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MINUTES OF SDDTA GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Next General meeting is August 8, 7:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 PM. President Anne Podney. Members present were: Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, Andrew Cretella, Dave DeSure, Geoff Griffin, Stepanka Hastings, M.A. Hillier, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Roz King, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Tony Perez, Jesse Steinberg, Lesley Waite, Jim Winters, Susan Yeck, Carla Zarbo.

II. MINUTES: MSP.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Anne Podney. New board members Randie Lettington and George Espinosa were welcomed. The Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2018. Board members are encouraged to solicit nominations for awards and turn in suggestions to Jeff Anderson.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Anne Podney for Carol Jory. MSP.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Nominations. Anne Podney for Sandie Kindred. It is proposed that Sheryl Munning be added to the Board. MSP.
- b. Grant. Anne Podney. A \$3,700 grant the San Diego Tennis Council will be given to renovate four courts at the Valley Center Tennis Club, conditional on the courts not being painted with pickleball lines. MSP.
- c. Collegiate. Carla Zarbo for Jami Jones. Cases of balls have been distributed to Junior College teams. Donations were given to Tennis-On-Campus teams at SDSU and UCSD, both of which provided volunteers for Tennis Fest. The collegiate scholarship application is to be made available online and its availability is to be publicized with the colleges. Local tournament directors are being contacted to give discounts on entry fees for college students.
- d. Newsletter. Lesley Waite. Due to low readership of the prior online issues, it is proposed that the next issue be mailed, as already budgeted. MSP.
- e. Military Outreach. Steve Kappes. The 6th Annual Camp was held May 14-20. It was a huge success. The Wounded Warrior Program was featured in a cover story about adaptive tennis in Disabled Sports USA's Challenge Magazine. From 120 applicants, 60 were selected. Attendees came from 21 states and were aged 23-80.
- f. Tennis Fest. Geoff Griffin. The event was rescheduled due to rain for the first time in 17 years. In spite of that, turnout from volunteers and the public was excellent. There were over 60 volunteers. College and high school teams also provided volunteers. Pam Shriver introduced Dick Enberg as the Ben Press Award recipient. The Wilson vendor tent drew a large response. The charity auction brought in nearly \$5,000 for the Tennis Thanks the Troops campaign.
- g. Tournament. Tony Perez. The American Melanoma Foundation donated \$2,000 in sponsorship money.

- h. Adult Leagues. Randie Lettington. New Tri-level leagues are being tried with good response so far. Weekend leagues are now being offered that are drawing new league players. The District is #4 nationally in the number of new registrants. A web page on the USTA/SCTA site is being assembled and flyers are to be distributed at clubs.
- i. Tournament Evaluation. Anne Podney for Carolyn Nichols. To date, six tournaments have been evaluated, mostly positively. Most of the remaining tournaments have been assigned evaluators.
- j. Community Tennis. Josh Jorgensen. Valley Center, Southwestern College, and a location in Spring Valley have been identified as possible sites for FTD's and/or Drop-In Tennis. The Drop-In Tennis program is to be expanded from adult-only clinics to allow juniors to attend with their adult family members. The Family Tennis Day outreach program is to be expanded to allow for targeting adult demographics other than families, such as senior or perhaps college-student populations.
- k. Club Liaison. Steve Leffler. The Club Liaison Committee will consider and possibly authorize requests for District endorsement and advertisement of local charity tennis events.

VI. NEW BUSINESS. M.A. Hillier, who is retiring from the Wounded Warrior Camp organizing committee, was recognized for her exhaustive contributions with a framed shirt signed by the 2017 campers. New organizing committee members are sought to help carry on M.A.'s work.

VII. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Jorgensen, Recording Secretary

Anne Podney, President