

Executive Committee Emergency Meeting December 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Shelly Wolfson at 1:00 p.m. Present were Janyne Hoff, Linda McCloskey, Kelly Harrison, Terry Easson, Doug Easson, Shelly Wolfson, Diane Wolfson and Dean Whited. Don and Sue Burrough were in attendance over the phone.

The meeting was called to discuss Covid and what position Silveridge Tennis has on the issue. Silveridge's current position regarding Covid in general is we encourage everyone to be vaccinated but that is as far as it goes. We came across a situation this week that was brought to the attention of the executive where we have one of our own players not vaccinated.

A discussion was held. There are a lot of unanswered questions. Do we need to be aware of each park's vaccination status? Concern if we end up creating a situation where we apply different rules for different teams. Do we require proof of vaccination or just take their word for it? Don't think anyone wants to become vaccine police.

Some players and/or captains already asking their opposition whether the team has been vaccinated. Do we want to have to do this every time or does it depend on the team playing? What happens if they refuse to provide an answer?

Question was raised if a game is forfeited because our team did not want to play them because of their vaccination status, what would happen to the game in TenCap? Forfeiture before the game starts should not count against TenCap. Shelly will bring this issue up at the next EVSTL meeting.

Should any specific policy regarding Covid come from EVSTL and apply to all parks? Right now, EVSTL has not created a Covid Policy. They are leaving it up to individual parks.

The onus on what to do may end up being up to the captain at each level. Each team could discuss the issue and determine how they want to handle the situation. The captain might then have to deal with it. If a member of one of Silveridge's own teams is not vaccinated (captain or player), this could create complications as they may have a different viewpoint. When discussing the issue, need to decide how to handle the situation within a) their own team and b) the opposition.

Need to consider teams that are combined with SVE. Can we impose a Silveridge Covid policy on another park? Heard that SVE was going to vote on Covid guidelines at their general meeting. Not sure of the outcome. Kelly will check with Bob Henry (from SVE) to see if we can get a copy of what SVE is doing. May want to consider SVE's Covid policy when coming up with our own.

MOTION TO RESEARCH SVE COVID POLICY AND THEN SEND AN EMAIL TO SR EXECUTIVE TO DETERMINE HOW TO HANDLE SR COVID POLICY

Kelly Harrison/Janyne Hoff

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Discussion held on once the executive comes up with a Covid policy, should it be a done deal or brought to the January general meeting? Determined it will be brought to the general meeting for a vote.

Action Item #2021-04 – Prepare Covid Policy for presentation at General Meeting in January, 2022

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Shelly attending an Advisory Meeting of EVSTL to discuss the issue of shrinking membership and small parks versus big parks. A person who runs a 1.5 and 2.0 beginner program has been invited to the meeting to see if they can provide any help.

Need to determine how to handle some of the issues with big park versus small parks. Question was raised if the rule about needing 7 men and 5 women before having a team still applies. At some levels SR doesn't come close to this. Maybe we need to look at amalgamating more small parks together.

The issue of being reevaluated for a player's TenCap number either up or down may come up. Some players will not have played for close to two years by the time they start playing in January 2022 and some players have continued to play and improve their level of play. The first four games in January may have a huge impact as all players confidence levels are being reset.

As a club we need to decide what we want to do about food and beverage when SR hosts games. At the least, we should be providing coffee and water for teams and maybe prepackaged food. Could put a bottle of hand sanitizer out with a sign asking people to only handle the food they will be taking. Janyne will research the cost of prepackaged food and then the executive can have a discussion through email.

Action Item #2021-05 – Decide how to handle food and beverage for games hosted at SR

MOTION TO ADJOURN 2:00 P.M.

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