

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2020

Call to Order: by Scott Pennington at 7:05pm via Zoom.

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

Approval of Agenda: Denise moved, Tony 2nd, to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: July meeting minutes approved with correction to bank balance.

Officer and Committee Reports

-- Treasurer:

- 2019 Tax return filed.
- Oregon state corrections filed.
- Bank balance: \$2354; available: \$1354.

-- President:

- COVID-19 Updates:
 - USTA Certification: Per National Chair of Officials Sandi Pardon on 7/27/20, no work record requirements this year to keep existing certification. Officials must still fulfill education, membership, SafePlay and Vision Form requirements to maintain current certifications for 2020-2021. Work records are needed to advance to new certification.
 - USTA Events: All national events cancelled through August. Regional sanctioned events at discretion of Sectional policy/local health authorities.
 - COVID Play: Indoors - No changeovers. All - No score cards, players keep score using paper/pencil. Scoring disputes are biggest issue.
 - Oregon: as of 7/24/20, masks are required to be worn while exercising (playing tennis) indoors: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2352.pdf>. Tony noted UTR events at George Fox use 6 indoor court. Masks required when not playing. Siamak reported that Stafford Hill also requires masks when not playing; no spectators.
 - Washington: as of 8/3/20, only 5 people allowed per court: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19Phase2FitnessGuidelines.pdf>. No tournaments in Spokane, but Yakima still on. Camilla and Barbara have been working tournaments in Kirkland (Eastside) and Tacoma (Galbraith).
 - Alaska: varies by municipality
 - Idaho: varies by municipality
- ITA Certification: Final webinars for returning officials are this week - last one Sat 8/8/20. Returning officials must pay dues and pass test in order to attend a webinar. As with USTA, no work record necessary to maintain an existing certification.
- ITA Tour announced on 8/3/20: Fall Circuit by UTR. Host sites confirmed by 8/24/20. Events run 9/18/20 - 11/23/20; are 2-3 days on weekends; require minimum of 2 ITA-certified officials: <https://www.wearecollegetennis.com/events/ita-fall-circuit/>. Status of regular ITA fall individual tournaments remains TBD.

- Professional: All U.S. ATP/WTA/ITF pro events cancelled through August except WTA Lexington and ATP/WTA W&S Open + US Open in Queens. Hawk-Eye Live on all courts in Queens except Ashe & Armstrong. Siamak was selected to work US Open.
- UTR Events: Scott connected with Gilberto Machado at UTR last week to ask him about UTR and officiating. Per Gilberto, officiating policies and requirements are strictly up to each individual organizer/TD. "We're not a federation; we're not an organizing body; we're software." The extent of UTR's officiating support is its verified rating guidelines found here: <https://www.myutr.com/verified>. George Fox is hosting an ongoing series of UTR events. Barb noted Gonzaga plans tournament at end of October. Are these events opportunities for USTA F1s to get on-court to shadow? Complicated pros/cons during COVID.

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

- Denise has 2 prospects who want to shadow, but there are no local events. She mentioned the Yakima tournament and Sectionals as possibilities. Denise will follow up.
- Camilla reported 2 completed F2's, 3 F1's in shadowing and 4 prospects taking classes.
- Barb is finishing several prospects.
- Siamak has prospect for Holly to contact.
- Mitch asked for clarification of the shadow test procedure and who should submit the online form in place of Section Chair (Adam). Camilla reported that she submitted the form under her name and it was accepted. It was agreed that Shadow Assignors should submit under their own names.

Old Business

- **Grievance Committee Chair:** Siamak, Barbara A. and Holly are the members. Holly agreed to chair the Grievance Committee.
- **Workshop Committee:** Tony, Barb and Denise volunteered. Tony was selected to chair the committee.

New Business

- **USTA Mentoring Program:** Denise presented the criteria for the program and a list of members who expressed interest. The Board needs to select 4 candidates before the next meeting to meet the USTA deadline. Initial nominees were Mark Knudsen, Jill Borgita, Robin Okubo, Siamak Hajarizadeh, Carl Beardsley, Kristen Siebecker, Barb Silvey, Tony Hernandez. After discussion, the Board agreed that Siamak and Kristen would be 2 of the candidates and that the remaining 2 candidates would be selected by an email vote. The results will be announced at the next meeting.
- **New Committees:** The formation of new committees was discussed.
- **Bylaws:** Mitch, Camilla and Barbara A agreed to serve with Mitch as chair.
 - **Awards:** Denise will chair with help of Barb S.
 - Competition Category Reporting (USTA, ITA, Pro, etc): tabled

Directors Comments:

- Siamak noted that UP has cancelled Fall tennis, Spring TBD.
- Tony said UO Women may play November 13-15 indoors, if it is held.
- Barb S: WSU/Gonzaga will also be indoors, if held. Utah cancelled.

- Denise: She and Scott will coordinate email announcements and news update on the Board officer elections.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2020 @ 7:00pm PST via Zoom.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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