

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023

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

Attendance: Barbara Anderson, Holly Weyhrauch, Scott Pennington, Mitchell Roth, Camilla George, Tony Hernandez (left ~7:45), Denise Alexander; **Excused:** Barb Silvey, Siamak Hajarizadeh.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: Scott objected to the characterization of the discussion related to Siamak's meeting absences in the October 5, 2022 Minutes, which were approved at the November 9, 2022 meeting and posted on the TOA website. Scott objected to approval of the November 9, 2022 minutes due to insufficient time to review. The November 9, 2022 minutes were not approved.

Officer Reports

-- **Treasurer:** Barbara

- Bank balance: \$2266; Committed: \$1020; Available: \$1246.
- USTA made individual payments for Adult Sectionals and two Junior tournaments since the lump-sum payment that Barbara processed.
- 2023 Dues Report: Payments were received from 37 officials. There were some duplicate payments to be refunded. Payment methods were: PayPal – 16, Zelle – 14, Check – 7.
- PayPal Account: Barbara recommends closure of the PayPal account, which will be discussed under Old Business

-- **President:** Scott

- ITA Chair Training: Courtney Potkey planning workshop at UW Women's Tournament on 2/9/23.

Old Business

-- **PayPal Account:** The PayPal account was originally set up in Denise's name and there is no way to change ownership, other than closing the account and reopening a new account under a different owner. Denise does not want the liability associated with the account being in her name, but there is no way to transfer ownership of PayPal accounts in the manner which is done for TOA Officers on the bank account. Zelle can replace PayPal debit card processing, for those whose banks support Zelle, but can't process credit cards. Barbara will look into other options for accepting credit cards which might be available through US Bank and would allow ownership to change when TOA Officers change. Barbara moved, Denise 2nd, to close PayPal account as of February 1, 2023. **Approved 6-0.**

-- **2023 USTA/PNW Contract:** Elece Fiocchi has taken over for Valerie Weak. Scott distributed a summary of the latest contract modifications received from USTA/PNW, which did not include important TOA changes related to lump-sum payment processing and requiring independent contractor forms to be signed for each event. USTA/PNW accepted the TOA rate schedule as proposed.

All agreed that TOA could not perform the lump-sum payment function and accounting without paid professional assistance and this is not feasible. Discussion shifted to the benefits of having a contract with USTA/PNW. The TOA could publish its own rate schedule and continue invoicing TDs on behalf of Officials as in the past. Does no contract mean Assignors are responsible for negotiating terms? To some degree

that is true, but is basically status quo with non-USTA events. Board members present felt the contract has served its purpose, and the lump-sum payment situation proposed by USTA/PNW is untenable.

Recognizing the urgency to settle the issue with full Board input, those present agreed to conduct a vote on a Motion to Decline the Contract as a Special Meeting Action, which requires unanimous consent of the Board and instructed Scott to proceed accordingly and notify USTA/PNW of the Action. Additional concerns focussed on the proposed Independent Contractor form as being too vague and generic, with details still to be worked out.

- **Siamak Hajarizadeh Resignation:** Following the November meeting, in conversation with Scott, Siamak decided to resign from the Board and submitted his letter of resignation on November 17, 2022. According to the Bylaws, the vacancy on the Board created by Siamak's resignation shall be filled for the remainder of his term of office (June 30, 2023) by a qualified individual appointed by the Board. A notice of the vacancy and solicitation for candidates was included in the membership dues letter and posted on the website on November 30, 2022.

As of this meeting, no responses have been received. Personal outreach by Board members who know previous candidates or Officials who might be interested was encouraged in order to have candidates to consider and vote on at the February meeting.

Committee Reports

- **USTA Section Chair:** Denise
 - No report
- **Shadow Assignors:** Denise, Holly, Barb, Mitch, Camilla
 - Camilla reported Zheng Mu fully qualified and has worked two tournaments.
- **Grievance Committee:** Holly, Barbara, Siamak
 - No report.
- **Workshop Commiitee:** Tony, Barb, Denise
 - Denise reported ITA kickoff webinars are available, but are not mandatory.
- **Bylaws Committee:** Mitch, Barbara, Camilla
 - No report.
- **Awards Committee:** Denise, Barb
 - No report.

Director Comments:

- **Camilla:** Has been selected to work Easter Bowl at Indian Wells.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 1, 2023 @ 7:00pm PDT via Zoom.

Adjournment: Barbara moved, Denise 2nd, to adjourn at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Roth, Secretary