

# Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

## Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2021

**Call to Order:** by Holly Weyrauch at 7:05pm via Zoom.

**Attendance: Directors:** Denise Alexander, Mitchell Roth, Tony Hernandez, Holly Weyrauch, Camilla George, Barbara Anderson; **Excused:** Scott Pennington, Barb Silvey; **Absent:** Siamak Hajarizadeh. **Members:** Mike Devenney, Aparna Palve, Barbara Wyatt, Debbie Spray, Garrett Mau, Julie Dorr, Mick Horton, Nancy Koeppen, Robin Okubo.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** March 3, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

### Officer Reports

-- **Treasurer:** Barbara

- Bank balance: \$2400.

-- **President:** Holly (for Scott) A Year in Review

- Current membership – 60 members, 54 paid up; Laura Lu updated as F2, Sydney Spray still not certified.
- Board of Directors - Election Runner used for first online election. Two new directors and one incumbent were elected from six candidates.
- New Committees - Grievance, Workshop, Mentoring, Nomination and Bylaws committees were established
- Officiating Sectional Chairperson – Denise was appointed to this volunteer position to interact with USTA and PNW
- Hardship policy for dues payment was adopted
- Online Updates – A Zoom account was purchased for TOA meetings and training. Board meetings are now on Zoom. The website from Wordpress was upgraded to a paid plan to eliminate advertising.
- Current state of USTA/ITA/Professional play was reviewed.
- Suspension points now apply to all categories and ages of competition.

### Committee Reports

-- **Officiating Sectional Chair:** Denise

- USTA certification – 20-21 work requirements are waived unless qualified for advancement. Eye exam is required this year by September 30. No news on 21-22 work requirement. Safeplay update will be required. Check OfficialsFirst for specific requirements.
- Workshops – Cost to TOA still an issue with no funds from PNW. Ready to host workshops for certification when USTA restarts training.
- ServeTennis platform is replacing TDM. It allows TDs to select officials directly, although not used yet in PNW tournaments.
- Shadowing requirement waived for current F1's. The online checklist is being used by teleconference to complete F2 for those who are ready.
- Welcome package for new officials is now being sent out by USTA.

- Tournaments – PNW Adult/Junior not using officials. UTR events are using officials, but selection process is unclear.
  - Mentoring Program – Tony Hernandez, Kristin Siebecker, Siamak Hajarizadeh were selected as mentors for successful pilot program. Formal launch of the national program is expected soon. Can we implement some version of local mentoring?
- **Shadow Assignors:** Denise, Holly, Barb S, Mitch, Camilla
- Camilla reported 6 new officials now F2. Mick Horton now ITA. Ben Kwak needs ITA shadow.
- **Grievance Committee:** Holly, Barbara A, Siamak.
- Little activity due to lack of play. Grievance process is available on the website.
- **Workshop Committee:** Tony, Barb S., Denise
- No workshops yet due to covid-19. Plan to hold Roving and ITA Far Sideline training when restarted.
- **Bylaws Committee:** Mitch, Barbara A, Camilla
- Bylaws were reviewed and current versions posted on website.
  - Website was updated and cleaned up with the addition of new pages for Essential Links/Forms and Awards.
- **Awards Committee:** Denise, Barb S.
- Sectional Awards
    - Official of the Year – Tony Hernandez
    - Rookie of the Year – Mick Horton
    - Grassroots – Mitch Roth
    - Honorary Members – Tony Anegon, Dennis Kviz, Anne Burrell-Smith, Bill Haskin, Mark Knudsen, Bette Rankin, Cheryl Lepper, Paul Wade, Mark Benecke
  - Awards page was added to website listing this year's recipients.

## New Business

- **Board of Directors Election:** Mitch reviewed the election process for the membership. The TOA Board of Directors consists of 9 members elected to staggered 3 year terms beginning July 1. Each year, the terms of 3 Directors expire and an election is held to fill them. The Directors whose terms are up this year are Denise Alexander, Barb Silvey and Holly Weyrauch. All three have been nominated for re-election. The membership was solicited by email for additional nominations in the Annual Meeting announcement. No additional nominations were received prior to the meeting. The floor was then opened for nominations. No additional nominations were made during the meeting and nominations were closed. The ElectionRunner program will be used again this year to conduct the voting. Paid members will receive voting instructions via email in the near future.

**Next Meeting: May 5, 2021 @ 7:00pm PDT via Zoom.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Roth, Secretary