

TENNIS ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: October 22, 2018

BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

11:00 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	Trent Kurtz, Aberdeen Central	2019 (*)

1. Call Meeting to Order – Jo Auch called the meeting to order at 11:00 and welcomed the members of the committee, in which all were present.
2. Select Recording Secretary – Auch will record the minutes.
3. Complete Expense Statements – Expense statements were completed.
4. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Krueger and second by Marso to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.
5. Review Duties/Responsibilities – Auch reviewed duties and responsibilities of each member on the committee, with Krueger agreeing to serve a second term as his first term expires this year.
6. Review Rule Changes for 2018-19 – Auch reviewed the rule changes for the 2018-19 year, of which we had no formal proposals or changes, just reminders for the sport.
7. Report on State Event in Rapid City – Auch reported that the State event in Rapid was held with some weather challenges. We did start the tournament on Wednesday to attempt to get ahead of the inclement weather challenges. We were able to get the first two rounds played on Wednesday, which made the tournament a bit more manageable when we had to move indoors, due to rain and cold. The girls handled the adjustments very well. The decisions made throughout the tournament seemed to work well, and we were able to complete the tournament on Saturday. Thanks to all for making it all work.
8. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
 - a. Boys Coach Representative – Trent Kurtz
 - 1) Discussion on State Tournament sites and the thoughts of the coaches. Auch explained the decisions are left up to the site selection committee. Some of the sites listed have not expressed any interest on the information that is sent from the SDHSAA office for consideration.
 - 2) The question arose wondering if there is ever a consideration to add a member on the advisory so we would have East/West representation. Auch pointed out that this would take a constitutional change, as the advisory committees are approved by our Board of Directors based on the constitution and bylaws in place.
 - 3) There is some thought on wanting to revamp the scoring system to change the number of points awarded for flights. This discussion will continue at the boys' seed meeting in the spring.

b. Girls Coach Representative – Tom Krueger

- 1) Alternating site east and west each year. (19-5 Boys vote; girls vote: 19-6 noting that we only have 23 girls teams, so we had some extra votes) West River has indicated that they would like to move it back to a year-to-year rotation as putting on the event is a big responsibility.
- 2) In an attempt to help with the weather situation there was talk of starting the girls season one week earlier and then moving the State Tournament up a week. Coaches vote was 10-15 against moving the start date.
- 3) Someone mentioned they would like to see us play all State Tournaments in SF until RC gets indoor facilities to accommodate for inclement weather. Committee had no interest.
- 4) Suggested that no coach should be involved in any way in running the state tournament – preferential courts, tournament headquarters, etc. Auch will have conversation with AD's running the meet. Auch pointed out that sometimes when moving from location to location, we get spread fairly thing and in an attempt to keep the many matches of the tournament moving, coaches sometimes volunteer to help put athletes out on courts. Committee felt in situations as such, this was acceptable to keep the tournament moving along.
- 5) All singles and doubles players should play the same amount of matches to be seeded.
 - a. 8 matches: 8 in favor
 - b. 10 matches: 8 in favor
 - c. 12 matches: 4 in favor
 - d. 15 matches: 1 in favor
 - e. Percentage of matches: 4 in favor

Committee was comfortable with the number of matches presently in place to be seeded.

6) Match options:

- a. Would you like to see short sets added to the option to play in the handbook. (Coaches vote: 18 no, 7 yes) Presently the handbook that 8 and 10 game pro sets, 2/3 with match tie break and 2/3 full sets are the options to play for regular and post season. Some play short sets as an option. A few years ago we allowed people to try these during the regular season and the question was asked if we should be playing those since they are not listed in the handbook as acceptable playing format. The committee decided that we need to have a discussion about this at the next boys and girls meeting to see where we want to go, so it will be tabled until the next advisory meeting. Trial format for shorts will remain in place for regular season.

7) Two Class System: Coaches vote: 18 yes, 7 no

c. Principal Representative – Mike Radke

Radke expressed that the coaches are communicating with their coaches representatives their concerns, so he had nothing further to add.

d. Athletic Directors Representative – Randy Marso

Marso's only concern was that of the rotation going East and West.

e. SDHSAA Representative

- i. Auch discussed that we needed to put a tie breaking procedure in place in case we had a tie in the seeds.

PROPOSAL:

Tie Breaking Procedure:

1. Head-to-head
2. Indirect wins
3. Quality wins – any player who has a win vs a higher seeded player, if they both do, the seed will be awarded to whomever has the best (highest) quality win.
4. Bad losses – whoever lost to the lowest seeded player would receive the lower seed

5. Coin flip

Motion by Krueger, second by Kurtz, 4-0 pass.

- ii. Tournament format continues to grow with more teams playing tennis. It increases number of matches in the tournament and we have done nothing to adjust the format of the tournament to help with managing it. We presently have State Invite, not a State Tournament. Is it time for us to go to some type of qualifier or a two-class system to help with management of the tournament? Committee felt we needed to find out the feelings of the committee about the two-class system before diving into this area.
- iii. Indoor court use has increased drastically- format of tournament – Committees recommendations is to go back to assessing a yearly fee for each tennis school, for indoor court use.
- iv. How do we get to a 2-class system and how it affects seed points? Committee had a great discussion about the two-class system. The committee sees this as a benefit as Tennis is the only sport that still has only one classification. The committee looked at ADM numbers to see if there would be a number to focus on to try and even out the number of teams and still allow teams the ability to petition up if they so desired.

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2019-20 Class A Girls and Boys - Sioux Falls/Brandon

Motion by Marso, second by Radke- motion passed 4-0.

- v. Deadline for regular season will be Saturday of wk. 13 for girls, and Saturday of wk. 45 for boys. The deadline to enter scores will be Sunday at noon prior to state tournament. A \$50 fine will be assessed for scores not entered by Sunday at noon.

9. Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for Tennis.

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

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- c. Advisory discussed medals and recommends when going to a two-class system we will award medals for individuals 1st -5th and consolation champ; and team awards (plaques/trophies) for teams that finish 1st -4th .
- d. Committee's recommendation to site selection committee is to move back to E/W site rotation: Auch will check into getting out of contracts, if necessary.
- e. Committee recommends that if going to two classes, we would add a boys and girls coach Class A representative on the committee.

11. Proposed date for next year's meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2019.

12. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Marso, second by Kurtz- motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jo Auch
Assistant Executive Director
SDHSAA*