

USTA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE Adult/Senior Competition II

CHAIRPERSON Kathy Langer

DATE/LOCATION March 18, 2012; La Costa Resort and Spa, Carlsbad, CA; 9:45AM-12:00PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy Langer (Chair), Dina Ingersole (Vice Chair), Frank Kelly (Vice Chair), Robb Bunnan, Brenda Carter, Carol Clay, Steve Duffel, Steve Hayden, M. A. Hillier, Roz King, David Mathews, Carolyn Nichols, Richard Perry, Sue-Anne Stuntz, Jerry Thomas, Larry Turville, Sheila Weinstock, and Theresa Bowen (Staff).

Guests: Lydia delaRosa (ED Liaison), Larry Eichenbaum (Tournament Director), Paula Hale (CTA Liaison), David Honeycutt (Tennis Rules and Regulations), John Korff (Board Liaison), David Schobel (Staff), Judy Utley (Council Chair), Jeff Waters (Staff Liaison), and Enid Weber (Diversity and Inclusion Liaison)

Approximate Number of Observers: 20

Decisions Made (and primary rationale)

- Kathy Langer and Carolyn Nichols will work with the Tennis Rules and Regulations Committee to draft a Call Item regarding consolation draws.
- Carolyn Nichols moved, seconded by Frank Kelly that we adopt the 2x points table for the men's Donoff Cup. After discussion, Larry Turville moved, seconded by Robb Bunnan, that the motion be tabled. **The motion passed.**
- Brenda Carter, Steve Hayden, Carolyn Nichols, and Larry Turville volunteered to serve on a newly created subcommittee of the Points Per Round subcommittee. This subcommittee will review and recommend guidelines and points tables for team events.
- The following changes to the Category II Tournament Application effective January 1, 2013 were recommended by the Category II subcommittee:
 - Richard Perry moved, seconded by Frank Kelly the second bullet item read: It should be an existing and successful tournament in terms of player quality and numbers. **The motion passed.**
 - Richard Perry moved, seconded by Carolyn Nichols an additional bullet to read: In events with four or fewer entries, a round robin format should be offered. **The motion passed.**
 - Richard Perry moved, seconded by Dina Ingersole an additional bullet to read: The Tournament director should send out a post-tournament email to all players with a link to the tournament evaluation requesting that the player complete it. **The motion passed.**
- The following changes to Super Category II Guidelines effective January 1, 2013 were recommended by the Category II subcommittee:
 - Richard Perry moved, seconded by Frank Kelly the second bullet item provide that in the 30, 85, and 90 age divisions, the Players Per Event calculation will not include those events and the included players where an event has less than four entries. After discussion, Dina Ingersole moved, seconded by Carolyn Nichols the motion be amended to include MW 35. **The motion passed.**
 - Motion as amended: The second bullet item to provide that in the 30, 35, 85, and 90 age divisions, the Players Per Event calculation will not include those events and the included players where an event has less than four entries. **The motion passed.**
 - Richard Perry moved, seconded by Larry Turville the third bullet item read: Should offer a 3-4 playoff and must offer at least a first match singles loser voluntary consolation. Concerns expressed during discussion regarding possible impact on geographic distribution of tournaments

and surface should tournaments lose their Super Category II designation. **The motion passed by majority vote.**

- Steve Duffel moved, seconded by Sheila Weinstock all Category I tournaments offering consolation must award a prize for the consolation winner effective January 1, 2013. **The motion passed by majority vote.**
- Kathy Langer requested Lydia delaRosa ask ED's to reevaluate bundling of Active.com fee with tournament entry fee. This is causing confusion when players request entry fee refund when they withdraw from a tournament.

Items Discussed Requiring Future Action

Detailed reports from each subcommittee can be found in SharePoint: Adult/Senior Competition > Private Documents.

- **Intersectionals – Women** – Brenda Carter. The 2011 event on clay courts at Boca Raton Swim and Racquet in Boca Raton, FL was a tremendous success. Larry Eichenbaum, Tournament Director and Referee, invited all to the 2012 event on hard courts November 12-18 in San Antonio, TX. The 80's will pilot a format change in 2012: 5 players per team, 1 singles/2 doubles per match.
- **Points Per Round** – Carolyn Nichols. The purpose of the points tables is to accurately reflect a player's ability. The current tables are not being applied to consolation draws in a consistent manner. David Honeycutt (Tennis Rules and Regulations) is willing to work with us to address this issue through Friend at Court if it cannot be resolved in TDM. The current FIC table works for draws with 17 or more players. For draws with 16 or fewer players, the PPR table should be used (consolation formats: first match, first and second round or first round loser). The Circuit Chairs will send a letter to tournament directors with details on which draw type is appropriate for each draw size. The subcommittee plans to get feedback from sectional leadership and Adult/Senior volunteer and staff leadership regarding a proposal to amalgamate 1x and 2x tournaments so all become 2x tournaments. Theresa Bowen will post to the website that the World Championships when held in the USA are a 10x event.
- **Category II** – Richard Perry. The subcommittee will send a letter to all Category II TD's advising them of the changes effective January 1, 2013.
- **Standards and Procedures** – Steve Duffel. The requirement of a prize for the winner of consolation will be included in the 2012 Tournament Director's webinar.
- **Communications and Marketing** – Sue-Anne Stuntz. The 2012 Category I and II tournament schedule and maps will be distributed to sections following this meeting. The Tournament Play Survey is available on line. Survey closes April 2, 2012.
- **Special Projects – NTRP Tournaments** – Jerry Thomas. Based on contact with representatives and players from different sections, the recommendation is to table this project for future consideration.
- **Mixed Doubles** – Carolyn Nichols. Theresa Bowen will add details on events open for pilot to the Adult Senior website.
- **ITF/Sr. International** – Carolyn Nichols. The 2012 Senior ITF Team/Individual Championships in San Diego, CA February 6-19, 2012 were highly successful. The Southern California Tennis Association and 500+ volunteers were outstanding. The 2012 Super Senior ITF Team/Individual Championships are in Umag, Croatia, September 10-23, 2012.
- **Staff Report** – Theresa Bowen. Tournament Play Survey sent to over 4000 USTA members that played in a Category I or Category II tournament in 2011. We have received over 500 responses to date. Data will be distributed to committee after survey closes – April 2, 2012. Lucky winners (5) will be selected and notified by the end of the week – April 8. The Administrative position job is now posted.

Old Business

- **ITF Continental Closed Championship with Canada** – Theresa Bowen and Carolyn Nichols. Carolyn and Theresa are in contact with Tennis Canada regarding an ITF Continental Closed Championships.
- **Suspension Point System** – Theresa Bowen. Programmers are currently working on codes to build into the system regarding the suspension system. Theresa asked all members to review the current Junior National

Suspension System in Friend at Court and provide any suggestions for additions prior to the 2012 Semi Annual meeting in New York. The goal is to have one system applicable to both Adult and Junior players.

- **Discussion of Age-up Points** – Kathy Langer and Theresa Bowen. Tabled.

New Business

- **How to get players to evaluate tournaments** – Kathy Langer. A post tournament e-mail from the tournament director with a link to the survey appears to be one of the more effective ways to encourage completion of the survey.
- **TD Resource page on SharePoint** – Dina Ingersole. Site is available on SharePoint – Public Documents – Adult Senior Tournament Director Resources. No login required.
- **2012 Player Survey** – How to use results – Kathy Langer. The survey closes April 2, 2012. Kathy asks all committee members to read the comments, pick out information that applies to your subcommittee. A summary of the results will be available on SharePoint.
- **2012 Semi Annual Meeting** – Kathy Langer. The tentative meeting days are Monday and Tuesday. Kathy will request change to Saturday/Sunday or Sunday/Monday.

Kathy thanked all for their hard work – greatly appreciated!

Prepared by Sue-Anne Stuntz