

03/05/2024 General Meeting of Members

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 by President Peg Oberg. A quorum was verified. New member Elizabeth Peterson was welcomed.

President Peg Oberg suspended the agenda order and introduced Dick Paulin of the SSV Veteran's Club. He presented information on "Packages from Home," a project which distributes boxes of sundries and snacks to deployed troops. On April 9, following the SSV Coffee time, boxes will be packed. TC members were invited to help pack boxes. The Veteran's Club is hoping to have the funds to support 300 boxes. Tennis Club members who wish to donate can bring checks or cash to the officers' table after the meeting or put a clearly marked donation in the club's treasurer's box.

Minutes of last general meeting held February 6, 2024, were approved, with the corrections made in the website minutes.

Executive Board Reports

President Peg Oberg recognized and thanked the TC members who were committee chairs this year. She presented retiring secretary Judy Sheridan-Christensen with a thank-you gift.

Ed Jolley recognized Peg for her hard work this year and presented a thank-you gift.

Vice President Ed Jolley Ed noted the success of this tennis season, with Tenniscores going smoothly and many league players qualifying for moving up based on statistics, and several others qualifying for challenge matches to move up. Move-ups are optional this year.

Secretary Judy Sheridan-Christensen – Judy thanked the club for the opportunity to help and serve the club for the last two years.

Treasurer-elect Lois Stickell

- a) Lois answered questions about the current profit/loss statement which was distributed electronically by Treasurer Brian Crowe.
- b) She presented the proposed budget for 2024-2025. She clarified that "Communications" will cover the marketing initiative that Larry Delp is heading up and answered general questions. Sue Hertel argued for an increased Social budget so that most TC social events would be free to members; discussion followed with members noting that many events in the past included a \$5-10 cost to each attendee. It was moved by Judy Sheridan-Christensen that the proposed budget be adopted as presented, seconded by Lois Hoffman and approved by the membership.

Member-at-Large John Berger John will be taking two items to the EVSTL meeting:

- 1) a proposal that any team MUST have a minimum of 16 active players before they can split into two teams. This would address the issue of clubs with two teams having only two lines, resulting in several of our players having to sit out.

- 2) a discussion on the issue of the minimum matches to qualify for move up if other criteria are met. If it were 6 instead of 8, players could move up at mid-season.

Committee reports

- a. Social Committee. Sue Hertel reminded members of the Going-Away Party.
- b. Use of Funds Committee.
 - Larry Delp reminded us that the north court fence replacement project will happen in April.
 - Larry also reported that the new VAPTRpro court cleaner has arrived and been used. Cost was \$3145. He said it picked up dirt even after the regular court washing process, and the court was dry enough to play on immediately after use.
 - Gary Hasterok moved that a discussion of purchasing another VAPTR be added to the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed by the 2/3 vote required in our By-Laws, Article IV E2. John Snyder moved that we purchase a second VAPTRpro as soon as possible. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed. Treasurer-elect Lois confirmed that there is money available. There were objections that this was not included in the budget, and that the VAPTR had not been used enough for us to clearly judge it. The question was called, and the motion passed.
- c. Court Facilities: Roger Stein announced that this weekend will be set-up for our tournament, with the big tent going up Friday at noon, and the smaller tents Saturday 8 am-noon. Twelve to fifteen volunteers are needed. The secretary will send out an email notice to all members.
- d. Ratings Committee: Al Hoen reported one new member was recently rated.
- e. Webmaster, Bulletin Board, and Sunshine committees had no reports.
- f. SSV Tournament Committee.
 - Les Fahey and Nancy Fahey asked the tournament committee to stand and thanked them for their work.
 - New this year: the HOA is requiring all tournament players to sign a waiver.
 - Les reported there are still volunteer openings, especially for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He noted that it's easy to swap or rearrange if your shift conflicts with play.
 - Les reported that we have 136 teams registered, which will bring in \$9500 in registration fees. Also, sponsorships have "sold out," and will bring in \$5600.
- g. MCI Coordinator.
 - Peg pointed out that teams for next year must be reported to EVSTL by April 15, so asked captains to report their team members' plans for the 2024-25 season ASAP.
 - The 2024-2025 EVSTL league season dates are
 - Starts Nov. 4th – Dec. 13th
 - Resumes Dec. 30 -- March 7, 2025
 - Venture Out Fall Classic - Oct. 28 through Nov. 2nd, 2024.

SVE Spring Tournament - March 10 through March 15, 2025
SSV Tournament - March 17 through March 22, 2025

- h. Trainer. Peg thanked Merle Bryan for going above and beyond as the trainer for several teams. Merle urged more members to step up as trainers, especially women.
- i. Ball Recycling. We are up to 15,000 used tennis balls sent to recycling. Peg recognized John Snyder who continues to be the project sponsor, paying the shipping costs.

Old Business

Ed Jolley reminded us once again to double check the north court snack shack door to be sure it is locked and closed tightly.

Also, Ed reminded us to be careful with the ball machines. He will be getting a bid on replacing one of the north court machines.

Men's Blue Rec team: Peg announced that the Men's Blue rec team is now in compliance with the Standing Rules. John Pearce will finish the season as captain.

New Business

Move-Ups: League players who meet the EVSTL statistical standards have the OPTION to move up this year. Each person in this group will be contacted by an Executive Board member to confirm their wishes.

Peg announced that other league players who wish to move up to the next level should get a form to request a challenge match, available today at the officers' table. Fill out and return forms to VP Ed Jolley ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

A Wine Social followed the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sheridan-Christensen, Secretary

Next meeting: November 5, 2024. 3 pm, Auditorium