

RCRL Meeting Minutes April 14, 2025

Call to Order

Reading of the Minutes (*ACTION ITEM*)

Carol Tittel, Lucy Goodrow

Financial Report (*ACTION ITEM*)

Jen Wood – Carol Tittel, Cheryl Mitchell

- Low on operating funds
 - Can make withdrawals penalty-free
 - Few more registrations
 - Paid no bills
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Data Administrator Report

Jody Lorenz

- Nothing to report
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Vice President's Report

Janice Lechleiter

- Reviewed End of the Year party plans at Churchill
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President Elect/Secretary's Report

Katie Sullivan

- Reading of the rules
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APPENDIX A – PLAYER RATING

1. Rating Determination:

All players who play in the C2 division must obtain a pro verification for the following league year, notwithstanding the number of matches they may have played. RCRL will arrange verification clinics for C2 players separate from those for the rest of the league. **Each player is responsible for the cost of their own verification and must* use a professional designated by the RCRL Board for this process. Ratings must be recorded on the most recent verification form, provided by the RCRL Board.**

Notes: Approved for vote by Board at May meeting

4. Player Placement:

Player placement shall be as follows: **If a player's USTA rating increases during the RCRL season, they may finish the current season at their existing level but must transition to the appropriate level for the following season.**

Notes: Approved for vote by Board at May meeting

5. Captains' Responsibility:

Captains have the primary responsibility to assure that their players are rostered at the proper rating before they play their first match and are in a division in which they are eligible to play. **Captains are responsible for ensuring their players' ratings are up to date in MatchTime. They must also collect and submit pro verification forms to the RCRL Board data administrator.**

Notes: Approved for vote by Board at May meeting

Section V – Mid Roster Additions

1. Rosters will close at midnight 7 days before the first scheduled match for the Division, ~~and will reopen on October 1. They will remain open for the addition of players through March 31.~~ **There will be no registration closure until March 31.** Players may be added by signing up and paying a roster fee on the online team management system, so long as the maximum roster size is not exceeded.

Notes: Approved for vote by Board at May meeting

Section VI – Match Play

2. Tiebreaks:

Coman tiebreaks will be used where the players change ends after the first point and then after every four points until the conclusion of the tiebreak.

a. "Set Tiebreak" is defined as first team to win 7 points by a margin of at least 2 points. The 7-Point Set Tiebreak will be in effect any time that the score reaches "6-6" in any set.

b. "Match Tiebreak" is defined as first team to win 10 points by a margin of at least 2 points. If the match is tied at one set each, a third deciding set will be played unless at the time the ball goes out of play in the second set, there are only 45 minutes or less of remaining court time. In

that case, a 10-point Match Tiebreak will be played in lieu of a third set. **To expedite play, if all four players agree, they may opt to not switch sides during a Match Tiebreak.**

Notes: Approved for vote by Board for May meeting

Section IV – Team Formation

B. Division Placement of Teams and Movement (Percentage System)

5. The Board will place teams into divisions using the following rules and priorities:

c. Mandatory Move Down Teams:

A Returning Team which achieved less than 25% winning percentage in the prior year must move down one division. This rule does not apply to movement down from the C1 division (or to the B3 division if C1 is vacant).

CHANGE:

A Returning Team which achieved less than 31% winning percentage in the prior year must move down one division. This rule does not apply to movement down from the C1 division (or to the B3 division if C1 is vacant).

Notes: Approved for vote by Board at May meeting

APPENDIX B – SPECIAL RULES FOR PARTICULAR DIVISIONS

Masters Divisions:

2. Players with a USTA rating of 4.5 at the time of the match may only play on Courts 1 and 2 in the Masters I division.

ADD:

- In the Masters I division, 5.0 rated players will only be assigned to court one**
- In the Masters I and Midmasters divisions, 4.5 rated players will only be assigned to courts one or two**
- In the Masters II division, 3.5 rated players will only be assigned to courts one or two**
- In general, top-rated players should be assigned to the top courts**

Notes: ONLY Masters I 4.5 players must play court 1. Remove M2 rule altogether. No need for last bullet - its already addressed in another rule

VI. MATCH PLAY

M. Division Match Days and Times

2. Scheduled matches are to begin no earlier than 9:00 AM and no later than 12:00 PM, with the exception of four Masters divisions, whose matches begin no earlier than 12:00 PM or no later than 1:30 PM. Both captains must agree on any schedule change, and all default rules apply to the new start time.

For home matches hosted by SITC, three courts of a match may start at 11:00 AM, with the fourth court starting at 1:00 PM. The captains must agree on which court will start at 1:00 PM.

Notes: Add MidMasters to rule change – MM plays later in the day. Switch the times. One court will start at 11:00 and three courts start at 1:00.

Past President's Report

Hannah Barnes

- Mary Beth read the most recent slate proposal to board
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President's Report

Alison Scott

- Grant letters
 - Email Patty Hooker
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Director Reports

- **A1 – Cheryl Mitchell (Rebecca Hatch-Purnell):** Nothing. Discussed Bean team
- **A2 – Christie Wafford (Cathy Dalem):** Nothing to report
- **A3 – Carol Tittel (Amy Scheinler):** 1 new member
- **B1 – Lucy Goodrow (Cynthia Vogt):** 1 more make-up match
- **B2 – Amy Sheehan (Laura Brown):** Nothing to report
- **B3 – Mary Beth Arnett (Carly Rutkowske):** Nothing to report
- **M1 – Elizabeth Straub (Diane Calvaruso):** Nothing to report
- **MM – Ellen Fontaine (Julie Rose):** Nothing to report
- **M2 – Peggy Hash (Lisa Steen):** Nothing to report

Adjourn (*ACTION ITEM*)

Carol Tittel, Cheryl Mitchell

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 12th at 5:00 PM at LTC