

Minutes of the USTA NorCal Adult Tournament Committee Meeting

Monday June 3, 2019

Committee Members Present: Joanna Broda-Schunk, Betty Cookson, Chrissie Costamagna, Steve Cornell (Chair), Anna Elefant, Amina Halsey, Scott Howard, and Ray Rockwell. Mark Fairchilds joined after 8PM.

Committee Members Absent: John Togasaki and Bryan Welsh.

Staff Member Present: Summer Verhoeven

Steve Cornell, chair of the Adult Tournament Committee (ATC), called the meeting to order at 7:40PM and roll call was conducted.

1. Approval of May 6, 2019 Committee Minutes

The ATC considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2019. A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the ATC minutes of May 6, 2019. This was approved by a vote of 8-0 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

2. Discussion was opened up regarding one day tournaments held the day before a two-day tournament that was close in proximity. The committee recommended that guidelines should be given to those approving these tournaments and the guidelines include entrants accepted and proximity to one another.
3. A Junior Council proposal to adopt the Star Tournament Evaluation Form was reviewed. After talking about the proposal including sending out a reminder to fill out the evaluation, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the Star Evaluation Form. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. The 75 Mile Rule/Limited Draw Sizes was tabled for further discussion with Sanction and Scheduling.
5. Joanna Broda-Schunk gave an update on changing Grand Prix Points. It was determined that this involves more than just changing the points awarded so she asked the committee if her sub-committee could research this further before bringing a recommendation to the committee. The committee agreed that this was a good idea.
6. To coincide with the National NTRP Championships which require the minimum age to be 19 the committee talked about lowering the NorCal NTRP minimum entrant's age from 21 to 19 years old. A motion was made by Chrissie Costamagna and seconded by Joanna Broda-Schunk to lower the age from 21 to 19 for NTRP tournaments. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
7. Steve Cornell, chair, talked about a phone meeting he had with Adult Leagues Chair and Adult League Manager, Larry Olmstead and Lynn Losande respectively. The ATC would like Adult Leagues to be more aware of the dates of certain high level tournaments such as the Men's and Women's top 4 tournaments for national rankings, Cat. 1 and 2's, Gold Series, and Tournaments of the Year. It was recommended that all NorCal tournament directors be given the Adult League Schedule when it comes out for the next year so all tournaments are aware of the league schedule. It was, also, suggested that a marketing strategy should be developed to increase tournament participation along with improving communications with league players.

8. The recently completed Family ROG event at the Moraga CC had a nice turnout with many positive comments from the participants and they wanted to know when the next one would be. Chris Samuels, from NorCal, will e-mail all the players to let them know that the Fremont TC will be the site of the next Family ROG on Sun. Sept. 1.
9. In other business the committee discussed the onsite tournament checklist. Summer Verhoeven mentioned she talked with SoCal and they are interested in the proposal for having a California State Open Championships. They will bring this up to their Adult Tournament Committee.
10. There being no further business the meeting a motion to adjourn was seconded by and passed 8-0, none opposed, and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

The next ATC Meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2019.

Respectively submitted by, Steve Cornell, Chair, NorCal Adult Tournament Committee