

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

Call to Order: by Holly Weyhrauch at 7:10 pm via Zoom.

Attendance: Holly Weyhrauch, Denise Alexander, Mick Horton, Jacob Moya, Barbara Anderson;

Excused: Barb Silvey, Krishnan Gowri, Scott Pennington, Mitchell Roth.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve September 6, 2023 minutes as submitted was made by Mick and seconded by Denise. Minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting were approved by all Directors as submitted.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the October 4th meeting Agenda with the addition of information regarding ITA Oregon assignments/payments for dual matches in Directors Comments was made by Barbara and seconded by Mick. Agenda was approved by all Directors.

Officer Reports:

-- Treasurer: Barbara

- 1 new membership and 1 renewed membership. Both paid through 2024.
- Bank balance: \$1792; Committed: \$683; Available: \$1109.
- PNWTOA membership dues invoices will be sent out by Dec 1, 2023

Old Business:

--Awards: Denise

- Denise reported that there were 3 nominations for the Perry Hines Official of the Year Award:
 - Kristen Siebecker
 - Robin Okubo
 - Camilla Georgeand 3 nominations for the Mike Robb Rookie of the Year Award:
 - Lana Hansen
 - Ty Misialek
 - Peter Aleman
- Election Runner had been used in past at a cost of \$19. Barbara reported that the Election Runner fee is paid by the Board Member handling the election and then they are reimbursed by the PNWTOA. Jacob mentioned that Google has Google Forms (which use to be Google Survey) which would function like Election Runner and it is free. Denise said she would contact Scott regarding the possibility of using Google forms. Denise is to send out the ballots later this week.

New Business:

-- USTA Contract: Holly

- Holly reported that the Associations contract with the USTA was to have been renewed/renegotiated at the end of September.

- The current contract was discussed including wages, per diem, mileage reimbursement and lodging. The current contract was acceptable except for that the per hourly wage should be increased from \$23 to \$25.
- There was a clarification that this is a contract with the USTA and USTA sponsored tournaments and does not affect other tournaments/tennis events. However, the contract with the USTA can be used as a guideline for officials' fees for other tournaments.
- Holly moved that PNWTOA submit a new contract for approval with the USTA –everything being the same as in the 2023 contract except the hourly rate increasing to \$25. Denise seconded. Motion was approved by all Directors
- Holly made a second motion that if the newly submitted contract for 2024 is denied due to the hourly rate increase, that we would negotiate down to \$24. Second by Denise. Motion was approved by all Directors.

--ITA – University of Oregon Contract

- Holly reported that negotiations for a new contract with the University of Oregon is almost completed and that officials should see a 33% increase in compensation.

--2024 Dues

- Discussion if dues should be increased from the current \$30 per year to \$35. This is first year that the PNWTOA will have a positive balance of over \$1,000 at the end of the year. Holly moved to leave the PNWTOA membership dues for 2024 at the 2023 rate of \$30 per member. Mick second. Motion approved by all Directors.

--Survey

- Holly to reach out to the PNWTOA members in 2024 to get a pulse of how satisfied they are with the association as a whole and if there are any other services, they would like to be made available to them.

Committee Reports:

-- USTA Section Chair: Denise

- Discussed Not Certified Officials that are members:
 - Laura Lu
 - Danny Hale
 - John Rodenberg – Holly will contact
 - David Srein – from Vancouver, Holly is unfamiliar with David but will reach out to him
 - Barbara Wyatt – USTA Certified – ITA Certified, However, no known work record in the past few years – Holly to research and reach out to Julie

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

- Holly reported that Delores Corley had passed her ITA written test and has completed the webinar. Holly will schedule shadowing opportunities for Delores. Looking at 3 more officials in the USTA pool for Southwest Washington/Portland area.

-- Grievance Committee: Chair Holly, Barbara, Mick

- No Report

-- Workshop Committee: Barb, Denise, Krishnan

- Holly will contact Aaron and Flip at the University of Portland to see if it is possible to have a chair clinic in Portland before the end of the year. Holly looking into roving clinic in January for Portland area.
- Denise to contact Camilla and Krishnan to schedule a roving and chair clinic in the Seattle area.

-- Bylaws Committee: Chair Mitch, Barbara, Jacob

- No Report
- Awards Committee: Denise, Barb
 - Covered in Old Business
- Communications Committee: Mitch, Krishnan, Jacob, Denise
 - Jacob reported that the Award section of the website to be updated first. Mitch is looking into old minutes to be sure nothing is missed.

Director Comments:

- Holly reported that there has been no change with the payment methods of neutral dual matches at the University of Oregon. Colleges who participate in dual matches that are held at the University of Oregon, whose opponent is other than Oregon, directly pay the officials – not the University of Oregon. Holly mentioned that she might contact the schools before the neutral dual match to obtain agreement of payment and to assure that the school has the documentation they need.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 7:00pm PST via Zoom.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Submitted by:

Barbara Anderson

Acting Secretary