

# **LCTA ANNUAL AND CAPTAINS' MEETING MINUTES 2023**

**1-5-23                  6:00 p.m.                  VIA ZOOM**

**Facilitator: Bill Ennis-President**

**Note Taker: Andrea Weinstein-Secretary**

The meeting was opened by LCTA President, Bill Ennis, at 6:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

## **1. 2022 LCTA President's Report: Bill Ennis**

a. Player Growth: Bill reported on the strong growth in the 2022 LCTA membership. In 2022, LCTA had 15,500 active registrations. LCTA had multiple players on multiple teams, dwarfing any other CTA in South Carolina.

b. Referendum Efforts: Bill reported on the efforts that he and other LCTA Board Members made in Mt. Pleasant in regard to the Referendum Proposal which included a provision for new tennis courts at a new facility to be built Rifle Range Road.

c. LCTA Financial Status: Bill reported that the LCTA has had a good financial year ending with a positive balance.

d. Low Registration Fees: Bill reported that the LCTA has ultra low registration fees at \$15 per registration. In a study, 70% of players around the country pay \$25-50 registration per team.

## **2. LCTA Local League Coordinator's Report: Dee Mack**

a. 2023 Spring Leagues: Dee reported that the Spring League Schedules will be published in Mid-January.

b. 2023 Spring Local Championships: Dee announced that the Spring Local Championships dates will be as follows:

1. 18 & over: Thursday, May 4 through Sunday, May 7 (Rain Dates: Thursday, May 11 through Sunday, May 14)

2. 40 & over: Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, April 23 (Rain Dates: Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30)

3. 55 & 70 & over: TBA

c. 2023 Spring Registrations: Dee reported that the following number of teams have been registered per age division:

1. 18 & over: 141

2. 40 & over: 93

3. 55 & over: 63

4. 70 & over: 11

c. Registration Credits: Players having Registration Credits should contact Dee to apply these credits to future registrations.

d. Tennislink Cost Increase: Dee reported that there will be a 15 cents increase per registration for Tennislink starting on January 1, 2023.

e. LCTA Rule Enforcement: Dee reported that LCTA will be enforcing both the Total Team Default Rule and the 2 week Make-up Requirement during the Spring League.

### **3. Grievance Committee Report: Nancy Pitcairn**

a. Nancy reported that the Grievance committee resolved 2 grievances involving captains:

1. In the first grievance, a team captain and an acting team captain agreed to wait for a player who was stuck in several traffic jams. The player arrived at the same time that the captain for the team who had an acting captain arrived. She was not aware that there had been an agreement to wait for the player. She interrupted the court where the acting captain was playing to decipher what had been decided but also checked with 2 LCTA coordinators about the rule and determined that the court should be a forfeit. There was a lot of miscommunication between the captains and the players involved on the court and the players played the match with the understanding that it would just be for fun and that the late player's team would be defaulting the court. In this case, the players should have been instructed to play the match and that the results would count. This was the decision that had been made by the captains on site at lineup exchange. Even though we have a rule for lateness, you ARE permitted to mutually agree to wait for a player who will arrive outside the default deadline.

2. In the second grievance, an argument between two captains after a match escalated so far that a player from one of the teams aggressively approached the other captain and acted in a physically threatening manner and used profanity. The player was assessed two suspension points for her behavior and both captains were reminded about sportsmanlike behavior and not letting situations escalate. Please – just walk away!

b. Nancy also reported that there were grievances filed against several teams for total team defaults. The State requires us to file these grievances and teams will be assessed 2 suspension points for these defaults.

c. Nancy reminded captains that, as reported in the March LCTA newsletter, LCTA is now using the Suspension Point System (Available on our website in the rules and regulations page under the Leagues tab. When a player or a team receives suspension points, that information is forwarded to USTA South Carolina as well. These points are cumulative and can result in suspension from League play.

After a Question & Answer session, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.