

3/7/2023 General Meeting of Members

Opening: Agenda items 1-3. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by President Rod Gamble. A quorum was confirmed.

Minutes of the general meetings held January 10, 2023 and February 7, 2023 were approved.

4. Old Business:

These agenda items are carried over from the general meeting held on 02.7.23; they were approved by the members at that meeting but must now be ratified because a quorum was not present on 02.7.23.

4.1 It was moved, seconded and approved by vote of the members to ratify the new Bylaws of SSV Tennis Club. And the new Standing Rules and Policies and Procedures of SSV Tennis Club.

4.2 It was moved, seconded and approved by vote of the members to ratify election the officers of SSV Tennis Club for the 2023-24 season:

- Peg Oberg – President
- Ed Jolley – Vice President
- Brian Crowe – Treasurer
- Judy Sheridan-Christensen – Secretary
- John Berger – Member-at-Large

5: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Garrett reported that we have \$49, 814 in the bank. Several expenses have yet to be paid. We have 265 members currently, including 30 new members.

Terry presented a proposed budget for 2023-24. Terry explained that the budget before the membership included \$500 for Rec team captains, and an addition of \$2000 to the Social Committee budget. The budget as proposed has a \$400 deficit. It was moved, seconded and approved by vote of the members to approve the proposed budget.

6: Executive Committee Reports

6.1 President Rod updated the members on recent EVSTL meetings.

He reported on the new EVSTL format and system for the 2023-24 season – see Appendix A.

He also Reviewed the SSV TC program for transitioning players from TenCap to Tenniscores:

- Phase 1 – MCI Coordinator (Jerry Pointer - with input from team captains and trainers) prepared an initial list of players that will be moved up or down for the 2023-24 season. Deadline was 02.28.23 (TenCap system no longer available).

- Phase 2 – all SSV members (including those joining from rec and social tennis to play league) can, by April 15, petition the EB to play at a different level next season. The Board will look for obvious move-ups and assign on-court evaluations to others. The Board will follow the EVSTL guidelines. Rod urged “realistic introspection” by those considering petitioning the board.

Brian Crowe spoke to urge the process be streamlined and fair to all.

Rod announced that a 6.5 foot Jenn-Aire grill has been donated to the club by Terrance and Diane Grenz, and has been picked up and stored, ready for the tournament.

- 6.2 Vice President Peg Oberg reported that captains and trainers are needed for next year’s 2.0 men and women, and 2.5 women. She hopes to get team numbers and sizes settled by the end of the week. A Captain’s meeting will be called after that.

Peg thanked Merle Bryan for his service in training-the-trainers this year.

Merle spoke to the need for trainers for next year. He appealed to the 4.5 and 4.0 players to volunteer, noting that they have the skill to demonstrate shots. He said that trainers should be instructing in strokes, court positions, rules and tennis ethics.

Merle urged that we remember the “rating distortion syndrome” that leads us to see ourselves as better players than partners or other observers may see us.

- 6.3 Secretary Judy Sheridan-Christensen requested that any paid member who is not getting email let her know.

- 6.4 Member-at-large John Berger commented that next year the goal is to make tennis more fun for all players. His experience with Tenniscores suggests this will happen, and he urged anyone who has left League play to come back and give it a try.

John also emphasized the EB wants to give all members a chance to demonstrate that they can play at the level they want to be.

7: Committee reports

Social committee. Arlene Crampton gave credit to her committee for their hard work this year. She introduced next year’s chair, Sue Hertel.

Sign-up sheets for the going away party March 26 will be posted soon. The charge for the party is \$10 per person. Burnt Biscuit is catering.

The March 25 social day has been cancelled.

Use of Funds Committee and Courts and Facilities:

Larry Delp showed the two new frames for the Silent Racquets plaque and the Past Presidents plaque. The woodshop constructed these at a cost of \$250. Larry moved

that we give the Woodshop \$1000 to cover their costs and show appreciation for their work. The motion was seconded and approved by vote of the members.

Larry is checking on costs for improvement to the tents over courts 3 & 4, and 5 & 6.

Larry introduced Marika Gard who presented information on a program to recycle used tennis balls, estimated to be about 3000 balls per year from SSV Tennis. She is willing to work on this currently and next year. Cost to the club would be \$200. It would be even better if we could get a business sponsor for the project. It was moved, seconded and approved by vote of the members to allocate \$200 to the recycling project.

Ed Jolley reported on the old ball machine on the north courts, which would cost more than its value to repair. He moved that we purchase a new and better machine for \$7500, and requested that the HOA fund two-thirds of the cost. The motion was seconded and approved by vote of the members.

SSV Tournament Committee:

Nancy Fahey passed around sign-up sheets for volunteers to fill the remaining slots.

Les Fahey recognized the Tournament Committee members who have been working to put the tournament together. 135 teams are signed up to play. Les announced that the tournament play times are now live on the website.

Jay Gard said the brackets will be posted on the website soon.

Roger Stein announced the set-up schedule for the tournament; he would like 15-18 people to show up to work. He's tired of seeing only the same dozen volunteers.

1 pm Friday for the big tent

8 am Saturday for additional set-up

8. New Business: None

9: Announcements

Rod thanked members and the EB for their support this year, and recognized Terry Garrett's three years of service as Treasurer.

Peg presented Terry with a thank-you gift.

Peg and John presented Rod with a thank-you gift.

A motion to adjourn was passed; the meeting adjourned at 5:03. Wine and cheese social followed.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sheridan-Christensen, Secretary

APPENDIX A
SUMMARY OF THE NEW EVSTL FORMAT AND SYSTEM

Part 1 – Key Objectives:

- The old system of league play, called TenCap, officially ended on 02.28.23.
- The new system of league play is called TenniscORES; it officially starts on 10.31.23 (next season).
- The defining features of TenniscORES and the related regulations and guidelines are:
 - Make league play fun and exciting.
 - Reduce the pressure on individual performance while ensuring league matches are competitive.
 - Make it easier to move up, and harder to move down without unnecessarily compromising the quality of play – recognize that we are all getting older.
 - Ensure that the criteria for moving up or down is simple and easy to understand:
 - Move up: win 75% or more of matches and 55% or more of games during the season.
 - Move down: lose 80% or more of matches during the season.
 - Moving up or down is at the end of the season.
 - Must play at least 8 matches to move up or down.
 - Make it easier for team captains to pair players and schedule matches each week.
 - Maximize the opportunity for all team members to play each week.
 - There will be one team (women and men) at each level.
 - League play is levels 2.0 to 4.0.
 - 1.5 teams will play in a separate EVSTL Pool. Matches will be scheduled by a dedicated Coordinator appointed by EVSTL.
 - 4.5 and 75+ teams will play their own separately arranged matches, as before.
 - Club teams (women and men) will play together at home and away wherever possible.
 - Matches will primarily be same gender; mixed-doubles matches are permitted.

Part 2 – New Rules and Regulations (EVSTL Bylaw XIV: Transition to TenniscORES for League Play in 2023-24:

EAST VALLEY SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUE BYLAW
XIV: TRANSITION TO TENNISCORES FOR LEAGUE PLAY IN 2023-24

Effective Date: February 17, 2023

A: The official system to use for managing the EVSL tennis play is TenniscORES.

Work will begin effective immediately toward this transition.

B. The method to move up/down in level is through tracking the performance of Wins/Losses.

Men and Women will be on the same team, whenever possible. All moves up/down are on

an individual basis. Scheduled League play will be at the levels of 2.0 through 4.0.

C. A pool (conglomerate) of players at the 1.5 level is the new opportunity to manage play

Specifically designed to improve participation and make fun, fair matches for 1.5 players.

Details are to be determined.

D. Players at the 4.5 level and the 7.5+ level will continue in the current play format.

E. A commissioner (system owner) will be appointed to implement and oversee Tenniscodes for EVSTL.

F. Operational details of the above will be developed prior to the end of the 2022-23 EVSTL

Season.

G. Move Laterally

Players may be moved laterally at their current TENCAP level if it reflects their current skill level. Otherwise, use player re-evaluations to ensure players are moved into Tenniscodes at the appropriate level.

H. Captain Duties:

- Captains will own the complete process to match player pairs; first making equal player pairs between the scheduled clubs and then filling unequal lines from other clubs.
- Captains may use the message and mail system within Tenniscodes for communication with players.
- Captains may delegate duties to a co-captain; data entry and management is a separate role if desired.

I. EVSTL League Play

• **Mandatory Move Up/Down Criteria**

A player must move up or down, once per year at the end of the season, if the player meets these criteria:

- To move up: Must have won 75% or more of their matches and 55% or more of their games.
- To move down: Must have won 20% or Less of their matches.
- A player must have played a minimum of 8 matches to move up or down.

- **Substitutions**

At the request of the captains, a player may play up, but not down.

- **Recommendations for Play**

- Encourage players to have multiple partners throughout the season.
- Consider Win/Loss percentages in making player pairs in order to have more competitive matches.
- After all available players at a level from all clubs have procured a match, then encourage play up at the club in order to increase matches and court utilization.

J. Minimum Team Size by Level: As approved: Men and women are on the same team, whenever possible.

Levels 2.0 - 4.0

One Team: 6-10 men, 6-10 women

Second Team: 12-18 men, 12-18 women

Third Team: 18-24 men, 18-24 women

Due to imbalance, a team can be formed of just one gender. That would be a minimum team size of 6-10 men or 6-10 women.

A club must field a minimum of 3 men's and 2 women's duels at the scheduled match. If there are any necessary single gender teams, then the club must field a minimum of 3 men's or 2 women's duels at the scheduled match for that gender team.

K. Schedule:

MCI DUE: April 15th

Final chance to edit MCI: July 1st

Rosters input Tenniscores: August 1st (Best known for October 30th)

Schedule in Tenniscores: September 1st

There could be a new MCI and schedule created for subsequent weeks, according to the Scheduler's timing, and frequency, with the lead time the Scheduler requires. All subsequent schedule(s) will be entered into Tenniscores, by the Scheduler, in agreement with the Commissioner, a week prior to the 1st match in the next period.

L. **The 75+ Level**, an integral part of EVSTL, will operate as it is, with procedures that facilitate the type of structure in which the members want to play.

M. **The 4.5+ Level**, an integral part of EVSTL, will operate, as they currently do, in a unique division that accommodates their method of play. Its structure will now reside in Tenniscores. If a player wins 20% or less of their matches, the player will move down a

level, once per year, at the end of the season. It is required that the player must have played a minimum of 8 matches.

N. **The 1.5 Level**, an integral part of EVSTL, will operate as a pool (conglomerate). A unique location will be created in Tenniscodes to accommodate 1.5 play.

Evaluations for moving up to another level are made at the recommendation of the person(s) in charge of evaluations for the club. In some respects, 4.5+ may be a model for 1.5 play; Teams A and B, likely a unique schedule, etc. The 1.5 Coordinator will be responsible for organizing matches on a weekly basis.