

CSRA Women's Tennis League Captain's Meeting January 8, 2019

Board Members Attending: Lisa Rowland, Kim Kelly, Marie Berry, Cheryl Gamble

A review of minutes from the Fall meeting was presented. A motion to accept was presented and seconded.

The Treasurer's Report for accounts as of December was \$8407.27. Approximately another \$2000 has been received since the opening of registration for Spring season has begun. The most recent balance is \$10,711.63.

Kim Kelly presented the League Awards to the Champions and Finalists for the Fall 2018 Season

	Champion	Finalist
A Division	Riverview	Augusta Country Club
B Division	Newman	Petersburg Pink
C Division	Fermata	Riverview

Meeting Discussion:

Charitable Contributions: We are currently in good shape for the Spring Tournament. We always give money (usually around \$500) to a charity or charity tournament each year. One from Georgia and one from South Carolina will be chosen. The options discussed were the CAT tournament, Brenda's Angels, the wheelchair tournament. It was also recommended to consider the Ann Taylor Scholarship fund in the future. Presented for vote: GA-Wheelchair Tournament, SC-Brenda's Angels. It was agreed. The Board will get full information for both charities before the money is given out. It was discussed to continue thinking of other charities for the future.

Spring Tournament: The Spring Tournament will be held May 6, 7, 8 (Monday-Wednesday) at Odell Weeks Tennis Center. Please look for emails, more information, and links to sign up in the future. Last year 98 players participated. The league is aiming to have 100 participants in attendance this year. It is encouraged for everyone to come out and support the players/teams. Lunch is provided every day for all members of the league, not just the players. Silver Palm is going to be considered again as the caterer. It is owned by Newman Captain Judi Peckel's son. The tournament is fun. There is good food, prizes, gifts. Ideas for gifts were discussed. Ideas included lens cleaners, tennis towels, etc. Will contact Julie Matson for ideas,

Rita recommended the Crestline Catalog (<http://www.crestline.com>), Jade with Cute Tennis Stuff may also have ideas, Kim has local contact she will also reach out to. We need a tournament winner/runner up gift idea also.

Weather Conditions/Rules of Play/Reschedules , cancellations: The Fall season was very, very rainy and getting make ups complete was hard. It was reviewed that although make up dates are available and presented, a match can still be made up at the discretion of captains. (i.e. it can be made up at a different time and all lines do not have to play on the same day) Please also try to be nice and considerate. This is a social league. Is it possible to delay play for an hour or two vs. completely canceling match, etc. As the Spring season gets underway, please consider a later start time as temperatures are more extreme. Also, if you must reschedule or cancel, please be sure to notify the league secretaries.

3-slot rule discussion: It has been suggested that the league reconsider the 3-slot rule. This will be brought to a vote at the Fall Captain's meeting so please think about it and ponder as the season gets underway. Are teams experiencing real challenges with this or is it not a hindrance? Currently a team can break the 3-slot rule twice within a season with prior approval. (a team member can only move up slots, not down). If the 3-slot rule is removed, ranking rules will likely replace it.

B Teams: It has been proposed in the past to move all B Teams to 5 lines instead of 6. Pros and cons were discussed for this season. All B team captains present agreed to vote. 3 Yes, 8 No. B team matches will remain at 6 lines.

A League Schedule: Schedule is as presented, 3 available rain dates

B League Schedule: Schedule is as presented, 3 available rain dates

C League Schedule: Schedule will be amended, Woodside Pro has requested no more than 2 home matches in a row.

Captain Discussion: Are teams still required to have lunch? Per league rules, a lunch or snack is to be provided. The answer is yes. A couple of corrections need to be made to the website (CSRAWTL). The link to By-Laws goes to old version. It was suggested to rename Rules of Tennis to CSRAWTL Rules of Tennis (so as not to be confused with USTA rules). The amount of the season fee is incorrect. It currently states \$10 but is actually \$11.

Meeting Adjourned.