

SOUTH DAKOTA

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TENNIS ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: October 23, 2017

BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

10:30 a.m.

Tennis Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Randy Marso, Brandon Valley	2019 (2)
Principal	Mike Radke, Huron	2020 (1)
Girls Coach	Tom Krueger, SF Lincoln	2018 (1)
Boys Coach	Scott Ewald, Watertown	2019 (2)

1. Call Meeting to Order- The meeting was called to order by Jo Auch, at 10:30 a.m. with all committee members present.
2. Select Recording Secretary- Jo Auch offered to be the recording secretary for the meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda
Randy Marso moved to approve the agenda, Mike Radke seconded, motion passed 4-0.
4. Complete Expense Statements – Expense statements were completed
5. Review Duties/Responsibilities – Auch reviewed the duties and responsibilities of each committee member. Scott Ewald will be resigning his position as he is retiring from teaching and coaching. We would like to thank Scott for all his years of service in coaching, serving on the Tennis Advisory Committee and serving the students of South Dakota.
6. Review Rule Changes for 2017-18- Auch reviewed the rule changes that passed last year's Board. The only rule change was the criteria that could be used to help to determine seed placements for any appeal process.
7. Report on State Event in Sioux Falls
Weather was the issue. There was a good discussion on whether we should have added doubles quarters on Thursday. Coaches felt the need to be involved in that decision, and Auch and Marso pointed out that decisions need to be made and when running a State Event, no state event looks

for input from coaches as there would be too many different ideas as to what should be done. The decision was made and we knew this meant playing several matches for some, but they were all 10 game or 8 game pro sets. In the weather situation we were in, there were simply too many matches to not add rounds on Thursday. Ewald stated that he does not want to see matches cancelled. He stated that six matches have been played before in other scenarios throughout the season and in the given situation, although it was not ideal, we were able to play all the matches. Krueger agreed that six was too many and we need to look at the fairness and safety for athletes. Auch asked the question, "fairness for who"? Those in consolation rounds wanted to play matches and not have them cancelled. She stated we tried to find a way to keep the tournament format and get all the matches in, and that meant playing more rounds. We tried to keep it fair for all and unfortunately, some liked it and some did not! Safety of players is always the first concern, and with 8 and 10 game pro sets, we had the discussion with managers of the tournament and we did not feel as if we were putting anyone at risk with the format being played. Discussion continued as to how can we do this differently and make it manageable with no solutions.

8. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
 - a. Boys Coach Representative – Scott Ewald
 - *Start date: Coaches did not like the Heat Acclimatization Rule, but most understood it needed to be done for catastrophic insurance purposes. Some thought we should start the season earlier, the coaches had no desire to move that forward. Coaches vote 1-20.
 - *A suggestion to make a match limit per year, which again did not move forward for a vote.
 - *A suggestion to Seed top 8 with the old system of seeding and then seed the rest through the seed system that we have. Coaches' vote at the meeting was 4-17.
 - *The discussion to explore a two-class system for tennis. The coaches decided to form a committee to look at this and see if they could come up with a means to divide the 24 schools into two classes. The suggestion was 16 AA and 8 A schools, but there might be teams that wish to petition up based on ADM. If that were the case then there would be too low of a number in Class A to divide it. Thus, a committee will be formed to look at how that can be divided to make a workable tournament for both classes. The discussion also was that it might have to be on two separate weekends. That would help to make the tournament more manageable in weather conditions as well.
 - *A suggestion to allow only one coach to coach at the state tournament was also discussed. The coaches' vote was 0-21.
 - *A suggestion to have a committee to look at revamping seed points as well as looking at how to come up with two-class system. Jo will send an email out looking for volunteers to serve on the committee and try to get coaches from all school sizes to be represented. Krueger and Ewald will serve on the committee as well.
 - *Discussion on sportsmanship at the tournament, which is starting to be a problem. There were personal things being said to kids on the court. Schools need to remember to advise their crowds to be respectful to the athletes on the court. Personal things should NEVER be stated while an athlete is on the court. We will approach this at the coaches meeting so teams are aware of what is acceptable and what is not. Officials will be encouraged to use the Sportsmanship Code and penalize crowds and teams that are being disrespectful.

* Sites- Ewald went on record to thank Brandon for being a host site. He stated that many complain about the travel to Brandon (when it really is not any further than other locations) as Brandon always seem to make it special for the coaches, players and fans.

b. Girls Coach Representative – Tom Krueger

*Basically, the same information as Ewald had for the girls.

* Discussion on how to manage tournament...if weather becomes an issue the suggestion was to possibly go to three rounds on the consolation side and stop there.

c. Principal Representative- Mike Radke

*Pretty quiet on the Principal side of things. No concerns.

d. Athletic Directors Representative- Randy Marso

*Marso had received concerns on the possibility of limiting the number of matches when moving indoors. Committee talked about the variations and depending on when you go inside is factor.

*Some type of qualifier so it means something to the teams there. Krueger asked that we consider either doing one or the other: Qualify by the seed system with limited numbers qualifying or go to a two-class system. He did not think doing both at the same time was advisable. Committee will look at the possibilities and report to the advisory for any other consideration of proposals.

e. SDHSAA Representative

*Auch felt the criteria to consider for appeals committee was working great. We had two appeals this year that were both settled without an appeals meeting.

*Auch commented on the Tournament format in which we are playing right now is too much when we have weather conditions. The girls bracket consists of 360 matches in 3 days, the boys with 24 teams is 378 matches. The increased number of teams has added matches over the past several years and we have done nothing to change the format of the tournament. It may be time to look at a different format whether that be qualifying for a tournament or a two-class system. Something needs to be done as it is a tough one to manage if weather conditions come into play, which weather has been an issue at most tournament.

*Auch discussed the indoor court use. She stated that the bill this year to use all the indoor courts was over \$5200. Again, are we playing too many matches?

*We will put together a committee to discuss two-class system and seed points- Jo will send email out to coaches looking for volunteers to be on the committee.

9. Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for Tennis.

Auch will update the Sportsmanship code sheet to reflect: Coaches can only talk to players on changeovers.

10. Review recommendations; additional opportunity for proposals following group discussion.

At this time, establishing committee to review Seed point and the two-class system will be done and that committee will report to the advisory board to see if any proposals will move forward for the upcoming year. The committee will try to meet in December and again in January with any recommendations to come before the committee in early February for consideration.

11. Proposed date for next year's meeting will be Monday, October 22, 2018.

12. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ewald, with Krueger as a second. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.