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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at Barnes Tennis Center
Next General Board Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:05PM. Called to order by Jeff Greenwald. Attendees were: Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, John Broderick, Andrew Cretella, Carole Farr, Geoff Griffin, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Jim Lackritz, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Eric Mann, Casey Moore, Hillary Park, Aaron Sheinbein, Simon Shen, Todd Sprague, Jesse Steinberg, Vicky Tueros, Aurelie Udall, Juan Villanueva
Linda Milan (USTA SoCal/SCTA)
Invited guest Patsy Greenwald.

II. Minutes of the June 11 General Meeting were approved after discussing the addition of footnotes by the Secretary regarding CA Corp Code and Brown Act. Steve Leffler made a motion to approve, Geoff Griffin seconded. Passed with 1 abstention, Simon Shen.

III. President's Report: There was a USTA SoCal Community Social on August 11, 2024 in Mission Viejo with live ball, red ball, food and beverage and presentations by community members. John Broderick and Aaron Sheinbein attended as District representatives. On July 31, 2024 the second club liaison meeting of the year took place. Jeff Greenwald reminded all of us on the Board that we must have a current USTA membership. He shared that Steve Kappes is the new USPTA Executive Director and he will attend the US Open to attend US Open Military Appreciation Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Event. Jeff Greenwald also reported that the focus of Club Liaison efforts should be supporting smaller Special Use Permit clubs and two clubs mentioned that could benefit from SDDTA support are UCRC and The Tierrasanta Tennis Club. Patsy and Jeff Greenwald are funding the Patsy and Jeff Greenwald Charitable Foundation by donating \$17,000 this year and would like to start issuing grants and scholarships for at-risk and underprivileged students. The Scholarship-Collegiate Grant Committee needs to be reactivated to facilitate the issuing of the grants but the money will be funded through SCTA.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

a. Treasurer's Report: Jim Lackritz–Carole Farr motions to open item.

PLN is on schedule, expense item 3399 have \$500.00 paychecks and tax forms.

Item 6250 is to pay for Todd Sprague and Steve Kappes' travel expenses. The investments are up \$35,000 for the year. The SDDTA name Schwab has on record must be changed from Broderick to Greenwald. Jim Lackritz suggested allocating \$35,000 for the District Tournament.

Josh Jorgensen motioned to approve the treasurer's report and John Broderick seconded the motion. MSP

b. Bylaws: – Jeff Greenwall asked for clarification of the term ex officio with respect to the bylaws and corporate code confirming CA Corp Code 5220. Mike put a motion to remove the ex officio status for past presidents. Steve suggested tabling modifications to the bylaws while we are in the process of the 501(c)3 conversion as the bylaws will change anyway. Jim asked if we are required to address the bylaws immediately if they do not conform to CA corp code? The decision was no.

- c. Nominations-Geoff Griffin–We have openings for new Directors; please direct interested parties to Geoff.

V. Current Committee Reports

- a. Activities: Carole Farr spoke on District Tournament-Olympic theme with medals and podiums. T-shirts are ordered. We need volunteers to work the desk. ITF 1-5-1 poster will be at the desk to remind players to be ready to play once checked in. Carole asked for assistance reaching out to college players.. Janene Christopher will take pictures during the tournament. Three vendors will be at the tournament.
- b. Hall of Fame: John Broderick reported the ceremony will be August 24 at 4:30pm on court 8 at Balboa Tennis Club. After the ceremony there will be a taco bar.
- c. Club Liaison: Steve Leffler-The Club Liaison meeting was held on July 31 at the Balboa Tennis Club clubhouse and attended by 11 of the 12 Special Use Permit clubs and San Dieguito Tennis Club. The meeting was positive and they are building community and connectivity between SDDTA and the clubs.
- d. Military Outreach: Steve Kappes-Will attend the US Open to help carry out military appreciation day. An article will appear in the US Open Program with interviews of some San Diego athletes from military outreach. Reminder that the San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic hosted by USD and the Naval Academy will be the first weekend of October. Volunteers are needed.
- e. Marketing/Advertising: Cara Beltran shared that The District Tournament was posted on Instagram and Facebook. Senior games will be September 14-15 at Balboa Tennis Club. Andy Chang is the Tournament Director this year. Ages are 50-80+
- f. Community Programming- Family Tennis Day-The District helped advertise the two- court event in Chula Vista's Monte Valle Park in July and the next one will be in September.

VI. Liaison Reports

- a. League Tennis: Randie Lettington shared that summer leagues are wrapping up. No leagues are scheduled during Labor Day weekend so players will be open to play Districts. Three USTA Nationals will be hosted at Barnes Tennis Center in the fall. One San Diego team is going to Nationals–5.0 women's team from Pacific Beach Tennis Club.
- b. Umpires: Eric Mann shared that there is a national shortage of umpires and the San Diego area shortage is critical. All umpires that were umpiring when Eric began have retired or passed away. There aren't enough umpires to service all of the SD tournaments. Linda Milan shared that SCTA has a plan on how to recruit umpires. She will get info from SCTA and share with the District on how USTA is currently recruiting umpires.
- c. Wheelchair Tennis: Vicky Tueros-The Hendrickson Tournament will be Oct 11-13 at Barnes Tennis Center.
- d. USPTA: Steve Kappes shared that there are 280 teaching pros here in San Diego and are led by Conan Lorenzo. The focus of the USPTA is changing to expand and include other sports and offer certification in padel, tennis and pickleball. There will be a world conference for all racquet sports at Rancho Mirage on Sept 15-19.

VII. Old Business

- a. 501(c)3: Steve Leffler- Steve shared that he met with the lawyer. There are issues with voting rights for changing the bylaws. The lawyer still believes we will stay under our budget even though a lot has been spent on one meeting. The timeline is 6 months to get it done. We need to amend the bylaws first.
- b. SDDTA Code of Conduct: Jeff Greenwald believes that all members should be held accountable to do what is best for the organization and that by signing a Code of Conduct it would hold directors accountable. Several Directors commented and posed questions. It was noted by Steve Kappes and Linda Milan that other similar organizations have similar documents. Jeff requested feedback on the document before the next meeting and intends to present the document to the Board with changes based on feedback provided at the next General meeting.

VIII. Adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Park, Secretary

Jeff Greenwald, President