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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Meeting at Balboa Tennis Club

Next Executive Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM. Called to order by Jim Lackritz. Attendees were Eric Alm, Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, Andrew Cretella, M.A. Hillier, Jerome Jayapal, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Sandie Kindred, Jim Lackritz, Steve Leffler, Anne Leistikow, Eric Mann, Anne Podney, Ryan Redondo, and Todd Sprague.
- II. MINUTES: August 10, 2021 General Meeting Minutes MSP.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz reported that Carol Jory has reluctantly resigned her position as SDDTA President for the remainder of her term due to her elder care responsibilities. She would like to continue to support SDDTA as a Director if possible. Per the Bylaws, John Broderick will assume the role of SDDTA President for the remainder of her 2021 term. Jim also reported on the recent USTA SoCal (SCTA) meeting with the SDDTA Directors on October 2. The meeting fostered a very positive exchange of views on tennis needs in Southern California and San Diego. The SCTA Executive Director, Trevor Kronemann, emphasized that he viewed the relationship with SDDTA as a partnership. The Southern California Tennis Association Foundation, which recently relocated to San Diego, played a key financial role in securing the recent, very successful San Diego Open 250 ATP tournament and may be a resource for other District tennis needs.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz reported. We received a \$12,000 check from SCTA which restores funds that were cut the end of last year so that the total grant from SCTA will total \$41,250 as in previous years and that amount will continue in 2022 according to the SCTA Executive Director. MSP
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. **Nominations:** Sandie Kindred reported that the committee recommended Larry Calder and Carole Farr as SDDTA Directors. Larry is an umpire and has long been involved at Balboa Tennis Club. Carole has for many years volunteered on the District Tournament and other Balboa tournament desks. She participates in tournament and league play. MSP
 - b. **USTA League:** Randie Lettington, who was unable to attend, reported by email. She reported that 4 local teams were headed to Nationals. They are Coronado 2.5 Women (Scottsdale, AZ), Rancho Arbolitos 3.0 Women (Oklahoma City, OK), Morgan Run 55+ 8.0 Women (Orlando, FL), and El Toyon 40+ 8.0 Mixed (Surprise, AZ). Remaining 2021 Sectionals are for 65+ M/W doubles in November and the tri-level doubles in December. Fall doubles leagues are underway with 18 teams participating and the winning teams headed to January 2022 Sectionals. Year-end ratings will be published on or around December 1. Winter leagues for 2022 will be registering once the year-end ratings are published.
 - c. **Grant:** Anne Podney reported that the grant committee unanimously recommended giving the national playoff teams the following grants: 3-line teams going to Arizona (Coronado and El Toyon) \$300 per team (was previously \$150). 3-line team going to Florida (Morgan Run) \$400 (was \$250), and 5-line team going to Oklahoma (Rancho Arbolitos) \$500 (was \$300). MSP

- d. **Tournaments:** Anne Podney reported that the District Tournament drew 411 entries which exceeded post-pandemic expectations and was slightly up from 2019. Providing prize money to all divisions instead of trophies was a great success. BTC generously furnished 16 courts but a couple more next year would be desirable to avert some long delays that were experienced. The Metropolitan tournament numbers were also good and neither tournament had conflicts with league scheduling. Otherwise, tournament numbers are significantly down. No further tournaments are scheduled for 2021 until LJB&TC Nationals in December. The La Costa and Barnes adult tournaments did not renew their sanctions.
- e. **Collegiate:** Anne Podney reported that seven college scholarships have been awarded. The Angel Lopez scholarships (\$1,000 total, \$500 each) were awarded to Ariana Martinez (Southwestern CC) and Isabella Cortina (Grossmont CC). The SDDTA scholarships (\$2,500 total, \$500 each) were awarded to Michael Hao (Claremont-McKenna), An Nguyen (SDSU), Robert Liu (Claremont-McKenna), Anjni Agrawal (UCSD), and Derek Wong (Carnegie/Mellon).
- f. **Military Outreach:** Steve Kappes reported that weekly wounded warrior tennis clinics have restarted at Balboa Tennis Club. Steve gave a big shout-out to Ryan Redondo for providing the opportunity for the wounded warriors to hit with a pro, watch matches, and be recognized at the recent San Diego Open ATP 250 tournament. Steve also mentioned the first annual San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic (Nov 4-6) a collegiate tournament to be held at USD's new tennis complex involving men and women players from USD, UCSD, SDSU and the Naval Academy. The event will be free to the public and will recognize the District Wounded Warrior Tennis Program. A grant of \$1,000 to support the tournament was proposed by Anne Podney. (15-0-1)
- g. **Newsletter:** Anne Podney reported that the newsletter will go out towards the end of the year and may include some content normally found in the Annual Yearbook. Content should be sent to Anne by mid-November.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:** As a follow-through from the SDDTA/SCTA meeting discussions, Jim Lackritz challenged the SDDTA Directors to develop a focused set of 2-3 high priority goals. These high-priority goals would provide a focal point for District activities. One such high-priority goal that emerged from the meeting was the need to open up access to tennis courts in High School and other sites for league and adult play. Jerome Jayapal mentioned that he would like to help develop High School court access and Sandie Kindred suggested that the Barnes Center After School Tennis program might provide guidance for approaching school districts to open up some adult tennis opportunities on school properties.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

Jim Lackritz, Treasurer