

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Meeting at Balboa Tennis Club

Next General Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM. Called to order by John Broderick. Attendees were John Broderick, Carole Farr, Steve Kappes, Jim Lackritz, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Ryan Redondo, and Simon Shen. Guests: Janene Christopher (SDDTA) and Paulina Rassavong (TennisFest Chair).
- II. MINUTES: The March 8, 2022 General Meeting minutes will be approved at the June General Meeting. MSP
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Broderick welcomed Carole Farr and Ryan Redondo to the Executive Committee. He discussed the April 5th Mission Bay Park Committee meeting at Santa Clara Recreation Center that involved presentations by the for-profit pickleball group that wants to take over Peninsula Tennis Club (PTC) at Robb Field and the rebuttal by the tennis community. Over 100 pro-tennis attendees signed speaker slips and the meeting was covered by local television media which gave the pro-PTC coalition a good opportunity to express our point of view. Photos of tennis supporters and their signs are featured on the district website and the three best signs/costumes will receive complementary tennis lessons. John also discussed the Tennis Advocacy committee's goals to increase the availability of tennis courts in San Diego which may include participating in joint-use agreements with local school districts and Parks and Recreation. John announced that Hillary Park will chair the Tournament Feedback and Promotions committee and Janene Christopher will chair the Diversity and Inclusion committee. A Chair for the Community Programs committee is still being sought. John would like everyone to copy himself and Simon on all SDDTA communications so they can be aware of what is happening and offer input and direction as needed.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz reported that USTA member fees have been received and are up to date while newsletter and "Other Grant" expenses occurred. There was a request for clarification of the scope of the two wheelchair tennis accounts (6444 and 6445). (After researching the issue following the meeting, Jim determined that the two accounts, although originally created for separate purposes, could be combined in next year's budget process to avoid further confusion.) Jim noted that we have transitioned from QuickBooks to Paychex for financial tracking. MSP
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. **TennisFest:** Paulina Rassavong provided a comprehensive review of preparations for the upcoming event on Sunday May 15 from 12:30 – 4 PM. David Gill will receive the Ben Press Award which will be presented by Geoff Griffin. David Wagner, the distinguished wheelchair tennis player, will be the guest of honor. Sabi Leon and Shatoo Mohamad are reaching out to ITF players who might be able to participate in the exhibition match.
 - b. **Tennis Advocacy:** John Broderick reviewed progress by the committee in the president's report.
 - c. **Club Liaison:** Steve Leffler reported on committee efforts to survey clubs, provide information and distribution for the new SDDTA banner, and disseminate information on the upcoming TennisFest event.

- d. **Marketing & Advertising:** John Broderick reported on the SDDTA banner completion and distribution to date.
- e. **League Updates:** Randie Lettington said Spring is usually one of the largest USTA league seasons. There are over 180 teams participating plus Flex league. Women's weekend leagues have grown significantly across 4 levels and 34 teams. Sectionals events will begin with mixed doubles this month and Barnes Tennis Center is hosting the 40 and Over League Sectionals in May. Summer league registration has begun for 55+, 65+, Tri-level Adult leagues and Mixed 40+.
- f. **District Tournament:** Simon Shen noted that the District Tournament would be held at Barnes Tennis Center instead of Balboa this year.
- g. **Newsletter:** Carole Farr reported that the newsletter would be sent out in June after TennisFest.
- h. **Grants:** Simon Shen reported that we have received a grant request from Rancho Bernardo Community Tennis Club.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Steve Kappes:** reported that he was now the President of the foundation that will put on the San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic tournament which will be held annually in the Fall and will feature the Navy Academy and local college teams.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

John Broderick, President