

**CSRA Women's Tennis League
Captains Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2008**

INTRODUCTION

President Sheryl Grainger welcomed captains and thanked the Board and the captains for their service over the last season. Sheryl indicated that the League Directory would be passed around for any corrections. Corrections will be e-mailed to captains.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A and C Division Secretary Susan Thomas read an abbreviated version of the minutes from the last Captains Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Susan Odum presented the treasurer's report. The league income for the season was \$4720.00 and expenses were \$5282.96. The balance as of 12/31/07 was \$4860.36. The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation of Awards

Vice-President Ann Bowman presented awards to the season finalists and winners as shown below:

A Division Winner	Petersburg Racquet Club - Yellow
A Division Finalist	Petersburg Racquet Club - Green
B Division Winner	Petersburg Racquet Club - Blue
B Division Finalist	Augusta Country Club
C Division Winner	Augusta Country Club
C Division Finalist	Odell Weeks Tennis Center - Blue

CSRA WTL Day at the \$25,000 Pro Challenger at CRC

Sheryl explained that despite a rainy day about 35 ladies attended the Pro Challenger event at the Club at Rae's Creek in October. Lunch was served.

NEW BUSINESS

Season Match Schedules

Sheryl presented the Spring 2008 schedules for approval. Public school schedules were taken into consideration. She was not able to accommodate all of the holidays for all of the private schools. A motion was made to accept the A Division schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Sheryl presented the C Division schedule. She pointed out that captains may schedule make-up matches on the school holidays of March 7 and March 28 if

both captains agree. A motion was made to accept the C Division schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheryl presented the B Division schedule. She explained that Odell Weeks added a third B Team this year, therefore, the schedule had to be completely redone. Therefore, some teams play similar schedules as in the previous season but all teams have the same home/away matches. Sheryl said that the schedule would be flip-flopped in the fall. A motion was made to accept the B Division schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheryl stated that three raindates have been scheduled for all divisions and that all matches must be completed by Friday, May 23, 2008.

Selection of Nominating Committee

Ann Bowman introduced the ladies who have volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. Volunteers are Berkeley Teston from Augusta Country Club, Carole Wright from the Club at Rae's Creek, Nancy Crawford for Petersburg Racquet Club, Kim Kelly from Newman Tennis Center, and Diane Hess from West Lake Country Club. Sheryl pointed out that since the last two Boards were primarily from Aiken, the goal of the Nominating Committee would be to seek officers (nominees) from Augusta. Past President Rita Greenquist stressed to captains the importance of stepping up to insure continuity for the league.

CSRA WTL Spring Tournament

Sheryl said that Augusta Country Club is prepared to host this year's Spring Tournament May 5-8, 2008. She encouraged everyone to participate and hopefully we can exceed the participation level of last year's tournament.

Season Ending Gifts

Captains who did not receive adequate season ending gifts for their teams could see Sheryl after the meeting. A limited number of gifts are remaining.

USTA Official Rules

Sheryl explained that the USTA is in the process of reprinting the League Rules and copies will be distributed to captains when they are available. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions about the rules of the game, please direct them to Sheryl and she will post questions and answers on the website. Mae Beth Thompson said that she frequently gets questions about what to do after a tie break. Sheryl explained that the tie break counts as the 13th game of the set. Therefore, it counts as a service game for the team that served the first point. The other team will begin serving in the next set. Teams should change sides from their positions when the tie break ended.

REMINDERS

3-Slot Exemption -- Please call your division secretary if at all possible before using the 3-Slot rule Exemption. She will review your tracking sheet to make sure you are using the exemption correctly. If you use the exemption incorrectly, you will lose all 6 positions.

Captains Packets have been distributed today. You have all the information needed for the season. Any corrections to the Directory which will be e-mailed. Team captains have enough address labels for all matches and for mailing rosters. Extra labels were also put in the co-captains packets.

Scorecards may be submitted via the website. Be sure to hit the "Submit Button" at the bottom of the page and print the confirmation page. Diane Hess from West Lake asked that the paper version of the scorecard be updated to allow adequate space. Sheryl said that the Board would see what could be done to provide more space.

Rosters and dues are due the first time a player plays. Captains may submit their complete roster and dues for all players at the beginning of the season if they prefer.

Please read your e-mails in a timely manner.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Debby St.Clair-Zion asked that Sheryl discuss the Charity Tennis Tournament to be held on March 17. Margaret Logan said that each participating team would consist of a 3.0, a 3.5 and a 4.0 doubles team. The cost will be \$30 per player to benefit the Aiken Council on Aging and Helping Hands. Margaret added that there will be a Pro event on Sunday with a Silent Auction. More information will be available on the CSRA WTL website under "tournaments", www.csrawtl.com.

Sheryl reminded captains that there would be a meeting for new captains following this meeting. Anyone interested in a review of procedures is welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Susan Thomas, Secretary