

Lake Oswego City League Board Meeting

May 22, 2014

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:45pm – Mercantile Atrium

Present: Ellen McPherson, Kelly Buhlmann, Barb Hart, Barb Streeter, Marianne Conroy & Patty Mamula

Kelly's Agenda for the Meeting:

LOTTC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 22, 2014 @ 3:45, Mercantile Atrium

Corrections and approval of April minutes

Continuing Business:

Website – Reimburse Marianne

Board rotation – Two volunteers (Sherri S. and Cindy D.), more?

GPCL Representative

Additional Committee update?

New Business:

Review process - Discussion of options for two E divisions, waitlist, team numbers, utility players, and letter to all players (including opportunity to serve on LOTTC Board)

Rules – For next year- readdress rule on forced movement (Barb S.)

May Board Minutes:

Amendment to April's Minutes

1. Sherri Sacconaghi's name was misspelled.

Website Reimbursement

1. Kelly Buhlmann reimbursed Marianne for the cost of implementing the new Lake Oswego City League website. \$93.39 for one year.
2. Will revisit the usefulness of the website prior to renewing it for a second year.

LOTB Board Rotation

1. Notice of opportunity for new board members was posted on the bulletin board. No response.
2. Barb S. will move off the board, replaced by the new Captain's Chair – who will be elected by the new captains. Preferably would come from G, I or J teams per rotation schedule in the Bylaws.
3. Barb Hart will move off the board – she was an extra person – will not be replaced.
4. Patty will rotate off the board, replaced by a new representative to be elected by the players.
5. Kelly, Victoria and Marianne will remain on the board for the 2014-15 season.
6. Suggestion to have captains forward an email asking for additional candidates. Should contact Kelly by 6pm Tuesday, May 28. Sherri Sacconaghi, Cindy Dorado and Nora Semonsen have volunteered so far.
7. Voting will take place between Wednesday, May 29 and June 3. Kelly will come up with a ballot by May 29th. Ballots will be available in the lobby and the completed ballots should be placed in the Ballot Box – also in the lobby.

GPCL Representative

1. Sherri Moore will be the LOTC representative to the Greater Portland City League Board.

Marketing – Patty

1. Patty was unable to contact the person about getting something into the May issue of HelloLO about City League tennis. Discussed whether or not it was too late to get it into the June issue since the Team Placement Meeting will be June 4th. Decided it was still OK, since it will be good to have a wait list. Set expectations accordingly.
2. Patty placed the brochure with the pros, at the LOTC office, City Hall, Parks and Rec office, PCC, and at Players in Lake Grove.
3. Poster is up in the LOTC lobby.
4. Article in the LO Review was 4/3/2014 – will try and get a link to it and put that on the LOTC City League website.
5. Patty is going to work on a flyer that has the same information as the brochure. Can put a copy of that on the website. Putting the tri-fold brochure wouldn't be very attractive.

Captains Meeting

1. Held on April 29, 2014 – Minutes from Meeting are in appendix A.
2. All teams were present
3. Victoria led Snapshot training.
4. Discussion of team placement when you have 2 teams at same level was tabled. Barb Streeter (Captain's Chair) asked for input from captains via email.

Team Review Meeting

1. Discussed the issue of two teams in same division. Decided this was a captain's issue and that would be left to the Team Review Committee. Also discussed that waitlisted players would be evaluated by Amy/Ellen/Gerri and they would recommend what level would be appropriate.
2. Need to give captains a count of returning players prior to the meeting. This will allow them to have an idea of how many players they will lose to movement so they can start thinking about impact on their team. Barb S. will email the captains with this information. Need to synch with Ellen's list so we have an accurate number of players.
3. Discussed the number of players available to teams, taking into account returning players, players who are not returning, and the wait listed players. The total was approximately 123 (number keeps changing as new wait list players are added). Given this, there was a motion to recommend that all teams start with 15 players at the beginning of the season. It was seconded and passed.
4. Discussed continuing to use Utility Players – the original proposal said it was a one year fix to the problem of lack of players. Some players are committed to the team, pay their share of team costs, but just cannot make practices. Don't want to drive these people away. Conclusion, if numbers for teams are below 15, teams could petition to extend the U-player option.

Letter to Players

1. Barb S. will email a letter to the players discussing the GPCL rep, balancing teams to 15 players each, the opportunity to serve on LOTC Board and letting players know that there may be movement upward – beyond their comfort zone.

Rules – Mandatory Movement

1. Barb S. asked that we review the Rule that states that you must accept the team placement. Although, you do have the opportunity to appeal, she felt it was too strong. Some players may be stressed by moving to a higher level.

APPENDIX A

Captains Meeting Minutes – April 29th

Captains:

Thank you for attending the captains meeting in April. There are quite a few items that I want to review with all of you so please take your time to read the entire email and respond.

- Please share the city league website with **all** of your team. The address is lotccityleague.org We want to ensure that all players are aware of the website before the review meeting.
- All player commitment forms are due to you by May 15. Please forward the number for returning team members to me by the 16th so that I can create a master list of where players may be needed. I will assume that all teams will want the maximum of 16 players on their team- if this is not true, please indicate that as well.
- At the completion of your final match your stats should be completed and two reports should be sent to the captain of the team above your division and the captain of the team below. You need to send the same reports to Ellen. The reports required are the Individual final stats and the % by position reports. You must also complete the snapshot form for all returning players and will bring those to the review meeting.
- Complete a list of ranking for your team, but do not include subs or those not returning.
- Please input comments regarding other division members who subbed for your team and what the outcome was.
- **The review meeting is scheduled for June 4 @ 9 am in the Santiam room.**

At our meeting we tabled a discussion regarding two teams being in the same division. The question at the time was do we create a strong and weaker team or do we remain comparable in the division. We would like to hear your opinion about two Lake Oswego teams competing against each other, should they be competitive or comparable? Please respond to me only (not all) and I will forward all your opinions to the board. We know that there are strong feelings about either result and would like to get an idea of what you would like to see.

And finally - Ellen Macpherson is retiring at the end of the year and Sandi Yamauchi has graciously agreed to organize a party for her. We would like you all to attend and are asking you to let us know what the date of your team year end party is - we don't want to conflict. Sandy could also use help preparing everything and this is your chance to thank Ellen for all that she has done. If you are interested, please contact Sandy at dsky04@comcast.net. Or you may call her at 503-970-6646.

Thank you.

Barb Streeter