

Tennis Committee

Minutes from August 14, 2017 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Jeff Kamys, Janet Bosnich, Kent Castle, Peggy Hodel, Larry LaVine, Paola Kendrick, Beth Huber, Jeff Birkenseer, Liz Collins (Board Rep) and Chris Horne, GM.

Welcome Chris Horne! Jeff opened the meeting with a hearty welcome to new GM Chris Horne. Chris said he was glad to be here and there was no shortage of things for him to accomplish! He then reported that the 18+ Districts which MTC hosted was a success in the eyes of USTA who received great feedback from the participants, spectators etc. He thanked the staff and everyone who volunteered at the tournament. It was also financially successful given members alone had \$1,800 of charges over the weekend! Projections could be that MTC, the cafeteria, brought in approximately \$5,000 in 3 days though no final counts yet.

Best of all – the 4.0 men’s team under Paul Ross and Jeff Kamys are going to sectionals!! Jeff Kamys reported that the team’s ability to recruit outside players has also resulted in two new members – Oliver and Josh! Welcome!

Chris also reported that today the contractors broke ground on the lighting project of the back courts. Though everyone was initially told that the project would take 5 days – they now estimate maybe two weeks. Chris will know more tomorrow after the contractors return to the site. Jeff Kent is working closely with him on the project also. They will evaluate ways to phase in the project or other options so as to reduce the down time of the courts for members.

Chris is also hoping to continue building a relationship with Dominican to enhance our abilities to use their courts. Jeff K also proposed promoting their gym at a discount rate to our members and for recruiting purposes.

Chris also said that once the lights were in that MTC might try putting usta matches in the back given we now have the beer garden where spectators can sit, especially for summer matches.

Liz Collins reported that the Board reviewed but did yet approve the rescission of the 2 year captain rule because it wanted further clarification. She said the Board is meeting on the 31st and will review it at that time. Jeff K reiterated that the rule took out a lot of good captains who also do a lot for the social aspect of the club. He also restated that if anyone abuses their captainship that it would be dealt with by the TC on an individual basis. The committee felt strongly in their vote to rescind the rule.

Team Scheduling – Peggy and Chris will coordinate the up-coming scheduling of matches for the 40+ mixed, 70+ and combo teams.

Team sign ups – the committee discussed ways to change the captaining and signing-up process for teams though no change was solidified. It was also discussed that there are not enough social teams but most are registered as competitive. The committee will address this further before the next round of sign-ups.

Liaisons and Team Status

Paola volunteered to be the liaison for Marin League; Beth Huber for SNM.

Women's 7.5 – during the meeting Margaret Bender stepped up to captain a second combo 7.5 team. Her team was registered after the meeting. There are 31 sign-ups on Suzanne Ross' team so plenty of players to fill 2 rosters.

Women's 6.5 – status is good. Janet is the liaison

Men's 7.5 – Keith Denkler/Jeff Kamys and Rich Hoffman are captaining 2 teams. Liaisons are Jeff K and Kent Castle. Projecting there will be 2 strong teams.

Women's 8.5 – 25 players have registered; Janet Bosnich the liaison. The team is viable; however, there are not enough sign-ups to support a second team.

Men's 8.5 is viable; Jeff K is the liaison.

Women's 9.5 could use a few more players especially 5.0s. Krysten is apparently recruiting additional players. Janet Bosnich is the liaison.

Mixed 40+

Mixed 6.0 – is a viable team – Jeff K is liaison

Mixed 7.0 – Kent/Janet are liaison – Beth has a viable and Mina's team will be viable also.

Mixed 8.0 – need 3 teams – have good players to play – so Mike Andreson is going to captain with Mina. Jeff B is liaison

Mixed 9.0 - Sam Pleasure is captaining and Jeff K is liaison

70+

Men's 3.5 - Lyle is captain and has always formed a successful team. Kent is liaison

Women's 3.5 – Terrye Light is captaining and needs a few more recruits. Beth will work with Terrye as the liaison.

Women's 4.0 is captained by Diane Fass. Diane has a history of also captaining this team successfully. Paola is liaison and will work with Diane on recruiting the team.

Tennis Pros – the Committee and Chris H discussed ways to get the tennis pros more involved with the teams. Beth stated that the 3.5s have always worked with the pros – Paola chimed in that last year Devin captained the 4.5 team – he did everything. Both agreed working with a pro was very successful. Chris said he had other ideas he'd bring forward regarding the pros and was working with Devin on some of those ideas.

Larry brought up that he'd heard that Chris wanted to change drop-in on Sunday – Chris explained that he'd like to get the pros involved at least every other week for a nominal fee to participate. He described the program that was running in Petaluma which he felt was successful. The ideas are still being developed.

Tuesday afternoon tennis – Larry also brought up the Tuesday afternoon tennis group. Again, the committee was concerned that the group was organized for a select few. The committee unanimously agreed that such groups should be open to everyone or else no special privileges, including allowing outside players to attend without paying visitor fees, should be allowed. The committee requested that Chris tactfully handle this with the organizers and also recommend to the board that any social tennis event needs to be all inclusive!

Beth will up-date the list of team liaisons after the meeting. Jeff K requested that members follow up with their respective teams to ensure they are viable.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.