

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2020

Call to Order: by Denise Alexander at 7:05 pm.

Attendance: Board - Denise Alexander, Barbara Anderson, Mitchell Roth, Siamak Hajarizadeh, Carl Beardsley, Holly Weyhrauch, Scott Pennington. **Absent:** Becky Martin, Barb Silvey.

Members – Terry Lack, Nancy Koeppen, Julie Dorr, Camilla George, Jacob Moya, Tony Hernandez, Mary Klinger, John Rodenberg, Kristen Siebecker, Robin Okubo, Krishnan Gowri, Aparna Palze, John Fovardue.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was adopted with no changes.

Approval of Minutes: March meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Officer and Committee Reports

-- **Treasurer:**

- Barbara reported a balance of \$2,550 minus commitments leaving \$1451 available.

-- **President:**

- Current 2020 TOA Members (61) New Official Prospects (24) Foundation 1 (4) New officials since 2019-March 2020 (12) Officials Retired (3)
- Sectional Awards for 2019 were delayed. The Sectional Awards Committee will call for nominations in May once the TOA BoD election is completed.
- A list of Honorary TOA Members has been approved to receive plaques from the TOA signifying our appreciation for their exemplary service in the PNW Section: **Mark Benecke, Bette Rankin, Paul Wade, Tony Anegon, Dennis Kviz and Cheryl Lepper.**
- A donation was presented from the TOA membership fund to the Owen Klinger Scholarship Fund set up by U. Portland. The TOA Board of Directors reached out to the membership for advice on this decision before taking a vote. We and the membership felt it was an appropriate way to show our support and condolences to the Klinger Family and a respected colleague. Mary Klinger expressed her gratitude for the support from the TOA.
- Effective January 1, 2020 the TOA announced a Section-wide \$1.00 wage increase for all USTA and non-USTA officiating disciplines: *Referee, Roving and Chairs*. Our next wage increase is planned for January, 2022.
- Three Workshops were held since April 2019: Referee, Chair and Lines. One scheduled Roving Workshop was canceled because of lack of registered attendees. At this time USTA has suspended all Workshops and scheduling of Workshops until further notice. Robin Okubo expressed interest in having another Referee workshop.
- A revised document for "*Becoming a Tennis Official in the PNW* " was published and distributed to all TOA Members, New Prospects, the TOA website: pnwtennisofficials.com and to Adam Hutchinson, the PNW/USTA Sectional Chair of Officials. Adam forwarded it to the Competition

team (Leagues, JTT, Tournament TD's) and will find a location on the PNW/USTA website to post. Carl mentioned that he has seen spots on the Weather Channel advertising for officials.

- USTA announced they will be waiving on-court shadowing and training for Foundation 1 officials until further notice. Foundation 1 certified officials will need to pass an Approval Review before receiving their Foundation 2 certification. The designated staff members conducting the reviews will highly recommend that once we are back working, they fulfil this important part of training before applying for any assignments. USTA is also giving a Welcome Package to all new Foundation 2 officials which includes a USTA hat and USTA Officials Polo.
- Even though ITA assignments are over for the season we are still recruiting ITA Officials for the fall schedule and next season. Some information coming from ITA Coaches this year is there will be an increase in Chair officials for dual matches and using far-side line officials for doubles and singles. The procedures for using a line officials were also briefly discussed.
- The ITA Committee held an educational class in January during the kickoff weekend at UW. ITA committee member and trainer Darren Potkey did evaluations for working officials and hosted a two hour class, including dinner, for additional guest officials.
- The ITA Committee did check Officials USTA certifications this year for 2019-2020. Anyone not USTA certified at some level was contacted by the ITA committee that they were not in compliance with ITA certification requirements until the issue was resolved.
- The most recent information for USTA 2021 re-certification requirements was emailed to you. Check OfficialsFirst website to make sure your email is correct on the SafePlay profile.
- A meeting will be scheduled soon with PNW/USTA Chair of Officials, Adam Hutchinson, Vice Chair, Denise Alexander and PNW/USTA JR. Coordinator, Trenton Corvino to discuss the recent increase in impulsive and unsportsmanlike behavior from parents and spectators. The USTA National Jr. Committee is very aware of this trend nationwide and are piloting webinars for parents, and other Jr. spectators, on how to facilitate better behavior through education. At our meeting, I hope to discuss the effects this behavior is having on our Officials and a develop a clearer protocol for Officials to follow when faced with these issues in the Section.

New Business

- **Board of Directors Nominations:** The floor was opened for nominations to fill 3 expiring terms on the Board of Directors. The following individuals accepted nominations: Siamak Hajarizadeh, Carl Beardsley, Robin Okubo, Terry Lack, Camilla George and Tony Hernandez. Nominees will be asked to provide a short bio and statement for the election ballot. The election will be held online and is open to all paid members of the TOA. The results of the election will be reported at the May board meeting.

Directors Comments:

- Mitch thanked Becky Martin for many years of service on the board in multiple roles and especially as Secretary.
- Denise thanked Julie Dorr and Holly Weyrauch for their work in assigning officials and bringing TDs into the TOA.
- Holly expressed thanks to all officials for their cooperation in making assignments.
- Siamak would like to host Zoom online training. Let him know if interested.

- Denise applied for self-employed unemployment benefits in Oregon under the Sports Officials category.
- Holly added more details about the SBA Payroll Protection Plan which is open for application now.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2020 @ 7:00pm PST.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Roth". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mitchell Roth, Secretary