

**Greater Portland City League Tennis Association
Board Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2024

Call to Order: Patricia McKinnon called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. A Zoom meeting was held due to icy weather conditions throughout the area.

Members Present on Zoom: Patricia McKinnon, Patty Morrison, Teresa Darling, Ellen Mullherin, Joy Kolesnikoff, Tara De La Rosa, Penny Birkhofer, Kate Hunter, and Elaine Sibley.

Members Absent: Alisa Rakoz, Linda Brumder, Cindy Dorado. Timothea Barnatan

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from November 16, 2023, were approved as corrected.

Officer Reports

President, Patricia McKinnon:

- Cascade Athletic Club has converted 2 of its tennis courts to pickleball. Columbia Gorge has two teams that play at CAC. Patricia confirmed with CAC that they would continue to host City League teams through the 2023-2024 season. We were advised pickleball would not be scheduled during CL matches.

Vice President, Patty Morrison: Our scheduled Brunch date of Wednesday, August 14, 2024, has been confirmed with Club Green Meadows. Patty will be requesting assistance from Board members.

Recording Secretary, Patricia McKinnon for Timothea Barnatan: Nothing to report.

Treasurer, Penny Birkhofer: One check written for the PO Box rental, and one for the November Board meeting lunches.

Website Coordinator, Teresa Darling:

- Teresa reported that there were 91 players added to teams in the fall session. There were five matches rescheduled in the fall, including one carryover match which was partially rescheduled from the fall session to the spring due to a power outage at Lake Oswego.
- After the Mid-Season Roster Update period, there are 1,936 players registered. Captains may request up to 3 player additions through March 29. Due to the bad weather in January there are six Spring session matches that need to be rescheduled.

Resolution Coordinator, Elaine Sibley: **There were no formal complaints.**

New Business

Website

- The present “Shout Out” on the website is dated and will be removed. Captains will be encouraged to submit a new positive match experience to their division reps.
- There are seven available teams for the 2024-2025 season: C, D, E, G, G, H and J. This information will be posted to the City League website home page.

Old Business

S Division Review The discussion of the future of the S Division will be held over to the February meeting. If needed, Kelly Buhlmann may be invited to participate as she was an active participant in the origin of the S division. Board members will receive background information on the S Division prior to the February meeting.

The following possible rule changes will be referred to the Rules Committee and discussed at a future board meeting.

- Increase the number of players added to a team after registration is closed.
- Clarify the order of play in the second round of a match.
- Resolve match ending scoring.

Division Reports

A & B – Cindy Dorado: One match scheduled for January 17 to be rescheduled due to weather.

C – Teresa Darling: Nothing to report

D – Patty Morrison: Two matches scheduled for January 17 to be re-scheduled due to weather.

E – Alisa Rakoz: Court light failure at LO/PAC match required re-scheduling.

F – Ellen Mulherin: One match scheduled for January 17 to be rescheduled due to weather.

G – Joy Kohlesnikoff: Nothing to report.

H – Tara De La Rosa: Two matches scheduled for January 16 to be rescheduled due to weather.

I – Linda Brumder: LO team inquired how to handle one of their players grunting loudly. Linda referred them to USTA rules and to have the club/team resolve the issue.

J – Timothea Barnatan: During a match at PAC, a MPRC player fell and was injured. Players reported that the court was slippery. The player and conditions were evaluated, and the match continued. The board was reminded of a 2022-23 formal complaint decision advising there is no CL rule or regulation which addresses the physical facilities of participating tennis clubs. While the safety of players is a priority, the CL Board does not have authority over the management of participating clubs whether private or publicly owned.

K – Penny Birkhofer: Nothing to report.

S – Elaine Sibley: Nothing to report .

The meeting was adjourned 11:57 a.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at The Irvington Club.