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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Meeting via Zoom

Next General Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM.** Called to order by John Broderick. Attendees were Eric Alm, Jeff Anderson (staff), Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, John Broderick, Larry Calder, John Chanfreau, Carole Farr, Jeff Greenwald, Dave Jaehnig, Jerry Jayapal, Josh Jorgensen, Carol Jory, Jim Lackritz, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Sabi Leon, Randie Lettington, Eric Mann, Shatoo Mohamad, Hillary Park, Amit Shah, Simon Shen, and Todd Sprague. Guest: Linda Milan USTA SoCal/SCTA Foundation.
- II. **MINUTES:** December 14, 2021 General Meeting, MSP.
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** John Broderick again thanked Ryan Redondo and Barnes Tennis Center and staff for hosting the December Barnes Tennis Center Open. Mountain View tournament is now underway with singles the first weekend and doubles the next. More tournaments with different formats and limited scopes are forthcoming. John appreciates the sense of urgency and efforts to revitalize tournament offerings. He also welcomed new SDDTA board members Dave Jaehnig, who now chairs the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame and Sabi Leon who will chair the Marketing and Advertising committee.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Lackritz reported that year-end dividends were received, improving the balance sheet and the full year report was provided with expenditures under budget. MSP
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Budget/Finance:** The excess 2021 budget was used to restore 2022 budget to "pre-Covid" levels in furtherance of SDDTA goals. Tournament prize money increased to \$10k. BTC has indicated that court rental charges will be higher for the District tournament. Drop-in tennis and grant funding increased. \$2k for WTT program was inadvertently omitted from baseline which Jim offered in amendment. Ryan Redondo inquired about the Diversity and Inclusion budget – Jim explained that the mission is to bring tennis to communities lacking in opportunities to participate in tennis and this may also include the drop-in tennis program. The discussion also turned to the wheelchair tennis budget and the District Wounded Warrior Tennis Program. Linda Milan pointed out that Barnes has a number of wheelchairs available for such programs and Jeffrey Lee asked if wheelchair divisions could be included in some of the tournaments. 2022 SDDTA Budget (amended to include WTT funding) MSP.
 - b. **Nominations:** The slate of officers offered by the Nominating Committee at the December General meeting consisting of John Broderick as President, Simon Shen as Vice President, Jim Lackritz as Treasurer and Steve Leffler as Secretary was voted on. MSP. The officers will serve a two-year term.

- c. **Tournament Sanctions & Scheduling:** Jim Lackritz reported that the committee met last Monday. They are looking at how to restore tournaments in addition to Balboa, La Jolla, Mountain View, Rancho Penasquitos, and Barnes. Lots of weekends still open with USTA encouraging one weekend tournaments. La Costa is looking at a one weekend tournament the end of April. Eric Mann pointed out that Mountain View is proposing a couple of new tournaments including a “Juneteenth” tournament, but was pointed out that it might conflict with the La Jolla tournament. Ryan Redondo mentioned that SoCal Sectionals will be at Barnes and suggested setting up a “San Diego Circuit” to appeal to Orange County and LA players and possibly a clay circuit with the 3 clubs who have that surface. Linda Milan mentioned that SCTA has a popular “Fast4 Tennis Circuit” and that SCTA has a policy limiting same weekend tournaments. Jim responded that SDDTA also tries to avoid this situation within the county especially if tournaments attract the same players or are in proximity. Hillary Park agreed to contact PBTC about holding a tournament there but raised the general concern that over scheduling could lead to too many tournaments and this could depress player registrations for the individual tournaments.
- d. **Tournament Evaluation:** Hillary Park said she will be planning future tournament evaluations. The next tournament is at end of February at Barnes and will be run by Paola Diaz. Todd Sprague said he can suggest other ways to do tournament evaluations. Tournaments will be encouraged to provide online links to tournament evaluations.
- e. **Marketing and Advertising:** Sabi Leon announced she will be promoting the tournament calendar, Tennis on Campus, college teams, club events, local players and college scholarships on social media such as Facebook, Instagram and the SDDTA website. She would like photos from tournaments from board participants so they can be shared. For instance, Randie has two USTA league teams that are going to sectionals so please get photos. John Broderick recommended a committee meeting. New SDDTA banners (TBD) will highlight our website at tennis facilities.
- f. **Club Liaison:** ECCTA (La Mesa) is hosting a UTR tournament February 19-21 and pushing to get LED lighting installed. Shatoo Mohammad is running the tournament and needs score tenders. Jim Lackritz suggested Shatoo contact David Gill at the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council.
- g. **San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame:** Dave Jaehnig reported that there would be a meeting at the end of February. The SDTHOF induction will be in August during the District Tournament. Selection committee members include Ryan Redondo, Sue Sprague, Jim Kellogg and David Whitehead. Jim Lackritz is available to help with vote tabulations, if needed.
- h. **Bylaws and Committee assignments:** Mike Bauer and Larry Calder are committee members. Could use another member. Mike pointed out that, per the Bylaws, there must be at least 7 members on the Executive Committee, 4 of which are officers. The President can select the non-officer members who are then voted on by the Directors.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **SDDTA Tournament Supervisor:** Simon Shen suggested we approach the USPTA and the Umpire Association to advertise the position. He shared some preliminary language for the posting and may have located a couple of interested people. Will need to consider a contract mechanism. Independent contractor may need to carry insurance but may not be required by USTA. This may vary by club. Clubs could get a rider on their USTA policy, and the tournament supervisor must have Safe Play certification according to Linda Milan.
- b. **Greater San Diego City Tennis Council:** John Broderick will coordinate efforts so we can work together for better court access at schools for general weekend play, tournaments, leagues, programs, etc. In response to the newsletter, GSDCTC reached out to support how to get high school court use. They provided a list of courts that they had success with getting court access.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Newsletter:** Carole Farr requested some help with editing. Hillary Park will join the committee.
- b. **World Tennis Number:** Todd Sprague advised attending webinars to learn more about the new ITF/USTA rating system that will compete with UTR. John Broderick will forward link.
- c. **Tennis Fest:** Jerry Jayapal will set up first planning meeting soon for the May 15th event.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

John Broderick, President