11/5/2024 General Meeting of Members

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by President Ed Jolley. A quorum was verified. Ed led the Pledge of Allegiance. New Members were welcomed.

Minutes of last general meeting held March 5, 2024, were approved as written and distributed.

Officer's Reports

President's report: Ed read the proposed change in the re-evaluation procedure, as stated in the Standing Rules, which would make the re-evaluation process the same as the current evaluation process used for placing new club members, or those who have been away from tennis for some time:

Article VI – The Club's Policy for Move Up/Move Down: Players at any level may request an on-court re-evaluation if a player has an aggregate total of match wins and game wins of 120% or more and having played a minimum of eight (8) matches during the current tennis season. Re-evaluations are limited to one per tennis season, per player.
6.1Ground Rules for Evaluations:
A. The RPC shall pick three (3) players of the same gender with similar ratings to play with the player being evaluated.
6.1.1 – ~~Play a pro-set with each player serving twice for a total of 8 game~~. The VanderMuir Tournament Scoring System and scorecard will be followed with one Verifier keeping track of points, while the other Verifiers will be judging the player being evaluated on forehands, backhands, serves, court positioning and shot selection respectively.
6.1.2 – ~~Players would then change partners and play another pro-set. This would continue until each player has partnered with all players on the court, for a total of 24 games being played. At the end of play, the Verifiers will share and compare all the information gathered and make a decision on whether a move-up is justified or not.~~
6.1.3 – If the applicant ~~wins 12 or more games, their evaluation would be considered~~ is successful, ~~and~~ the applicant would be moved to their new level of play at the end of the current tennis season.
~~6.1.4 – If the applicant wins less than 12 games the applicant would remain at their current level of play.~~
Discussion and questions followed. Ed reviewed the members of the Rating committee.

John Snyder moved, and Gary Hasterok seconded, a motion to adopt the stated changes in Standing Rules, Article VI, A. The motion passed.

Vice-President's Report:
-Les Fahey reported that all teams are set up with captains and trainers and captains have received instruction in Tenniscores.
-Train-the-trainer is proceeding in the absence of head trainer Merle Bryan (who hopes to return to SSV in January). Merle is advising Wayne Hall, who will carry out the training, with the first session November 11.

-Les announced that an in-house mixed doubles tournament will take place November 29-December 1, 1:00-7:00 pm. Robert Eck, John Berger and Jay Gard will head up three teams, mixing up levels of players. Sign up on the north courts. Fun and refreshments provided!
- There are two new Rec teams, a Men's Blue and a Women's White.
- Les reminded everyone that the official team colors are white with black accents. See Barb Pointer to order a team shirt.

Secretary's Report:
Led Fahey reported that Secretary Nancy Fahey plans to be back in SSV in mid-November and thanked the substitute secretary for filling in at meetings.

Treasurer's Report:
-Lois Stickell reported that we have 173 paid members at this time, including 7 new members.
-Lois will distribute refreshment money to all League and rec team captains. She reported that the collection of dues and Welcome Back party fees is going well.
- The October 31 Profit/Loss statement was distributed electronically. Current bank balance: $56,832.65.

Member-at-Large Report.
John Berger reported that the EVSTL is trying to encourage larger teams, with 8 members a minimum. Our current 4.5 men's team is below that number and requests an exception to our prohibition of non-resident members to allow them to add one or two non-resident men to their team.
Questions and discussion followed with members asking how the men would be selected, what limits would be on their membership, and why not extend affiliate membership to other levels.
Larry Delp, EVSTL President, reported that the EVSTL has no prohibition on affiliate membership.

Motion by John Berger, seconded by Jay Gard: Allow non-SSV residents to become non-voting affiliate members of the SSV Tennis Club for the 2024-2025 season, to meet the EVSTL guidelines for a 4.5 men's team.

Discussion: it was noted that this is a very limited exception to the usual residency requirement for membership, applying to only one season and one team. The affiliates would not be able to reserve courts or vote in club meetings. Also, we must waive By-Law Article 2 in order vote.

Motion by Judy Sheridan-Christensen, seconded by John Synder: Waive the By-Laws Article 2 for this season only, for the purpose of the above motion. Motion passed.

The initial motion by John Berger, seconded by Jay Gard, was then voted on and passed.

Committee Reports:
Social committee: Sue Hertel reminded members to sign up for the Welcome Back Party.

Facilities Committee: Roger Stein said a court issue will be discussed later. Ed noted that there were not enough volunteers responding for wind screen installation to complete the job. Another request will be sent out.

Rating Committee: Al Hoen reported 5 ratings have been completed.

SSV Tournament Committee: John Snyder announced the tournament will be March 17-22. The planning committee will meet tomorrow. There are still leadership roles to be filled.

Scorekeepers: Barb Pointer has a sign-up list going around.

Website Administrator: Jon Peake is still filling this role, but President Ed is hopeful a club member can take it over soon.

Court Scheduler: Joe Hook reminds everyone to remember the rules when scheduling a court.

Nominating Committee: President Ed asked for three volunteers for this committee. After some pleading and cajoling, John Lenio, Randy Kruger and Candy Harding volunteered. The three were elected by a vote of the membership.

Flag Champion: Ed thanked Glenn Holden, who in turn recognized Larry Delp and Ed Morrow, for work in organizing and placing flags for July 4 and Labor Day.

Bingo: Tennis Club will work with Pickleball to do set up (not take-down/cleanup) for Bingo in January and February. Lorna Kruger said that Marcia Stein will be contacting team captains about their assigned dates.

Tennis Ball recycling: Marika Gard announced that 6,000 balls have been recycled this year, and 10,000 last year. She urged everyone to recycle rather than throw away old tennis balls. She thanked John Snyder for financial support for the program.

Tournament coordinators: John Berger will coordinate for the upcoming Leisure World tournament. Ed will look for coordinators for other tournaments.

Use of Funds Committee: Larry Delp is looking into costs for repair/replacement of north court fencing and will request a 50% match from the HOA.

Membership Committee: Larry Delp presented the results of his exploration of developing a "Center Court" in the north court area as a means of recruiting tennis players to our club. He pointed out that social engagement is a prime reason people live in a 55+ community. As a member of the HOA Strategic Planning Committee, he researched costs for comfortable furniture and other amenities, plus security fencing, for our 4600 square feet plus two other smaller possible gathering locations. Total cost estimates range from $150,000 to $300,000. The HOA has tabled the matter until next year. Larry would like the TC to invest $20,000 this year in upgraded furniture and a firepit for one area of the north court space, with the idea that people drawn to the area may develop interest in tennis.

Questions and discussion followed. Questions included how much the area would be used, what would attract residents to the area instead of the Golf Patio, could theft be prevented, and whether current furniture could be changed/upgraded for less money.

During the discussion, several ideas came up for ways to recruit new members:
-Ask new residents to check off activities of interest from a list of SSV activities and notify the relevant clubs/groups of the interested persons.
- Develop a tennis club flyer to be included in new resident packets.
-Have a “Welcome” banner at our courts.
-Restart the “night tennis” gatherings which drew people to the courts.

Sheryl Delp was recognized for including announcements of beginner lessons on the Forum. We have several new members because of this.

<u>Old Business</u>. none

<u>New Business</u>: Roger Stein, Ed and others reported that in a few days, the HOA will be removing the accident-damaged lamppost from court 4. The HOA also plans to remove/replace 10 feet of fence that is bent. However, much of the rest of the west side fencing is stretched and some poles are bent.

Motion by Randy Kruger, seconded by Joel Harding, to add discussion of court 4 fence repair/replacement to the agenda. Ed read the relevant Standing Rule which allows this. Motion passed.

Motion by Randy Kruger, seconded by Joel Harding, to allow up to $5000 for replacement fencing on the west side of court 4, greater than the 10 feet allowed in the HOA plan.
Discussion: This would be done by the company already engaged by the HOA and could be done in the next week or so. It is much cheaper to do this when fence repair workers are already here, rather than having work done at another time. Insurance will be involved.
Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was passed; meeting adjourned at 4:40. A wine/beer social followed.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sheridan-Christensen, substitute secretary

Next meeting: December 3, 2024, 3 pm, Auditorium