

# Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

## Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2018

**Attendance:** Denise Alexander, Carl Beardsley, Mitchell Roth, Barb Silvey, Mark Benecke and Becky Martin.

**Absent:** Holly Weyhrauch, Siamak Hajarizadeh and Chris Zablan.

**Meeting called to order:** Denise called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Denise moved that the minutes be approved, Mitch seconded. All approved.

**Bank Report:** Mark reported our current bank balance is \$ 1,047. He stated that he wrote a check for \$ 689.00 on 10/13/17. (The purpose of the check is under review).

### UPDATES:

**Website update:** Denise announced that she has updated the PNWTOA website to include new hire and recertification information for 2019. In addition, she has added to the Event Calendar. Mitch added many posts and the board meeting minutes.

**New certification deadline:** Denise reminded the board that the cutoff date for 2019 certification work record was Aug 31, 2018. USTA will include work records from October-Dec. 2017. Work records after Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 will be counted towards 2020 certification. We may appeal the work record even after deadline. Also, we must attend a Chair Workshop to be certified for a USTA Chair certification in 2019. Finally, we are required to complete the Safe Play Workshop and the NCSI Background Screening for 2018 certifications.

**Vision Form:** Eye exam records were not transferred from NUCULA to Officials First. Denise asked the board to check our profiles in Officials First for vision form completion. Denise will check with national to see if we can appeal to get the form updated.

**Nominations for Sectional Awards:** Deadlines for nominations are as follows:

- September 2 deadline for nominations
- September 3 ballots go out to membership
- September 9 last day to vote

**Workshops:** Mitch announced that Dana Griffin (USTA League Coordinator) is to help plan a Roving Workshop on November 17, 2018 in Anchorage, Alaska. He is concerned about recruiting enough to attend. More to follow. Chair Workshops are scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Kirkland, WA. and September 29<sup>th</sup> in Spokane, WA. Two more are planned for Eugene and Portland, OR. Another Roving Workshop is planned for Portland, OR. Dates will be posted on the website. Finally, Denise announced the need for a Referee and Line Workshop in the future. Possibly held in Yakima where there is a conference room and a tournament to practice lines.

**Mitch needs help with State Tournament:** Mitch is requesting help with the Alaska State Open Tournament October 5th and 6th this month. Due to short notice and the amount of work required to cover 4 courts, finding help may be difficult.

**2019 ITA Certification list has been posted on the ITA website Zebra.web.**

**ITA Regionals:** D1-D3 Regionals are scheduled for E. Wash. Colleges and U. Wash.

**New USTA certification F-1 and F-2 may affect ITA level of certification requirements.** In theory, ITA will require that the minimum level of USTA certification will be Foundation 2 to full fill ITA's USTA certification requirement. To qualify for Foundation 2 certification, an official will need to have completed the education courses Intro to Officiating, Rules and Regs 1-3 and Roving 1 and 2 plus have worked a minimum of 3 days. We are not sure if F-2 will be the minimum requirement from ITA yet. Foundation I officials are those officials who have only completed the educational requirements and have worked less than 3 assignments. More discussion regarding the Foundation terminology will be held.

## **Discussion**

**TOA Dues:** TOA membership dues are due by January 1. A reminder will be sent out to the membership. Assignors are encouraged to hire members verses non-members. Further discussion will be held about hiring only members. One idea was to have assignors put non-members who are available on a waiting list. Then can be assigned after all TOA members who are available have been assigned before going out of area to assign for an event.

**Adult Sectionals:** Adam Hutchinson reported that the USTA players are happy to have officials back at Sectionals. There has been concern among the officials that the Sunriver site is not open for all to apply. Since the Sunriver

site is considered a top venue we may need to ask Adam if there might a different strategy for assigning.

**Assign a person to schedule and coordinate workshops:** Denise brought up the idea of having a designated person to schedule and coordinate workshops in 2019. Depending on the need of future Workshops More to follow.

**Area Assignor evaluations:** Denise is planning to send out assignor evaluations soon. The evaluation is going to the tournament directors'; however, she is contemplating sending it out to the membership as well. Survey Monkey is the tool she plans to use.

### **New Business**

**Two meetings left in 2018:** The following are items Denise would like to address by the end of the year:

- Assignor for workshops (pay or no pay)
- Find out if USTA is willing to pay for workshops
- Explore applying for grant money
- Itemize bills left to be paid in 2018
- Shop for liability insurance (Denise will check with USTA for resources)
- Review membership dues
- Once finances are clear – budget for workshops

**Vancouver Tennis Center:** Mark reported that the Vancouver Tennis Center has been renovated and is now open. The Center has new ownership and the new director is Patrick Greaves. USTA plans to use the site for future events.

**New Head Coach for Gonzaga:** Gonzaga has selected Jonas Piibor as their new Men's Head Tennis Coach. Welcome.

**Adjournment:** Denise called for adjournment and Mitch seconded. All approve. Adjourned at 9:04pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

October 3, 2018 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Martin