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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 Meeting at Barnes Tennis Center

Next Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM. Called to order by John Broderick. Attendees were Eric Alm, Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, John Broderick, Larry Calder, John Chanfreau, Andrew Cretella, Carole Farr, Jeff Greenwald, M. A. Hillier, Dave Jaehnig, Jerry Jayapal, Josh Jorgensen, Carol Jory, Steve Kappes, Sandie Kindred, Jim Lackritz, Jeff Lee, Steve Leffler, Anne Leistikow, Sabi Leon, Randie Lettington, Solomon Liu, Eric Mann, Shatoo Mohamad, Hillary Park, Simon Shen, and Todd Sprague. Guests: Linda Milan (USTA SoCal/SCTA Foundation), Trevor Kronemann (CEO, USTA SoCal), Paulina Rassavong (Chair, TennisFest).
- II. MINUTES: January 11, 2022 General Meeting MSP.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Broderick noted that while the tennis community is trying to replace lost tennis court inventory in the county due to increasing property values, we are also resisting a campaign that is being waged to convert the non-profit Peninsula Tennis Club at Robb Field into a for-profit pickleball facility. On the tournament front, the August District Tournament has been moved to Barnes Tennis Center which helps Balboa Tennis Center with member demand for courts, is a bit cooler that time of year, and several more courts are available for the tourney. He discussed creating a San Diego Tournament Series for the major San Diego summer tournaments. John gave a shout-out to Steve Kappes who received the community service award at the USPTA luncheon.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz said that there was no major activity to report. MSP
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. **TennisFest:** Paulina Rassavong (paulina@rassavong.com) is the new Chair of the committee and reported on her background with large events and organizations and the progress that is being made on the upcoming May 15th TennisFest event. So far 35 teaching pros have signed up to help but more are needed. The goal is 60 teaching pros. Additional donors for giveaways and prizes are needed as well.
 - b. **Nominations:** Sandie Kindred introduced the new nominating committee – Hillary Park, Steve Kappes, Eric Alm, and Dave Jaehnig and reviewed the nominating process. The candidate submits their own application. The Chair reviews the application and then does phone interview. The candidate must be available and commit to attend meetings. A report of the interview is produced with pros/cons and important information to committee. The committee provides feedback and then moves to nominate. Sandie then nominated Janene Christopher, past president, and member of Balboa Tennis Club as an SDDTA Director. Janene is an architect and brings a strong knowledge of City processes as well as demonstrated strong leadership and ability to get things done to the Board. MSP Ryan Redondo and Carole Farr were nominated to join the Executive Committee. MSP
 - c. **Marketing and Advertising:** Sabi Leon unveiled 3 prototype banners for the Directors to review. Although the feedback was very positive, none of the prototype designs were accepted as is but numerous suggestions were made to reposition, add, and remove design elements and the decision was made for the committee to continue the review by email once the suggested changes were made. The banners will be supplied to tennis clubs free of charge.
 - d. **San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame** – Dave Jaehnig reported that the list of nominees for this year's induction is being narrowed down. There is discussion of having the induction and luncheon at Barnes Tennis Center during the relocated August District Tournament.

- e. **Bylaws and Committee assignments** – Mike Bauer led the discussion and review of proposed changes to the SDDTA bylaws. These changes were voted on individually however the discussion started late in the meeting and there wasn't adequate time to review all the changes this meeting.
 - 1. Amendment Article V, Section 5 – A motion was made to add the option of attending regular board meetings by video or electronic communication instead of attending in person. Randie Lettington was concerned with the difficulty and expense of setting up the equipment. Sandie Kindred explained the rules regarding electronic meetings cited in the California Corporation Code stating that the proposed video option was a hybrid option where all board members participating electronically must be able to be seen or heard by the board members in attendance. Larry Calder advocated that we embrace and accommodate electronic participation at board meetings. The motion failed. A 2/3 majority was needed (12-11-1).
 - 2. Article V, Section 6 was changed to "The Board of Directors shall ensure compliance with all provisions set forth in these bylaws." MSP
 - 3. Bylaws revisions were then tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.
- f. **Inactive Committees** – The Sanctions and Scheduling, Tournament Evaluations, and Grievance committees are being suspended as SCTA has taken on these functions for adult tournaments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Pickleball.** John Broderick updated the board on the SDDTA's policy concerning avoiding tournament and league play on tennis courts that have been co-lined for pickleball. He also discussed issues some tennis clubs have experienced recently concerning pickleball and resulting interactions with the City and advisory groups concerning Special Use Permit tennis clubs.
- b. **Website.** John discussed the updated look of the District website (<https://sandiegotennis.com>). Club logos, recent tennis events, and upcoming tournaments are now displayed on the home page which will be kept frequently updated and relevant to the San Diego tennis community.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **New Committees.** Two new committees are being formed (MSP):
 - i. **Tournament Promotions and Feedback Committee**– This committee will promote SDDTA tournaments and review feedback from participants. As noted above, SCTA has taken over most tournament functions previously managed by SDDTA. No chair has been appointed.
 - ii. **Tennis Advocacy Committee** – Todd Sprague will chair this committee which will address the need for more tennis facilities and enhancements to support the growth of tennis in San Diego. Randie Lettington asked if the committee would address access to courts on school grounds and Todd replied affirmatively that it could. Randie noted that schools tend to operate independently. Steve Leffler mentioned that Parks and Recreation is also looking at court access via joint use agreements with school districts. Josh Jorgensen pointed out that the tennis advocacy effort would be led by the USTA community tennis program at the national level.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

John Broderick, President