

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2022

Call to Order: by Scott Pennington at 7:07pm via Zoom.

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for September, 2022 were approved with clarification on travel reimbursement voting.

Old Business

--**Assignor Meeting:** Scott offered to act as facilitator and will organize meeting with Assignors. Sam Sambrano is retiring and is transferring his events to Julie Dorr to assign UW, Seattle U, USTA & High School. Items to be discussed are solicit consistency and use of software platform such as Arbiter for scheduling.

Officer Reports

-- **Treasurer:** Barbara

- Bank balance: \$1420; Committed: \$50; Available: \$1370.
- Preparing for 2023 membership renewal invoicing.

-- **President:** Scott

- 2023 USTA/PNW contract changes were sent to Valerie Weaks on September 30. Subsequent to this submission, it was discovered that the 2022 contract was changed by PNW to require the TOA to handle payment processing to individual officials, which has major operational and tax consequences that TOA is not prepared to take on. An emergency board action was unanimously approved to restore the original 2021 contract wording, along with the addition of a 30 day timely payment to Officials provision by PNW. The full wording of the action is included at the end of the minutes.

New Business

- **Website Maintenance:** Mitch is grateful for offers of helping to update the website, which has been done with much help from Denise in the past. A free Wordpress account login is required to gain administrative access to the website. Mitch will email info to interested parties on how to sign up.
- **Unexcused Absences:** Siamak has unexcused absences for all meetings since April. Scott will contact Siamak about the situation and see what he wants to do about it.

Committee Reports

-- **USTA Section Chair:** Scott

- More PNW staff changes are in progress. Valerie Weaks has a new title. Unclear if she is still Sectional Chair of Officials. Valerie did acknowledge Nicholas E Powell submission.
- Certification procedures will need to be updated on website when new information is available.

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

- Camilla reported Zheng Mu has shadow scheduled and has paid membership dues.

- **Grievance Committee:** Holly, Barbara, Siamak
 - TD for Sectionals requested a certain official not be assigned. No grievance was filed. Neither TD nor Assignor were aware of grievance process.
 - The role of “referee on call” was discussed in relation to solo roving assignments, as well as referee pay structure.
- **Workshop Commiitee:** Tony, Barb, Denise
 - Portland Chair Workshop – Scheduled for October 8 at UP is available for signup in Learning Center. Three signed up so far. Trainer: Deborah Wienstein.
- **Bylaws Committee:** Mitch, Barbara, Camilla
 - No report.
- **Awards Committee:** Denise, Barb
 - Ivar Hushar and Sam Sambrano were nominated for honorary membership. Scott moved, Barb 2nd, to approve them for honorary membership. Approved 7-0.
 - Ncholas E. Powel – Submission went out September 27 for Barb Silvey.

Director Comments:

- **Camilla:** Strongly objects to reimbursing travel mileage only above 30 miles RT, as approved last month for the 2023 USTA contract. She supports full reimbursement for 30 miles or more.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 @ 7:00pm PDT via Zoom.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Roth, Secretary

Emergency Board Action: October 12, 2022

I, the undersigned Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association Director, endorse taking the following action between our regular Board meetings of October 2022 and November of 2022:

Update the Board's suggested changes in its 2023 contract with USTA/PNW to remove the following language:

"TOA will bill USTA/PNW for the total services provided by its Officials and Referees, invoicing in sufficient detail the services rendered and amount owed for the services of all Officials and Referees, as described in the fee schedule below. Payment by USTA/PNW to TOA in a lump sum payment for all the services of all invoiced Officials and Referees will be due within 30 days of receipt of the invoice."

And restore this language from 2021 and years prior:

"The USTA/PNW shall pay Official or Referee a fee for service at the rate(s) described in the fee schedule below. Payment shall be due within 30 days of the receipt of the Official's invoice."

Signed,

Scott Pennington	10/12/2022
Tony Hernandez	10/12/2022
Camilla George	10/12/2022
Denise Alexander	10/12/2022
Barb Silvey	10/12/2022
Siamak Hajarizadeh	10/16/2022
Holly Weyhrauch	10/16/2022
Mitchell Roth	11/07/2022