Minutes From LOTC City League Rules Committee Meeting

3:15 Call to Order by Tisa Dorsa Friday, Jan 27 at 3:15

Those attending: Karen Beshears(I), Diane MacDonald(H), Sarah Sklar (C), Linda Christeson (B), Barb Hart (F), Carolyn Alexander (G-Green) Marlayne Bartel( J), Julie Matthews (G Blue), Laurie Lamont, Tisa Dorsa

Changes to LOTCCL Rules proposed by LOTCCL Board

1. **III 11. Captains Rule**

 **Proposed Change**: The current Captain’s Chairperson will coordinate the election of a new Captain’s Chairperson by July 15th who will serve on the LOTC city league Board.

**Discussion:** This date should be changed to help teams and be ready for the season. Position will still alternate between teams. Choosing chairperson is preferable via meeting vs. email as captains many times do not know each other.

**Conclusion:** passed 8-0

**New Wording:** The current Captain’s Chairperson will coordinate the election of a Captain's Chairperson, preferably via a meeting, the election of a new Captain’s Chairperson by July 15th who will serve on the LOTC city league Board.

**2. V. 1. Board of Directors**

 **Proposed Change:** The LOTC City League Board shall consist of six (6) members selected from among the players participating in LOTC City League tennis. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Web/Recording Secretary, Resolution Chairperson, Rules Chairperson and Captain’s Chairperson. The President will be a non-voting position except for breaking a tie.

**Discussion:** Rule will reflect what is currently happening now with 2 people new, 2 people in middle of term and 2 people leaving.

**Conclusion:** Passed 8-0

**3. VI. 1.Team Review Committee**

 **Proposed Change**: The Review Chairperson (appointed) serving on the current LOTCCL board and a captain from each LOTC City League team (or team representative) will be considered the Team Review Committee.

**Discussion:** Change to reflect clear wording so that there is exactly one rep from each team at review meeting

**Conclusion:** passed 7-0, 1 abstain

1. **VII. 2. Rules Committee**

 **Proposed Change:** The Rules Chairperson shall be appointed yearly by the LOTC City League Board and will hold a non-voting position except for breaking a tie.

**Discussion:** wording of elected/re-elected to appointed

**Conclusion:** Failed 8-0

1. **VII. 4. Rules Committee**

 Proposed Change: Members of the Rules Committee cannot be sitting captains (co-captains are allowed).

**Discussion:** Captians/Co-Captians take on so much, other team members should be encouraged help. Should eliminate term limit as teams change and there has been no one ever wanting to be on rules committee for 4+ years

**Conclusion:** Passed 7-1 for new wording below:

New Wording: Members of the Rules Committee cannot be sitting captains or co-captains.

1. **VII. 2. Rules Chairperson**

**New Wording:** The Chairperson shall be be elected/re-elected yearly by the LOTC CL Board and will hold a non-voting position except for breaking a tie and may be re-elected 3 times to serve for a total of 4 consecutive years.

Discussion: wording on elected/reelected vs appointed, and term limits

Conclusion: Passed 8-0

1. **Other Business:**
2. F team has concerns about their low numbers and a couple of rules that haven’t been uniformly enforced and/or questions about the rules.
3. Re: Rule which makes it mandatory to move up at end of season (appeal possible)

**Discussion:** Concern about ambiguity. There is a line on the player form that asks if you want to be considered to move up. This rule should be enforced, changed or removed.

**Conclusion:** Table to next meeting-If F team wants to make a proposed change to wording they will put together a new proposed rule before next meeting.

1. Utility Players-F team requested utility players from board and was denied. The team is uncertain why the request was denied.

**Discussion:** They have many players who are injured and are paying to hold a spot, only 11 playable players. The team often needs subs. Would like to have utility players to offset cost to team for players who are paying but not playing. Committee discussed bank of players below team to use and this was more of a financial request. What is the impact to team when you drop below 11 players mid-season. Should there be utility players allowed? If utility players are allowed, then will team members just sign up to be utility players and avoid paying for whole season? Are there other ways to offset costs?

**Conclusion:** Tabled discussion until next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Recorder: Sarah Sklar