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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 via Zoom Online Meeting

Next General Meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM. Called to order by Carol Jory. Attendees were Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, Jim Bodor, John Broderick, Amanda Fink, Jeff Greenwald, M. A. Hillier, Jerome Jayapal, Josh Jorgensen, Carol Jory, Peggy Jung, Sandie Kindred, Jim Lackritz, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Anne Leistikow, Randie Lettington, Carolyn Nichols, Tony Perez, Anne Podney, Lois Szczepaniak, Amit Shaw, Simon Shen, Jim Winters.
- II. MINUTES: January 17, 2020 General Meeting Minutes MSP. The March 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting was cancelled due to weather and the April 14 Executive Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions (Balboa TC was closed).
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lesley Waite is retiring from SDDTA after 30 years. We are grateful for her service to the San Diego tennis community. Carol appointed Anne Podney to fill the Executive Board vacancy. MSP. Linda Milan indicated the SCTA will provide the full budgeted funding to SDDTA for 2020. However, next year's grant may be lower due to the impact of Covid-19 on USTA activities. Carol also reported the sad news that Virginia Glass, David Sanderlin, and Mario Moreano had recently passed away. They will be missed. Both Virginia and David were inductees of the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame and Mario is a well-known San Diego tennis umpire. Virginia served on our board for many years and did much for the San Diego tennis community.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz reported that due to cancellation of Tennis Fest and other expenditure reductions, net income is approximately \$15k over budget. US Open is questionable and will likely affect future USTA funding. MSP.
- V. COLLEGIATE: Anne Podney requested SDDTA get the word out on collegiate scholarship applications due July 1. Info on SDDTA website.
- VI. NOMINATIONS: Sandie Kindred reported the nominating committee recommends Ryan Redondo to SDDTA Board membership. MSP.
- VII. TOURNAMENTS: Jim Lackritz reported SCTA will try to allow tournaments starting on July 1st. Jeff Anderson and Jim spoke to Ryan Redondo about the Barnes adult tennis tournament. The tournament was under suspension due to poor reviews and the unwillingness of the previous TD to refund the entry fee to two players whose events were cancelled. Ryan arranged for the refunds and got a new TD to run the tournament, who has experience running junior tournaments. They are looking at dates for late October. Tony Perez reported La Jolla Tennis Club tournament will have only men's and women's open divisions and will be one weekend July 1-5. Planning for Maureen Connolly, District and other tournaments is underway. SCTA is preparing guidance on tournament safety protocols but have not issued those yet. Steve Leffler mentioned that Rancho Penasquitos adult tournament is currently scheduled for mid-August.

- VIII. CLUB LIAISON: Steve Leffler reported on efforts made by SDDTA and many local tennis club directors to reopen clubs during the shutdown. This included development of a SDDTA protocol for a phased reopening of tennis courts in San Diego County about which Jim Lackritz and Steve Leffler met with the City Parks and Recreation Department Director. The protocol was also sent to the County Supervisors, some of whom forwarded it to the Covid response team to help get the process started. All Park and Recreation permitted clubs and other clubs in the County now appear to be open under club-specific Covid-19 restrictions to ensure social distancing.
- IX. MILITARY OUTREACH: Steve Leffler reported that Steve Kappes and others from the District's San Diego Wounded Warrior Tennis Program (WWTP) are working with a foundation that intends bring a new annual collegiate-level tournament to town. It will be known as the San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic (SDVTC) and it is hoped to take place at Balboa Tennis Club this November and thereafter at the new USD tennis stadium. The SDVTC will involve annual tennis competition between USD, US Naval Academy, UC San Diego and San Diego State University. The event will also include participation of the San Diego Wounded Warriors Tennis Program. SDVTC intends to support the Navy SEAL Foundation as well as community outreach tennis organizations involving young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- X. SD TENNIS HALL OF FAME: John Broderick reported that 42 nominees were considered for the Class of 2020. Six of those were selected. They are Cathie Anderson (Senior Success), Arnold and Esther Belinsky (Philanthropy), Larry Belinsky (Senior Success Community Service), Geoff Griffin (Community Service, Teaching Pro), and Roz King (Senior Success, Community Service). The induction ceremony will be held Saturday August 29 at 4:30 during the District Tournament's first weekend. Past inductees will be invited as well as members of the public via various media releases.
- XI. LEAGUE: Randie Lettington reported that winter leagues are wrapping up unfinished key matches to prepare for Sectional pairings later in the year. There will be a few summer leagues (for instance 65+). Fall leagues should be getting back to normal. USTA is planning to add a "League Player Agreement" online waiver to the league registration process that will require league participants to respect Covid-19 safety restrictions at clubs they visit for league matches. Randie also mentioned USTA's "Tennis Industry United" program to provide advice and financial assistance grants to clubs to implement Covid-19 safety measures. She said 20 local clubs had received such grants.
- XII. TENNIS FEST: Carol Jory reported that Tennis Fest is cancelled for 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- XIII. MARKETING: Cara Beltran reported that the SDDTA Facebook and Instagram pages have 4-600 followers each. She requested that SDDTA Directors "like" and "follow" the pages and encourage others to do so.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

Carol Jory, President