

## AATL Meeting 11/22/2016

Board Members Present: LLC-Risher, ALC-Risher, PLLC-Estochen, 55+Rep-Abele

Voting in Absentia: Treasurer-Wilson

Not Present (No Vote): 18+Rep-Brown, 40+Rep-Pieters

### Agenda:

1. Meeting minutes from 10/12 meeting: Approved for website publication as written.
2. Finances: No new information since 10/12 meeting.
3. LLC Stipend: LLC-Risher presented documentation of 1146 registrations through 11/22 for 2016. Board approved stipend payment of \$1146.
4. Constitution Revisions:
  - a. One coordinator for both 65+ and 70+ age divisions: Board approved.
  - b. Elimination of rain make-up monitoring from age division coordinator responsibilities: Board approved.
  - c. Secretary position eliminated with PLLC to assume responsibility of recording minutes and supplying them to the Board for approval. LLC to publish minutes to website after Board approval: Board approved.
5. (PLLC added though not discussed outside of Board emails) Funfreeze is scheduled for 1/13-16 to take advantage of 1/16 MLK holiday if necessary.
6. Combo 2016 issues: LLC-Risher explained that the 18+8.5 Men's team was represented by a substitute captain for championship planning, as the regular captain was not available to attend rescheduled championships. Per the special postponement due the hurricane, the substitute captain did not provide written communication (email) that the team would not attend championships. The team was not removed from the final draw, and lost all player registration fees. LLC-Risher suggested that USTA-SC has yet to request the \$250 team fee for championship attendance violation, but expected it to occur. The Board discussed the issue, and suggested that, while the substitute captain did make attempts to notify the LLC via text, that captain duties should have been continued by the original captain for the team until competition at championships, when the substitute captain would assume responsibilities in the absence of the original captain, per published USTA regulations. The LLC requested that the Board consider funding the \$250 attendance violation penalty, but after additional discussion, the Board decided that the team shall be responsible for paying the fee if requested by USTA-SC. Board discussion also concluded that in the future, only written correspondence (e.g., not text messaging) by the team captain, as indicated in Tennislink, would be accepted for items of such importance.
7. Communication of new regulations: PLLC-Estochen discussed that planning for 2016 Combo was conducted without knowledge of new regulations limiting the maximum NTRP rating for players at specific levels (e.g., 4.0 max NTRP for 7.5). It was agreed upon that LLC-Risher should communicate all new USTA regulations via email blast to the AATL immediately upon either attendance at USTA-SC LLC meetings. Any corrections to the regulations

after receipt from USTA-SC of the approved versions would then be communicated in follow-up email blast if necessary. It was suggested by PLLC-Estochen that the captains be encouraged to change their Tennislink email address to their primary address so that LLC-Risher may effectively utilize automatic Tennislink functions like delinquent match recording notification.

8. Meeting Adjourned.