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TENNIS ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Tennis Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Cory Aadland, Mitchell	2022 (1)
Principal	Open	(1)
Girls AA Coach	Matthew Termansen, Harr.	2024 (1)
Boys AA Coach	Trent Kurtz, Aberdeen Central	2022 (1)
Girls/Boys A Coach	Pat Moller, Mitchell	2023 (1)

1. Call Meeting to Order- The meeting was called to order by Assistant Director, Jo Auch at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All committee members were present.
2. Select Recording Secretary- Auch and Aadland recorded the notes for the meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Moller, second by Kurtz to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Review Duties/Responsibilities/Terms: Auch reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the committee members with Aadland and Kurtz’s first terms to expire this school year. Both agreed to stay on the committee for a second term.
5. Review Rule Changes for 2021-22: Auch reviewed the rules changes that were passed last year:
 - a. Continue to play Class A on Monday and Tuesday and Class AA on Thursday and Friday of week 14 each year rotating between Sioux Falls and Rapid City.
 - b. Allow for a substitution for a singles player after the tournament has begun, much like we do in doubles, for injury or illness occurring. This cannot be a player who has already played singles in the tournament. If the player withdraws, it must be by consent of the trainer, meet director and/or SDHSAA meet official. Once that player has withdrawn, they are no longer eligible to compete in singles or doubles.
 - c. For seed purposes the match begins when the first serve of the match takes place.
 - d. During regular season, the host school would have the option to play short sets as a match format.
 - e. Matches may be played using a 10 game pro set with a 7 point tie break when players reach 9 all with no ad scoring.
6. Report on Two Class State Event in SF- State Girls Tennis Tourney went very well in SF. One for the only years where the weather has completely cooperated making the tournament very fun for all.
7. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
 - a. A Coach Representative- Pat Moller
 - i. Classifications: The consensus of the Class A coaches was mixed as it was in all classes. When all was said and done the majority of boys and girls coaches in both classes and genders 22 votes to have the schools with an ADM of 450 and higher play in the AA tournament/ 6 voted to leave as is; and 16 voted to split the classes equally with the odd number moving up to Class AA, and also giving the option for teams to petition up if they so desired. Auch reminded the

committee that this information would be given to the Board of Directors, but ultimately how classifications are decided are up to the Board. Auch did mention that having the Class AA with 16 teams in the bracket would lengthen the tournament by 50 plus additional matches that would need to be played in those two days and she did not feel that might be in the best interest of the kids involved.

- ii. Discussion on should doubles matches be counted regardless of who plays in the match? Everyone understands the concern, but it could potentially hurt the wrong people. There was not a clear consensus from the group so no support for a change here.
- iii. Consider playing 2/3 with match tiebreak all the way through championship side of bracket until the championship match. Much discussion about this concept. The committee agreed that since we do not play 2/3 full sets all year long, it is hard to justify 2/3 full sets at the biggest event of the year and playing semi's and finals in both singles and doubles, is hard for the kids to endure.

PROPOSAL: Change the match format of the State Tournament to play 2/3 sets with a match tie break in lieu of the final set for all championship matches. Motion by Moller, second by Aadland . Motion passed unanimously.

- iv. Discussion on line-up changes and implications when this happens. There seemed to be some concerns about coaches changing their line up at the end of the season, which affected several athletes' seed points. Auch reminded the committee that we do have a rule in place that you must play in the flight in which you played the majority of your matches throughout the season. Committee agreed there was not a clear solution to this concern.
 - b. Boys AA Coach Representative- Trent Kurtz. All of the items had already been covered previously.
 - c. Girls AA Coach Representative- Matthew Termansen. The idea was proposed that should there be a penalty for bad behavior when athletes repeated make bad line calls and are overruled by the umpires at the State event. Thought might be to warn the first time, penalty point for second offense and penalty points for each continued offense. The committee felt we did not have enough information from all coaches to make such a change and wanted to discuss further with boys coaches and keep an eye on this to see if we have a need to come up with a penalty structure for repeated offenses.
 - d. Athletic Directors Representative- Cory Aadland. Classification had already been discussed, as he heard from several AD's about that item.
 - e. SDHSAA Representative
 - i. Tennis Classifications will be decided by our Board in January.
 - ii. Discussion on tournament format to add the 5th/6th Semi's back into the format. Auch asked the committee for their blessing to go ahead and make that change for the upcoming spring tournament in Rapid this year. The committee gave their blessing.
 - iii. Auch will be seeking an additional Class A Representative for either boys or girls so we have two class A coaches represented.
8. Recommended proposals from committee.
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9. Next year's meeting date will be Monday, October 24, 2022.

With no other items of business, motion from Termansen, second by Kurtz to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Auch, Assistant Executive Director/ SDHSAA