

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2020

Call to Order: by Denise Alexander at 7:15pm via Zoom.

Attendance: Denise Alexander, Barbara Anderson, Mitchell Roth, Siamak Hajarizadeh, Camilla George, Tony Hernandez, Scott Pennington, Holly Weyhrauch; **Absent:** Barb Silvey.

Approval of Agenda: Moved Officer election to New Business and added UTR event discussion.

Approval of Minutes: June 3 meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Officer and Committee Reports

-- Treasurer:

- Annual Zoom Pro license was purchased for \$161.74 including taxes.
- 2019 Tax return will be timely filed after June 30th
- Bank balance: \$2354; available: \$1354.

-- President:

- Nicholas E. Powell Award was submitted with Mitch Roth as our nominee. This was one of the best and easiest submissions Denise has done. Denise will outline the new procedures for future submissions.
- Our Zoom account has been set up for the TOA association. Thank you, Mitch and Barbara, for getting this done.
- On July 1, Suspension of play was lifted. Adam will monitor any tournament cancellations on TennisLink. USTA Rankings restart on July 8. Not sure if JR. Sectionals being canceled has been published yet. USTA Return to Play documents are posted on pnwtennisofficials.com.
- No USTA certification updates yet. Memo could be sent out to membership to make sure they have updated work records and checked deadlines for Background Check and SafePlay on Officialsfirst profiles., while we are waiting.
- 2020-21 ITA certs will remain the same as 2019-20. Last updated list of ITA certified officials was 3/2020. 2020/21 ITA rule charges are abundant this coming year. Referees should take additional time to review rule changes before matches for understanding and consistency. A pdf version is available on their website and pnwtennisofficials.com for reference.
- Pre-ordered ITA uniforms should be coming mid-July. ITA requirement to wear the new uniform has been pushed back to Dec. 31. Uniform requirements are posted on their website, including restrictions and guidelines for black outwear.

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

- Denise raised the issue of rookie officials working under supervision of rovers, possibly at lower pay instead of unpaid shadowing. The idea was from a suggestion by Mark Knudsen during the first meeting of the TOA. The intent was to be able to assign rookies to work with supervision. In discussion it was noted this would increase the cost of officials because even at a lower pay rate the rookies would be extra officials. The pay differential is also problematic because it implies

the rookies are not fully certified and would require tracking and evaluation for full pay. More ideas on how to implement something comparable to shadowing for rookies is needed.

- Camilla reported that Margaret Daniels advanced to F2 and is monitoring 6 F1 prospects. She also requested to update her email on the website to reflect new gmail address.

-- **Grievance Committee:** Current members: Denise, Scott and Becky. New committee: Siamak, Barbara A. and Holly.

-- **Workshop Committee:** Tony volunteered. More members are needed.

Old Business

-- **Website:** has been updated for past Officers and USTA.

New Business

-- **Officer Elections:** Per the Bylaws, Officers whose 2 year terms are ending will be elected at the July meeting. The current officers are: President, Denise; Vice-president, Holly; Treasurer, Barbara; Secretary, Mitch. Denise is the only Officer whose 2 year term is ending and therefore requires an election for President at this meetng.

Mitch nominated Denise, who declined. Siamak nominated Mitch, who also declined and will continue as Secretary. Barbara nominated, Holly 2nd, Scott accepted. There were no other nominations and the Board voted 6 yea, 2 abstain in favor of Scott for President. His term as President will end in 2022.

-- **UTR Events:** Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Directors Comments:

- Camilla asked about putting pictures of Directors on the website and the status of Newsletters or monthly communications to members.
- Siamak noted that his job at the Portland TC has ended. He also reported that US Open is go with no linesmen on outer courts. They will operate with Chairs only using Hawkeye. Thanks to Denise for all her hard work for the last 5 years. Thanks also to Scott for his willingness to step up and serve as the President.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2020 @ 7:00pm PST via Zoom

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Roth, Secretary