



Umpires and Referees Committee Motions & Actions

Las Vegas, Nevada

July 7, 2016

MOTION 1. MOVED to approve the December 18, 2015 Minutes.

Movant: Wendell Dillon
Second: Saul Weinstein

Discussion: none.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

ACTION 1. The URC authorizes the URC Chair to extend offers for the following key official positions to these named individuals for the 2016 U.S. Open: Deputy Referee positions (2) to both Mr. Chris Williams and Mr. Albert Rooijmans, Chief Umpire position to Ms. Linda Hsing, and Deputy Chief Umpire position to Mr. Michael Meyer.

Action was approved without objection.

ACTION 2. The URC requests that Mr. Dillon work together with Mr. Kondo towards drafting a perhaps mutually agreeable Tournament Guide Revision Draft as a basis for further URC discussion. In the meantime, the URC tables further discussion of Mr. Kondo's suggested Tournament Guide Revision Draft delineating the separation of responsibilities between officials (e.g., referee, umpire) and tournament directors/tournament committees as per ITTF guidelines.

Action was approved without objection.

ACTION 3. The URC authorizes the URC Chair to issue a Memorandum to be distributed via email to qualified umpires concerning a URC-approved new requirement to be added to the existing Selection Sub-Committee's criteria for candidates who wish to apply for umpire assignments outside the United States. This new requirement states that candidates must have served in one major tournament (i.e., U.S. Nationals or Open) within the past two (2) years to be

considered for these assignments. The effective start date for enforcement of this new requirement will be January 1, 2017.

Action was approved without objection.

MOTION 2. MOVED that the URC make the recommendation to the USATT Rules Committee and USATT Board that ITTF's new rule permitting coaching at times other than between games not be applicable for United States tournaments that are neither ITTF sponsored nor sanctioned.

Movant: Wendell Dillon
Second: Lee Kondo

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

MOTION 3. MOVED that the URC withdraw its previously approved suggestion to have an ARE umpire training course and examination at the upcoming U.S. Open in December 2016.

Movant: Wendell Dillon
Second: Saul Weinstein

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

ACTION 4. The URC requests that Mr. Kondo make draft revisions for further discussion in both the URC and Selection Sub-Committee procedures to clarify their respective roles in processes involving the invitation and selection of officials (e.g., visiting umpires) for U.S. tournaments.

Action was approved without objection.

ACTION 5. The URC requests that Mr. Dillon distribute his job description SOPs for major officials (i.e., Referee, Chief Umpire, Racket Controller, etc.) to URC members for further input and discussion.

Action was approved without objection.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Kondo
URC Secretary