

VPTC General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 3:30pm, Northpoint Multipurpose Room

Meeting was called to order at 3:35pm and a quorum of 25% was confirmed (72).

Secretary's Report – Donna Kuper

M/S Donna Kuper/Cindy Paszek to accept the minutes of the General Meeting of November 13, 2023. **Carried**

Treasurer's Report – Linda Rice

- # of members 285
- Balance approx. \$8,500 with about \$4000 estimated costs balance of year
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Co-President's Report – Bev Olson

ATGA Update – Chris has played a pivotal role in enhancing our community through his efforts, from being part of successful events like the opening pizza party to providing valuable services such as racquet stringing and private lessons. His dedication and enthusiasm have undoubtedly enriched our club experience, and we are grateful for his ongoing commitment.

M/S Bev Olson/Bal Gill “to renew our contract with ATGA for the 2024-25 season”.

Carried

Budget and Fees

M/S Bev Olson/Kay Root “to raise the annual dues from \$55 to \$65”

Carried

One of the key areas where we've felt the impact of rising costs is in our tennis ball purchases. This year, we encountered a significant issue with the quality of the balls we purchased, leading to frequent replacements. We believe that investing in higher-quality balls for the next season could not only improve the quality of our matches but also reduce the frequency of replacements, ultimately saving us money in the long run.

Additionally, we have introduced technologies such as QuickBooks and CourtReserve to streamline our operations and enhance member experiences. While these tools come with associated costs, we believe they are essential investments in the club's future.

Furthermore, we have taken steps to address environmental concerns by implementing a tennis ball recycling program. By keeping 3000 tennis balls out of landfills this season alone, we not only contribute to environmental conservation but also align with our values as responsible stewards of the community.

M/S Bev Olson/Pam Wolfe “to raise the event fee to \$7”

Carried

We recognize the efforts of our food service teams in delivering exceptional meals for our members. To ensure that they do not have to spend countless hours in order to cut costs, for their hard work and dedication, we propose increasing the per-person event fee. This adjustment will not only improve the experience for those preparing meals but also enhance the overall dining experience for our members.

These budget adjustments reflect our commitment to addressing the challenges posed by rising costs while prioritizing the needs and experiences of our members. By investing in quality, sustainability, and member satisfaction, we believe we are laying the foundation for a vibrant and resilient community.

Green Team – Nationwide, approximately 125 million used tennis balls wind up in America’s landfills every year. That is 20,000 metric tons of methane-producing, near non-decomposable rubber waste. U.S. tennis players recognized this as a significant environmental problem that no longer represents their sport in 2021.

U.S. tennis players want to be part of the solution and will recycle all of their balls if convenient courtside bins are available. Organizations also want to be part of a cost-effective green solution. In short, there needs to be an economical, universally adopted initiative to collect, recycle, reuse and publicize a national initiative – one that will inspire the US tennis community to change habits and stop trashing tennis balls.

As mentioned before, VP kept 3000 tennis balls out of the landfill along with many of our other East Valley Tennis Clubs.

Fundraising – I am thrilled to share with you the success of our fundraising efforts this year. Through our collective dedication and generosity, VP Tennis Club raised an impressive \$1,680 for the PASSkids organization. In addition to the monetary donation, we also contributed 100 sleeves of tennis balls, further supporting their cause.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to this achievement. Whether you volunteered your time at fundraising events or made monetary contributions, your efforts have made a tangible difference in the lives of PASS kids and their families. Your generosity and compassion exemplify the spirit of our club, and I am incredibly proud to be a part of such a caring community.

Co-President’s Report – Karalee Drdul

Facilities – Thanks again to Ron Christiaens and his team for all their hard work throughout the season. Note that some final cleanup events will be done next week, with the screens being rolled up on March 12 and the east courts furniture being put into storage on March 15. Nets will be stored and the ball machines will be put away until the fall, when we can restock them with new balls. Some courts will continue to be available for summer use, but Court Reserve will not be available after April 1.

Capital Projects – big thanks to our team of Jan Allan, Deena Burns, Paul Bondy and Phil Olson for all the time and effort it has taken to refresh our east courts patio area. Thanks also to Carl Morton for drawing up plans for a patio extension with seating and a firepit. We will continue to pursue improvements with VP management this spring and again next fall.

Survey – as we have mentioned earlier this year, we want to encourage every member to take a few minutes to complete an online satisfaction survey. We will thoroughly analyze the survey results, compare them with our previous surveys, and of course share a summary with you. The survey will open tomorrow for a week (March 7 – 14) so watch your e-mail for a message through Court Reserve. It is noteworthy that in both previous surveys (2015 & 2018), the member feedback was used to make adjustments to our Club, so please respond!

Policy updates – when we agreed to stand for these positions last spring, we noted that we would consider this to be an experiment for this year, which was not strictly in accordance with the current Bylaws. Because we have found it to be a credible model, we would like to make an official change to make it legal.

M/S Karalee Drdul/Pam Wolfe “that the Bylaws be amended to include a statement under Section V. that ‘The candidates for President and Vice President may elect to share the duties of those roles as Co-Presidents.’” **Carried**

EVSTL - EVSTL will be meeting next week, where decisions will be made about a move up/move down policy proposal. We will meet with the new captains on Friday March 15 at 10:30 in the Gathering room at Northpoint and will share any updates from the EVSTL. All league players should be called to a meeting over the next week to elect your captains for next year. Note that the EVSTL season starts November 4, and is likely to end March 7. Dates will be confirmed next week as well.

Committee Reports

Recruitment Committee Report - Enzo Delaurentiis announced that the winner of the recruitment contest was the 3.5 women’s team, who brought in 11 new members.

Nominating Committee Report & Elections

- Thank you to Bob Allan, Ralph Sharp and Donna Kuper for securing nominations.
- The Executive Committee for the 2024/2025 season (1 year terms) are:
 - o Christine Winslow – Secretary (by acclamation)
 - o Linda Rice – Treasurer (by acclamation)
 - o Karalee Drdul/Bev Olson – Co-presidents (by acclamation)

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.