

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials' Association

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018

Attendance: Denise Alexander, Holly Weyhrauch, Carl Beardsley, Mitchell Roth, Mark Benecke, Barb Silvey and Becky Martin.

Absent: Excused - Chris Zablan and Siamak Hajarizadeh

Approval of minutes: Holly made a motion to approve the minutes and Mitch seconded. All approved.

Bank Report: Mark reported a balance of \$ 1,962.86. Two checks were written - \$ 50 for non-profit status and a reimbursement to Denise for Roving Clinic.

UPDATES:

ITA Assignor position filled. The new ITA assignor for Southern Oregon/ U of Oregon is Tony Hernandez. Congrats Tony.

ITA Assignors Annual Assessment Survey: Denise reported that the survey was sent to ITA coaches and ITA officials. The responses were good – no major problems noted. She is now ready to send the collated results to the board and ITA assignors.

Roving Workshop May 6: Denise reported that 6 people attended, including 4 new officials. Anne Burrell-Smith was the USTA trainer and Denise the site organizer.

Chair Workshop scheduled:

- **Date 9/29/18**
- **Discipline: Chair Umpire**
- **Location – Stevens Tennis Center at Gonzaga University (1202 N Superior St. Spokane, WA 99202)**
- **Time – 9am to 5:30pm Pacific Standard time**

Next Chair Workshop will be held in Oregon.

New USTA Certification guidelines for 2019: USTA Certification - Each year USTA Officials must complete the following requirements for the disciplines in which they are seeking a USTA certification.

1. USTA Rover – Must have completed the USTA Roving Workshop and completed 15 days as a Roving Umpire, 5 of which must be USTA events.
2. USTA Referee – Must have completed the USTA Referee II Course and have served as a referee for 3 entire tournaments (one which can be a Deputy Referee)
3. USTA Chair – Must have completed the Chair II Workshop (when available) and must have satisfactory performance as Chair Umpire for at least 15 matches, 5 of which must be USTA events.

Questions regarding recertification include cost, who pays and if the requirements are annual. Denise will explore the above questions.

New Officials Data Bank: NUCULA is going away. The new USTA data bank is called **Officials First** and due to be launched in July. The deadline to enter your data in NUCULA was June 3, 2018.

ITA Recertification: Denise reported that ITA recertification is now available. Certification requirements are the same as last year. USTA Certification – Membership – Test – Webinar – Work record. The new certification starts in September, 2018.

A comment was made that that the New ITA Logo Outerwear is only available in men's sizes.

Updated Newsletter: Denise announced that she is working on an updated Calendar and will include it with the June newsletter.

Cancelled in-person meeting with Sean Cary: Denise announced that her in-person meeting with Sean Cary, head of USTA Officiating was cancelled. It was scheduled to be in Portland. Will reschedule the meeting. It will probably be a conference call. Denise plans to discuss our needs here in PNW.

Tax Return filed: The 2017 tax return was filed. We also paid our non-profit status which was \$50.00.

Questions and Answers:

Board Member ballots: The results from the membership ballots are summarized in an **attachment**. The result will be recorded with the posted minutes.

Oregon ITA Assignor approved by the TOA Board: Mitch made a motion to approve the selection of Tony Hernandez for the position of S. Oregon ITA Assignor. Denise seconded. All approved.

New Grievance Committee: The TOA board selected Carl Beardsley, Barb Silvey and Mitchell Roth to serve on the TOA Grievance Committee.

Grievance with High School Coach: Becky Martin discussed her concern regarding a coach at the High School Championships in Yakima. The coach's behavior was disruptive to the tournament. He harassed the official and refused to leave the site when asked. A summary of his actions was sent to Sam Sambrano, the assignor for the tournament. Sam reported the official's findings and his perception of the event to WIAA and the coach's Athletic Director.

After some discussion, the board agreed that they do not condone harassment behavior towards officials. In addition, they would like to ask WIAA and the Athletic Director to follow up with the coach and report back with the corrective action. Denise will follow-up with Sam to facilitate this action.

New Business:

Nicholas E Powell award: Denise announced that Darryl Kealy has been nominated for the Nicholas E Powell award. She will notify Darryl.

Updates on the TOA website: Denise discussed the need to get updates on the website in a timely fashion. More to follow.

Adjournment: Denise called for meeting adjournment and Mitch seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm.

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2018 Annual Meeting Election

Summary:

Voting was conducted by email between May 5- 18, 2018. The three nominees for the Board of Directors, Denise Alexander, Barb Silvey and Holly Weyrauch were all re- elected to 3 year terms which expire in 2021.

The four Bylaws Amendments all passed unanimously.

Vote Totals:

Ballots Issued: 59 Ballots Returned: 21

Board of Directors Election (3 open seats, expiring 2021)

Denise Alexander* 20 Barb Silvey* 19 Holly Weyrauch* 19

***Elected to 3 year term expiring 2021**

Bylaws Amendments

Amendment #1 † YES 19 No 0

Amendment #2† Yes 19 No 0

Amendment #3† Yes 19 No 0

Amendment #4† Yes 18 No 0

†Approved by 2/3 majority

Prepared by: Mitch Roth May 24, 2018

Next meeting:

July, 11th, Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Conference Call.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Martin