

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020

Call to Order: by Denise Alexander at 7:10 pm.

Attendance: Denise Alexander, Barbara Anderson, Mitchell Roth, Siamak Hajarizadeh, Carl Beardsley, Scott Pennington; **Excused:** Barb Silvey, Holly Weyhrauch; **Absent:** Becky Martin.
Guest: Tony Hernandez

Approval of Agenda: Amended to include additional items under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: The May 6 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Officer and Committee Reports

-- **Treasurer:**

- 2020 State of Oregon Annual Report was filed with Siamak as registered agent.
- Balance is \$2,581 minus commitments leaving \$1481 available.

-- **President:**

- USTA PNW section will extend the suspension of sanctioned play in Oregon, Alaska, Washington, and Northern Idaho until July 1, 2020. This includes all Adult Leagues; 10 and under, Junior and Adult Sanctioned Tournaments; and Junior Team Tennis. To ensure that play taking place at local facilities will be the focus once the pandemic subsides, the following events will be canceled for 2020:

- USTA League National Championships
- USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships
- USTA Junior Intersectional Team Championships
- USTA Zone Team Championships
- USTA National Team Championships

A full list of Professional events that have been canceled through July 31st is posted on OfficialsFirst.

- ITA tests and webinars are now available on Zebraweb.com. This year's test is not as challenging as last year. Use of all 3 resources (2020 FAC, 2019-20 ITA, ITA Manual) was needed.
- An unofficial Zoom meeting was organized May 21 to discuss different concerns we might have when returning to work. NASO's Common-Sense Method Plan for officials returning to work could be a blueprint for our document to send to PNW Officials.
- Training for Zoom meetings went well this past month. Denise has ordered a camera for her desktop computer. We experimented with both account options, Free-40 min., and Pro-unlimited. Both worked well, and we will discuss these options in New Business.

-- **Shadow Assignors:** Denise, Becky, Holly, Barb S, Mitch, Camilla – no activity

-- **Workshop Committee:** New members will be selected at the next month's meeting.

Old Business

- **Nicholas Powell Award:** Nomination is due June 22. PNW Chair of Officials Adam Hutchison delegated the nomination to Vice-Chair Denise. Denise announced that her nominee was Mitch and explained the background behind her selection. The nomination was affirmed by the Board.
- **TOA Awards Election:** Denise and Holly used Electionrunner for the membership to vote on the TOA awards this year. The vote for Official of the Year went to Tony Hernandez and Rookie of the Year was Mick Horton. Suggestions to improve the awards process were to provide a list of rookies with the call for nominations, and to include more background on the awards with the ballot instructions and candidate information.
- **TOA Zoom Account:** The annual fee for a Pro Zoom account is \$149.90. A paid account for TOA use has many advantages over the free Basic account and allows all TOA business and contacts to be stored in one place without conflicting with anyone's personal account. The intention is to move regular Board meetings to Zoom beginning in July. Many other ideas for training, committee meetings and information sharing were also mentioned as future uses for the Zoom account. Denise moved, Siamak 2nd to purchase an annual Pro Zoom license to be registered with the pnwtennisofficials gmail account. Passed unanimously. Mitch will create the Basic account and then upgrade to Pro with payment information from Barbara.

New Business

- **Officer Elections:** Officers whose 2 year terms are ending will be elected at the July meeting. The website has been updated to list the current officers and terms of office: President, Denise; Vice-president, Holly; Treasurer, Barbara; Secretary, Mitch. Denise is the only officer whose 2 year term is ending and will require an election at the July meeting.
- **2020 Taxes:** June 30 is the end of the fiscal year and taxes need to be filed. Denise has done this for the past few years. Barbara offered to do the taxes and will work with Denise to meet the deadline.

Directors Comments:

- Denise expressed heartfelt thanks to Carl for his service on the Board for the past 3 years.
- Siamak thanked Becky for her dedicated service as Secretary and numerous committees over the years. Everyone hopes Becky and Carl will remain involved with the TOA in the future.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2020 @ 7:00pm PST via Zoom

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Roth, Secretary