

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials' Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Denise Alexander at 7:05 pm.

Attendance: Denise Alexander, Becky Martin, Mitch Roth, Holly Weyhrauch, Barb Silvey, Carl Beardsley, Mark Benecke, Jill Borgida, Garrett Mau, Mick Horton, Julie Dorr, Robin Okubo, Lisa Paul, Mary Klinger, Ann Cassin and Don Kronenberg.

Excused: Chris Zablan

Unexcused: Siamak Hajarizadeh

Agenda Approval: The agenda was moved for approval by Denise, seconded by Mark B and approved.

Approval of the Minutes: Mitch moved to approve the minutes, Carl seconded and all approved.

Treasurers Report: Mark reported our bank balance to be \$2,207.18.

Updates

TOA Membership: Denise reported an increase of membership to 61. Two officials will not become members because they rarely officiate.

Sectional Awards: Sectional awards were given to Sam Sambrano as the Official of the Year. Greg Van Gasse was awarded Rookie of the Year. Denise commented about the Grass Roots award. She stated that the GRA was awarded to a person who has been nominated for the Nicholas Powell and not selected receives the Grass Roots award by USTA. (We don't have the award from PNWUSTA yet) but our recipient is Darryl Kealy for 2018.

Move to Officials First: We have moved from NUCULA to OfficialsFirst as our data platform. OfficialsFirst offers more selections and is easier to use.

Change to USTA Certification Year: Certification ends September 30th and starts October 1st. We were encouraged to put in all dates you have worked. Only requirement is an eye exam which must be completed by the deadline.

New Certification Levels: New certification level and requirements for each discipline. Comments were made regarding chair work. Some felt there was not enough chair work to meet the requirements.

New Trainee's require notification to Sectional Chair: USTA now requires that trainee's submit documentation of their completed on court training to the sectional chair.

Workshops held in 2018: We held 7 workshops in 2018. Still working on workshops for 2019. Need a referee workshop as well as opportunities to serve a deputy referee. Deputy referee offers no extra pay but provides a venue to learn the deputy position.

Newsletter or announcements: Denise asked the membership what the most effective route of communication – announcements or newsletter. Announcements were the preferred method of communication.

Committees Formed by TOA Members: Committees are chaired by a board member. Denise would like to see non-board members participating on the committees. More to follow.

Rate Increase: Denise would like to propose a rate increase starting 2020. Last increase was 2017. After group discussion, it was agreed to increase the rate from \$ 18.00 to \$ 19.00 per hour. Denise will send out an email to the TOA members to see if they agree with the increase. Increases would be on a 3 year schedule.

Board Of Directors Election – Need nominations for 3 open positions

Mitch explained that the board members have 3 year terms. Mitch would like to run again. However, we need at least 2 more members to run. Open nominations were held. Barbara Anderson (Gig Harbor) and Terry Lack (Colville) were nominated. Mitch would like to get more nominees by April 5th. The names of the nominees will be sent out by the nominating committee for a vote by the membership. Ballots will go out next Monday, April 8th.

Directors Comments

Denise announced that a Referee Workshop will be held at Lakewood RC, Washington on June 1st. Still time to sign up.

Date of next meeting: May 8th at 7:00pm

Adjournment: Denise moved to adjourn, Mitch seconded and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Martin