors signed in.

III. Approval of Agenda:

After a correction to the Agenda regarding XII, b) Membership (changed word from "courts" to "teams"), the Agenda was approved by acclamation.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the EVSTL General Meeting for October 30th 2025 were posted to the website. The minutes were amended on January 12th 2026 and posted to the website. The amended minutes were approved by acclamation.

V. President's Comments:

President Heintzman reported that the league under Tenniscores appears to be running smoothly. He asked the Club Presidents to encourage the continued use of the Extra Board. The "how to use" instructions are listed at each level of the Extra Board spreadsheet.

VI. Vice President's Comments:

Vice President Colleen Nelson was not able to attend the meeting.

VII. Past President's Comments:

Past President Larry Delp reported that Tenniscores has 1700+ registered members and 1200 have played a match this season. He requested that Clubs review their team lists for names that should be removed. Requests need to be sent to Larry Delp or

Brenda Wile, as they are the only people who can remove names from Tenniscores. Larry clarified that the payment of Tenniscores fees is based on teams, not players. When adding subs to teams, understand the difference between sub (same level) and sub up (from lower level, shows up arrow). There is no sub down.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Carol Ann Elliott reported that there were 2 transactions since April 1 2025 A bank fee of $12 and a deposit of $300 for EVSTL club fees for the 2025-2026 season. The balance as of January 15th, 2026 was $9977.95

IX. **Scheduler's Report:**

Rick Day acknowledged the passing of Scheduler Wayne Krausnick. He will be missed.

X. **Change to By-Laws:**

Second vote to change language in the Bylaws from MCI (Member Club Information) to TCR (Team Commitment Registry) Moved by Tower Point & Seconded by Mesa Regal. Approved by acclamation.

XI. **Scheduling pools:** (1.5 and 4.5 Women) at resorts with open courts:

If your Resort is unable to host the pools, please let the Scheduler know. The 1.5 pool plays on Thursdays, same day as 4.0 and 4.5 Women play on Tuesdays, same day as 2.0. The Scheduler looks for dates that 4.0 and/or 2.0 teams have AWAY matches and may approach your club to host the pool play.

XII. Red Ball:

Presentation from USTA Development representative Jeff Sykes and Joel Piaskowski, Red Ball Ambassador. USTA has a goal of "35 x 35"; 35 Million tennis players by 2035. USTA has funds available for growth and will provide grants for Community Equipment Packages, which are starter kits for Red Ball Tennis. Includes portable nets, balls and racquets. Red Ball helps as an intro to get new members to Tennis. It can be a good retention tool, for those who can't cover the larger court anymore, due to age or injury.

Mesa Regal is hosting a demo for Red Ball on January 18th, from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Tower Point is hosting a second demo, on January 30th.

XIII. **President's Advisory Committee Report:**

In Colleen Nelson's absence, Brenda Wile gave a presentation on the 2.0 Men's level of play. Under consideration is the creation of pool play for some of the 2.0 Men, who will not be successful to advance to the next level. There are other players who could build skills to move to the next level. These players would still play official league matches. One idea was a north/south division or east/west division. The Club Presidents were asked to poll their 2.0 Captains and players to determine interest in a tiered system for the 2.0 Men.

XIV. **Membership:** Change to Policies & Procedures:

Follow up on discussion of breakdown of Men/Women playing league. Currently 590 men and 569 women as at Jan 9th 2026, so a 51%/49% split. This led to a decision to match the Policies & Procedure to the Bylaws, to state that both the Men & Women should field minimum 3 lines. Moved by Leisure World, seconded by Carriage Manor. Approved by acclamation.

XV. **Review of EVSTL policies** when a resort has 2 teams at the same level.

There were concerns expressed with resorts that have two teams at the same level. Some clubs run separate teams and others pool their team players. President Heintzman sent a follow-up request to Presidents. "Please strongly encourage your Captains to make sure that players playing a resort for a second time are different from the first match. The idea of league play is to encounter different players throughout the year. Doing so gives the impression of two separate teams and should serve to prevent any mandatory changes in the future. While this may create a bit more work for Captains, it follows the spirit of the EVSTL."

XVI. **Nominating Committee Report:** (SSV - Les Fahey, TP - Tom Laidlaw, VO - Susan Carrigan)

Nomination of Officers- Cathy Priestner, Leisure World, Vice President,
Mike Stephenson, Sunland Village, Scheduler,
Carol Ann Elliott, Venture Out, Secretary/Treasurer
Approved by acclamation.

XVII. League Management System Report:

Brenda Wile reminded people that spectators cannot correct scorekeepers

XVIII. 4.5 Coordinator Reports:

4.5 Men, Kevin Fabian was not in attendance. 4.5 Women, Barb Everard, looking for available courts for the 4.5 women, on Tuesdays

XIX. 75+ Coordinator Report:

Mary Jo Carpenter shared that the 75+ group was smaller, but mighty. The matches are non-competitive and Leisure World, Sunland Springs Village, Monte Vista and Venture Out are participating.

XX. Website Manager's Report:

Marie Kulbaski was not in attendance, but her efforts to create the new EVSTL website are much appreciated.

XXI. Beginner's Coordinator's Report:

Mike Jauncey was not in attendance.

XXII. Tournament Reports:

Sunland Village East Spring Tournament is March 9th to 14th. Currently they have a drainage issue, with no kitchen or Men's or Women's washrooms. They hope to have repairs completed prior to the tournament.

Sunland Springs Village 24th annual Mixed Doubles Tournament is March 16th to 21st. They have a 3 match guarantee

Mesa Regal Break Out, Rising Stars Tournament for 1.5/2.0/2.5 level players is Feb 14th to Feb 16th

View Point is Hosting an Exhibition of ASU Women on January 31st. The ASU coach has offered 10 lucky people a coaching session. You must be in attendance to win.

XXIII. Club President's Comments:

Greenfield - Request other clubs to get players at the correct level

Leisure World - Veterans Classic- made a $10,000 donation to Veterans Organizations

Mesa Regal - needs a "train the coach" session

Road Haven-noted the difficulty in the first half of the season to get matches. Consider going to a pool for the first half of the season.

Sunland Springs Village - concerned some Captains not filling line one on the match log

Sunland Village - commented on court usage

Sunland Village East – popularity of Red Ball tennis

The Resort – issued an apology regarding ladies 4.5 play. Referenced an article on Tennis being the best sport for longevity.

Venture Out – Membership down about 10% from previous year. Reminder about the 27th Annual Fall Classic, Oct 26th to 31st 2026. Posters will be ready soon.

View Point – gave out posters for January 31st ASU Women's event. Planning Happy Hour block parties for Red Ball tennis

XXIV. **Announcements from the floor:** Nil

XXV. **Next meeting**: March 12th, 2026 (amended to March 19th,2026)

XXVI. **Adjournment:** 5:09pm