

VPTC Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024 @3:30pm, Northpoint Multipurpose Room

Co-President Karalee Drdul called the meeting to order at 3:30pm
All league teams were represented except VP W 4.5.
No park teams were represented

M/S Ev Wright/Kate Sloan to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting from November 30, 2023. **Carried**

Treasurer's Report (Linda Rice)

Total paid members as of this date: 277

Balances – Bank balance as of \$15K

Calendar Review of Upcoming Events (Activity calendar is on VPTC web site.)

December 2023 Recap: In-park Tournament-Winter Games, Christmas Breakfast and POO Tournament

January

13 Sat 9 am: LW/CM Invitational E & W Cts – Hosted by 3.0MW2 & 3.0Pk – 9 courts, 7 hours

20 Sat 11 am: Viewpoint Appreciation Day at ASU Women's Tennis Match in Tempe

21 Sun 10:30am : Competitive Mixed Doubles begins E Cts

~~21 Sun 12-1:15 pm: ATGA Racquet Demos E Cts Ev Wright~~ **MOVED to Feb 25**

~~22 Mon 4 pm: General Meeting NPt MP Pres~~ **CANCELLED**

26 Fri 4:30 pm: Games & BBQ E Cts 3.5M Pk Chillin and Grillin

February

10 Sat 9 am: InPark Tourney "It Starts With Love" E Cts 3.5MW1

Old Business

- **Technology update** – court usage: please remind your teams about policy – only once per day in prime times / league courts: please notify Wendy as soon as you know you won't need your allocation. You can look up to a month ahead to see how many courts are booked for you, so if you think you may need another court, please notify Wendy. However, if any court change request may require cancellation for someone else, please send your request to me. Our tech people are not responsible for those decisions.

- **Budget** – seem to be within budgets for all areas except tennis balls and social events. Have used 70% of balls purchased, but have 50% of season remaining. Will allocate other funds if needed. Social events have been so popular this year that we will need to charge a \$5 fee for all remaining events involving food.

-**Medical info** – AED has been placed in the women's washroom.

-**Ball machine review** – cords to be left on fences, issues to be reported to Gord Mann.

-**Court allocation** – If your team does not need all the courts assigned to you on any given day, please let Wendy Anderson know so they can be released. Bal and Wendy are not responsible for kicking people off allocated courts – contact Karalee

Capital projects update – Here is a recap of the co-presidents' meeting with General Manager Cheri V. in December:

- VP has a couple of "extra" fountains with filling stations available and one can be installed this year.

- The maintenance crew repaired the ceiling that was sagging etc. It looks like they will be back to paint over the screw holes and white patches shortly, but at least the roof won't be falling in on us!
- Only outside electricians can do the work of replacing the lights/fans; Cheri will get a quote on that - probably for 2025 year
- Kitchen improvements including installation of a dishwasher will go into the 2025 budget requests cycle; some inspections will be required by the health people to make sure bacteria doesn't grow.
- Electricians will have to check the wiring to know if two overhead heaters can be installed in the patio area in place of the portable acorn heaters.
- They do not use any commercial suppliers for furniture - just look around for best deal - so we are free to go ahead with that if we can find something we like and can afford.
- We also brought to her attention our wish to expand the seating area, by extending the patio westward towards court 6, adding a sunshade similar to the ballpark/dog park, and a firepit similar to other park areas. She told us that if we wanted to have this project included in the 2025 budget requests, we need to have a simple drawing (with some measurements and perhaps estimated materials needed) done up as soon as possible. Thanks to Carl Morton and Phil Olson for preparing a proposal that we were able to submit the following week.

New Business

- **Tournament updates** – POO tournament had over 60 players, lots of fun and even made a small profit! Fiesta invitational largest event this year so far, with over 180 players. Valentine in-park planning is well underway, will be \$5 for all tickets.
- **Mixed Doubles** start delayed to Jan 21 – response to request from last spring's teams who entered SSV Mixed Doubles, to have a few chances in advance of that tournament to play organized MD. So we are offering five Sunday mornings to sign up with a partner who would be interested in playing competitive MD at any level; depending on response, courts will be reserved at 9am and 10:30am; format would be playing a full match to better prepare for a real league event. You can decide each week up to the day before if you want to play that week. Details will be on Court Reserve.
- **End of season survey** – longer term members may recall that we did full Club surveys in 2015 and 2018. Strong organizations try to do this every three years, but obviously we couldn't do that in 2021, so we want to get back on that track and gather the opinions of all club members to help us plan for the future. The survey will open February 15 for a week, and then we will have a month to review/analyze results and communicate back to the membership.
- **Redraw-roster update** – Captains, please update Tenniscores with playing members. If you know a player will not play for the season, they should be removed. Send an email to Bonita, and she will forward it to the EVSTL executive (Brenda Wiley) responsible for removing names. There is a cost associated with having people in Tenniscores, so accuracy is crucial.
- **Rainy day procedures** – review handbook, plan ahead in case of rain! Keys to shed are held by Ron Christiaens, Dale Mahlow, Bev Olson and Karalee Drdul if you need to get access to the vacuums/blowers. Squeegees are in the ball machine area. It is the responsibility of teams to clean the courts. It was suggested that we put a couple of squeegees in west shed.
- **Borrowing players** – please be aware of procedures for players being called up to fill in missing lines; you must notify the other team's captain and would be wise to consult with that captain as well. The first sub should be from the team of the same

level, if there is one, and then to the Extra Board. The last resort should be looking for subs from a lower level team. The opportunity to play up should be shared with any members who have expressed a wish to do that, which can be confirmed by talking with the captain.

- **Round robin coordinators** are in charge of inviting any higher or lower level players if the courts are not full 24 hours ahead of time. Any invited players should NOT sign up on CR, but rather be in communication with the coordinator. Captains should direct any inquiries about playing up to the appropriate coordinator. These opportunities should also be shared amongst all players who are interested in possibly moving up.

- **EVSTL feedback to upcoming meeting** (season start/end dates, single gender teams), would like to recommend we start Nov 4 and finish March 7, with a 2-week Christmas break. The early start in October past two years has been very difficult as many players are not planning to arrive that soon. Agreed by consensus.
Also we have heard lots of concerns about imbalanced schedules this year, due to having various sized teams to try and fit together. Any opinion about returning to single-gendered teams as we had the past couple of years? Agreed by consensus.

- **Reminder: EVSTL looking for a VPres**

Committee Reports

Coaching – Coaches meeting next week.

Recognition – Wendy Dyck will be coming around in January with nomination forms for two recognition awards: Inspirational award – ex. Someone who took on a job that has made a difference and Builder award – Member has gone above and beyond in more than one area for the Club. Nomination form is on VPTC website under Forms, and also in top drawer of shed file cabinet. Drop off completed forms at Karalee's house. Presentations will be held at a reception prior to March 4 general meeting.

Recruitment – Enzo reports that Sandy Larkin's 3.5 Women's team is in the lead with Lorna Baird's 2.0 team in second.

Team Feedback

General opinion was that one invitational opportunity per season is enough, but more in-parks desired.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th at 3:30pm.