

Silveridge Tennis Executive Committee Minutes January 8, 2025

Present: Terry Easson, Marty Houle, Linda McCloskey, Doug Easson, Rob Foy, Helen Solis, Mike LeBlanc, Dale Hillstrom

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. in Room 4.

Motion to approve Agenda for this meeting with the Addition of Waivers under New Business.

Marty Houle / Rob Foy

CARRIED

Motion to approve minutes of December 4, 2024, as presented.

Rob Foy/Mike LeBlanc

CARRIED

Reports

President

When Terry opened the kitchen this morning to set up for the 3.0 Tennis Match, the floor was flooded due to a leak. Not sure what happened to cause the leak. The Park Maintenance Manager was advised about the leak and promised his workers would be there tomorrow morning to fix it.

As a member of the East Valley Senior Tennis League (EVSTL) President's Advisory Committee, Terry met with this committee last week. A lot of discussion was held regarding affiliates (an affiliate player is an individual player who does not reside in an EVSTL member park and has been approved as an affiliate player to play in EVSTL league play). There is one president in particular who is pushing to get rid of affiliates completely as they feel they are not needed. The feeling is that if an EVSTL member park does not have enough players to field a team, the member park should merge with another member park, rather than relying on affiliate players. Silveridge's (SR) association with Fountain of the Sun (FOS) would not be affected by any decision on affiliates as SR and FOS are merged at the resort level, not at the individual player level. However, SR does have a couple of players affiliated with us at the individual level, so they would be affected. As more details are known, Terry will share.

There was an issue with scores being entered incorrectly at the 3.5 Men level. The SR 3.5 captain has been attempting to get the score corrected but hasn't heard back from the other captain. Terry, as President, got involved with this and has been in contact with her corresponding President of the other member park. Hopefully, the problem is fixed soon.

Vice President – Marty reported a deposit was made recently from can sales. Marty would like us to consider reimbursing Richard for gas when using his truck to bring cans in. Marty wanted to remind everyone about the Pizza Party/Fun Day on Saturday January 18th.

Treasurer – Linda McCloskey reported we currently have 60 members paid. Treasurer report filed for audit.

East Valley Rep/Tenniscotes Coordinator – There were two new players added to Tenniscotes.

Property Manager – Doug mentioned that there have been a few coffee, etc. spills on the tennis courts lately. A comment was made that, realistically, only water should be brought onto the courts but that would be hard to control. Anyone who spills liquid on the tennis courts should clean it up right away. Terry will mention this in one of her messages, but it is not only SR tennis players who are spilling stuff. Maybe we should consider posting a sign?

A new Head Band was installed on Court 1.

Fundraising – No fundraising is currently being planned.

Rating Committee – A tennis player can request a rerating once per year. A discussion was held on whether the Board should be encouraging this to happen or let the Tenniscotes system do it's job using the Move Up/Move Down criteria. Decision was made to let the Tenniscotes system work as it was designed to.

Web Site – Discussion was held on who gets the emails that Rob sends out. Some of the people on the list are no longer tennis players or even residents of SR. Decision to keep these people on the list until they tell us they no longer want to get the messages.

Player Development – Scott Schweigert has offered to continue to provide tennis lessons as he did last year. Terry will mention this in one of her messages. Players will be responsible for contacting Scott directly and he will set up times with the player.

Scheduling – The Resort (TR) may want to have another 2.5 Level home game here at SR. Terry will be in contact with their President about this.

Recruitment – The Club Expo is next Saturday. Hopefully, the Expo will provide tennis with some much needed exposure.

Team Representatives – No reports.

Old Business

Tennis Shirts – The first batch of tennis shirts are complete except for a couple where shirt sizes are on backorder. Terry will be getting the shirts today/tomorrow and handing them out.

New Business

Social Play Messages – A comment was put on the schedule down on the Tennis Board about what happened to Social and All Play? The attendance at Social Play (in the morning) and All Play (in the afternoon) has not been great, so we need to think of another way of attracting people to come out and play. Some days there would be no one show up. We need to get our courts used.

Marty has had good success getting people to come out to play with the email messages he sends. After

discussion, it was decided he would continue with this and set up a group for lower-level players as well. Terry will include in her next message something about what we are trying to do with this experiment. If it doesn't work, we can always go back to listing Social Play times. Players are also always welcome to book the courts for their own groups.

Backboard on Court 3 - A suggestion was made from a few people that Tennis consider installing a backboard like Pickle ball has. It could be placed on Court 3. Terry will approach Pickleball and SR Management about what is required to do this.

Silveridge Versus The Resort – Bagel Billy – Armand Granier has volunteered to organize this event. He needs to know what type of budget we can provide. He is suggesting SR participants cover the cost of their meal and another one for TR participants. This has been done before. Terry will work with Armand on this.

Waivers – The issue of whether tennis players should be signing a waiver before playing on our courts was brought up again. Sunland Village East makes everyone sign one. This is a requirement from their Homeowners Association. Discussion held. It is not only paid members and other EVSTL players who play on our courts (that we could get to sign a waiver). At the very least, maybe we should have a sign saying, “Play At Your Own Risk”.

General Discussion

SR Tennis needs to “think outside of the box” on ways of increasing our membership. Some think part of the reason SR Pickleball’s membership numbers are so high is because they have a rule that says you need to be a member if you want to play on their courts (except for a small time frame where open play is allowed). So, people who are only here for a couple of days are paying and being registered as a Pickleball member. Our bylaws state: “Neither guests of a club member nor a resident for less than three (3) weeks of the Club’s fiscal year are eligible for membership.” Should we be look at changing this? Will need to be discussed at a future meeting.

A discussion was held on having some recognition of people who have contributed a lot to SR Tennis. They could become Honorary Members. Could even put their name on a plaque. SR Tennis should set up a committee to consider this issue and set criteria for becoming an Honorary Member. Need to make sure we are not padding our membership just to increase the numbers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Easson, President
Helen Solis, Secretary