

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2020

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

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

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was amended to include additional items under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: The April minutes were approved with corrections.

Officer and Committee Reports

-- **Treasurer:**

- Barbara reported one new paid member.
- Balance of \$2,581 minus commitments leaving \$1481 available.
- State of Oregon annual report is due in June. Steve Halberg will file and be reimbursed \$50 fee.

-- **President:**

- The new website for completing the SafePlay process for 2020 is: www.usta.com/safeplay . The link has been forwarded to TOA Membership and updated on our website. Officials will also be alerted by USTA SafePlay with reminders when they need to renew.
- Brett Haberstick, USTA Officials Committee member, sent out recent updates to Sectional Chairs to forward to Sectional Officials. The latest update was April 22. Denise will forward the letter and link to TOA membership today.
- Bend Awards and Engraving is still closed. Denise plans to call and see if they can fill the plaque order over the phone or get an update as to when they will be reopening.
- The new voting site ElectionRunner was a big success. We finished with 52 ballots cast from 62 eligible voters for an 84% turnout. Much appreciation to Scott and Mitch for the many hours they spent researching, setting up and testing this site to work for our elections this year.
- New ITA uniform orders can be placed through May 31. Denise will send out a reminder.

-- **Shadow Assignors:** Denise, Becky, Holly, Barb S, Mitch, Camilla

- Denise reported OfficialsFirst shows (5) Foundation 1 Certified, (18) Not Certified. She will forward names to Shadow Assignors for followup.
- Barb will contact (7) prospects who are working on F1. Holly has (6) in Portland and Camilla has (7) new.
- Camilla welcomed new F2 Official and TOA member Margaret Daniels from Mill Creek WA.

--**Workshop Committee**

- On hold, but may restart before tennis.

- Another attempt to persuade the PNW/USTA Section to fund PNW Workshops will be pursued soon. The committee needs a written statement declining funding before contacting the USTA Officials Committee for assistance.

Old Business

- **Board of Directors Election:** Scott provided a report on the election, which used the ElectionRunner software at a cost of \$15. Online voting started on April 17 and closed on May 4. Two automated reminder emails were sent out to non-voters during the election. The election results showed 52 of 62 ballots (84%) returned with the following vote totals: Tony Hernandez (38), Camilla George (35), Siamak Hajarizadeh (31), Terry Lack (25), Robin Okubo (14), Carl Beardsley (5). Tony, Camilla and Siamak were elected to (3) year terms that begin July 1, 2020 and expire June 30, 2023.

Scott also reviewed the election audit report, which checks for irregularities in voting patterns and stated that no fraud alerts were detected. Barb S moved, Mitch 2nd, to accept the election report, express appreciation to all the candidates and authorize reimbursement to Scott for the \$15 fee for using ElectionRunner. Passed unanimously. Scott mentioned the importance of members keeping email addresses up to date so that everyone is able to receive their ballot as well as TOA communications.

The newly elected Board members (Tony and Camilla) will be invited to attend the June meeting as observers. The election report is attached at the end of the minutes.

New Business

- **Zoom Meetings:** Mitch led a discussion on the possibility of moving the Board meetings to Zoom as an alternative to the present teleconference system. The costs and benefits of Zoom were explained and an informal survey that indicated 6 of 9 board members were already using Zoom. The Basic Zoom license is free and allows hosting meetings up to 40 minutes in length. The Pro license allows unlimited meetings, provides cloud recordings and dial-in numbers for phone connections at \$14.99/month, or less if paid annually.

Siamak noted he has a Pro license and could host future meetings. Barb S moved, Scott 2nd, to purchase a Pro license for the pnwtennisofficials email account. Discussion followed on whether to have a trial meeting before buying the license. Siamak or someone else who has a Pro license could host the meeting. Mitch moved to amend the motion to plan to hold the June meeting via Zoom with someone who has a Pro license hosting the meeting and make a decision on the license after the trial. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

- **Zoom Training:** As previously noted, Siamak has a Pro license and offered to schedule some Zoom meetings to learn how to use Zoom and to share information about the latest news on Covid-19 as it affects officials and players.
- **Member Awards:** Nominations are needed for the 2019 Official of the Year and 2019 Rookie Official of the Year. Last year's recipients were Sam Sambrano (Official) and Greg Van Garse (Rookie). Denise and Holly will solicit nominees and Scott offered to help use ElectionRunner if an election is needed. The fee for using ElectionRunner would be \$15.

Directors Comments:

- Carl noted he had received the 1st Covid-19 stimulus check, is filing for unemployment and wondered what experiences others could share.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2020 @ 7:00pm PST via Zoom

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,









Mitchell Roth, Secretary

2020 PNWTOA Board of Directors Election Completed

Results

2020 PNWTOA Board of Directors Election

Option	Votes	
 Tony Hernandez	26%	(38)
 Camilla George	24%	(35)
 Siamak Hajarizadeh	21%	(31)
 Terry Lack	17%	(25)
 Robert "Robin" Okubo	9%	(14)
 Carl Beardsley	3%	(5)

