

# Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

## Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

**Call to Order:** by Scott Pennington at 7:08pm via Zoom.

**Attendance: Directors:** Grace Abraldes, Barbara Anderson, Scott Pennington, Jacob Moya, Robin Okubo, Krishnan Gowri, Holly Weyhrauch; **Excused:** Mick Horton, Mitchell Roth.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the August 14, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Officer & Committee Reports

-- **Treasurer:** Barbara

- IRS Form 990-N filed.
- New member Phillip Yin makes 52 total members.
- Expenditures: \$600 for annual renewal of D&O insurance through American Specialty.
- Bank balance: \$2,019; Committed: \$300; Available: \$1,719.

-- **President:** Scott

- 2025 Section Contract – No renewal process in place. Last year, PNW wanted to lower rates. Agreed to keep 2024 rate at \$23, despite no raises for 2 years in period of high inflation. Holly spoke in support of raising basic rate to \$25, comparable to other sections. Referee assigning fee is currently \$17, although Holly has been using \$15. General agreement to seek \$25 rate, but wait for PNW to make contact.
- PNWTOA Rate Card – Discussion on applicability to non-USTA events. Concerns about tardy payments from some events were noted.

-- **Recruiting Committee:** Mick, Robin, Jacob

- Jacob -- Completing ITA. Contacted Eastern WA colleges seeking new officials. Will expand outreach to D-1 and the new Big 10 schools.
- Holly – Ashley Conklin passed interview, now certified. Ana Schaller is a new prospect. Worked with Jinmi Kemple. Needs more shadows before final interview.
- Scott -- Chapman Cup tournament in Greater Portland area is an opportunity for new officials to gain experience. Scott will be attending.
- Robin – Had one player contact who expressed interest.
- Krishnan – Website needs redesign to better support recruiting and welcome new officials.

-- **Grievance Committee:** Holly, Barbara A, Mick

- A grievance was filed against an official at the Adult NTRP event at the Vancouver TC. All parties have been contacted and the committee received the official's response today. The committee will review the response next week and report at the next meeting.

-- **Workshop Committee:** Jacob, Krishnan, Robin

- Scott solicited input to plan new workshops.
- Jacob – Portland area likely location for Roving or Chair workshop.
- Holly – Has Portland college contacts. UP offered to host another clinic.

-- **Bylaws Committee:** Mitch, Barbara, Jacob

- No Report

-- **Awards Committee:** Grace, Robin, Mick

- Grace will Chair committee and Mick will handle plaques.

- Membership was asked for nominations for Section awards by 10/1, with ballot to be finalized at 10/2 meeting. Robin nominated Zheng Mu for Rookie of the Year.
  - No info yet on National Awards.
- **Communications Committee: Mitch, Krishnan, Jacob, Denise**
- Due to Mitch's travel, the committee did not meet to review status and prioritize upgrades such as Calendar, Meeting Signup, WTA & Rules RSS feeds, etc. Krishnan has implemented hidden email addresses and the Awards pages have been updated.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

## **Director Comments**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 @ 7:00pm PDT via Zoom.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Roth". The signature is stylized with a cursive-like flow.

Mitchell Roth, Secretary