

# Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

## Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020

**Call to Order:** by Scott Pennington at 7:39pm via Zoom.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved as submitted.

**Approval of Minutes:** September minutes were approved as submitted.

### Officer and Committee Reports

-- **Treasurer:** (by Scott)

- Board insurance premium of \$1,047 paid on 10/04/20.
- Bank balance: \$1307.
- Membership email list has been updated. Printable membership form has been updated. Membership renewal announcement pending discussion of discounted/grace period for dues.
- 2021 Dues: Discounted membership dues vs grace period alternatives were discussed. Barb, Holly & Denise will bring a proposal forward for approval at November meeting.

-- **President:**

- COVID-19 Updates:
  - USTA events:
    - All National Junior events cancelled through Oct. 12.
    - All Adult Category 1 events cancelled through end of 2020
    - Regional sanctioned events at discretion of Sectional policy/local health authorities.
  - ITA
    - "ITA Tour: Fall Circuit by UTR" - local events
      - Portland/WHRC events cancelled due to mask rule limiting signup
      - <https://www.wearecollegetennis.com/events/ita-fall-circuit/>
    - Oracle ITA Masters - National event in San Diego Oct. 9-11
  - Professional: 8 Pro Circuit events scheduled in Oct-Nov. COVID protocol document: <https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/officiating/PC%20Protocols.pdf> . Siamak working Men's \$50K Challenger in Cary, NC starting 11/7. Covid tests required.

-- **PNW Sectional Chair:** Denise

- ½ PNW staff furloughed. Many certification problems with delayed background checks. Mitch and others were decertified. Retiring officials include Anne Burrell-Smith.
- USTA Adult League contract was signed with no changes from last year. Adult league schedule is available. Jr schedule is in the works.
- Discussion on effort to install Denise as USTA PNW Officiating Sectional Chairperson.

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

- Denise reported that the OfficialsFirst assigning program allows TDs to do their own assigning. The option to do this is disabled for the Section tournaments that Denise reviewed.
- Camilla has 1 new ITA provisional, 1 other in ITA shadowing and 1 more to be scheduled for ITA shadowing.
- Holly has 1<sup>st</sup> year UO student who expressed interest and will stay in touch.

-- **Grievance Committee:** Holly, Barbara A, Siamak. No report

-- **Workshop Committee:** Tony, Barb S., Denise

- Tony reported there is still no USTA training.

-- **Bylaws Committee:** Mitch, Barara A, Camilla

- Mitch distributed and posted the current (2018) Bylaws for review.

-- **Awards Committee:** Denise, Barb S. No report

## **New Business**

-- **PNW Section Chair of Officials:** Background was presented on role of Section Chair of Officials in the PNW and other Sections. PNW is the exception where the Chair of Officials (Adam Hutchison) is not a certified official. After discussion, the Board unanimously supported the requirement that the PNW Section Chair of Officials be a certified official. Formal action on a resolution is pending additional inquiries into the situation.

## **Directors Comments:**

- Siamak will send out comments on his US Open experience.

**Next Meeting: November 4, 2020 @ 7:00pm PST** via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Roth, Secretary