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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Barnes Tennis Center
Next General Board Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:03PM. Called to order by Jeff Greenwald. Attendees were: Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, John Broderick, Janene Christopher, Andrew Cretella, Carole Farr, Juan Garcia, Jeff Greenwald, David Jaehnig, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Sandie Kindred, Jim Lackritz, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Eric Mann, Hillary Park, Aaron Sheinbein, Todd Sprague, Jesse Steinberg, Vicky Tueros, Aurelie Udall
Linda Milan (Executive Director and Grants Manager of SCTA Foundation)

II. Approval of January 16, 2024, Meeting MINUTES: Correction in minutes from January 16. Wounded Warrior clinics will be held the first Friday of every month at University City Racquet Club. MSP 12-0

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeff Greenwald reported that at the WTA 500 the District was well represented and our booth was visible and drew notable visitors like Rosie Casals, Chris Clery, Jack McGrory, Linda Milan and Ryan Redondo. A big thanks to John Broderick for managing the booth.

A Vendor Relations Committee will be formed and collaborate with the Club Liaison Committee on a buying co-op to help clubs' purchasing power (. e.g. balls and court resurfacing). The intent is that SDDTA will facilitate group discounts between clubs.

There is a possibility that Jeff Greenwald will become a non-voting member-at-large for SCTA. The goal is to improve the relationship and communication between SCTA and SDDTA. The SCTA Executive Board will vote on this topic.

John Broderick made an SDDTA portable booth with a canopy, a table skirt, a backdrop sign and various decorations that promote tennis. The booth can be used at events.

The District Awards Dinner has been booked for January 17, 2025, at La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club (LJBTC). The Committee Chair Meeting scheduled for Sunday April 7 has received little response to date. Currently 3 have accepted with 2 maybes. Jim Lackritz notes he is unable to attend. Jeff Greenwald has asked that committee chairs respond to Carole or send a committee member to represent.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz reported that SDDTA received a surprise \$7,000.00 from USTA membership fees for the months of November and December 2023. We will be receiving no USTA membership monies during 2024. John Broderick made a motion which was seconded to approve the treasurer's report. 19-0-0 MSP

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Activities-Carole Farr sent a save-the-date email invitation to committee leads for the April 7 meeting. Please RSVP. The meeting will include a discussion about the SDDTA mission/purpose as well as goal-setting for the various committees. Pework items will be sent to committee leads.

b. Club Liaison-Steve Leffler shared that he and Carole Farr met in January with about 10 of the 12 SUP clubs. Discussion included fundraising, club issues, deadlines. There is an interest from the attendees in

meeting quarterly. The Parks and Rec Board will meet on March 21 and will vote on the Robb Field GDP amendment. The vote brings closure to the threat from pickleball to take over Peninsula Tennis Club as the new GDP includes a separate area for pickleball courts.

c. Nominations-Sandie Kindred reported that Juan Villanueva who is a teaching pro from Chula Vista applied for a SDDTA board position. He used to be on Board. He is in the South Bay and works with Chula Vista Parks and Rec. and ladies league teams and is working toward growing the game in that part of San Diego County, but he would like more support. The nominating committee recommends we should bring someone from South Bay onto the Board. The nominating committee believes he would be a good candidate for Community Programs. Sandie made the motion to approve Juan Villanueva's application, Jim Lackritz seconded the motion to approve. MSP 21-0-0.

Sandie is currently chair and is stepping down as chair but will continue on the committee. Geoff Griffin and Juan Garcia will join the nomination committee. Geoff will take over as chair of the committee.

d. SDTHOF- David Jaehnig reported there are 41 nominees for the Hall of Fame. The next committee meeting is April 16. The SDTHOF award dinner will be the first Saturday of the District Tournament, August 24, 2024.

e. Tennis Fest-John Broderick has raised approximately \$16,000 which offsets the \$15,000 that was budgeted this year. Several clubs and groups will sponsor courts. Bob Simmons has committed to run Live Ball on 3 courts. PTC will sponsor 3 courts for a fee of \$700.00. Other court sponsors include LJBTC, the Belinsky Family, Latin American Tennis Foundation, and the San Diego Tennis Federation. The SCTA Foundation and SCTA have committed to donating \$2000.00 and \$7500.00, respectively. Vicky Tueros opened discussion as to why wheelchair tennis has not been included. She noted that there is an interest by both able-bodied people and those in a wheelchair to try wheelchair tennis and that Tennis Fest is a great venue to expose it. Todd Sprague offered to sponsor a court for wheelchair tennis if the committee can find a way to include it in this year's event. The next committee meeting is March 22 during which that can be discussed. Carole Farr will put a volunteer signup sheet on the SDDTA website and share the link with the Board.

f. League Tennis-Randie Lettington shared that in March USTA SoCal hosted the Tri-level National Tournament played at The Barnes Tennis Center. There were more than 800 participants. Two San Diego County teams competed and the team from Kit Carson Park captained by Jennifer Bucky became the National Champions for the 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 level.

g. SCTA-Linda Milan announced that SCTA donated \$2,500 to the Latin American Tennis Foundation and is sponsoring kids to participate in summer programs at Barnes. At the same time SCTA is working on projects to increase the number of officials in the section. Another SCTA project is funding for resurfacing of courts by way of identifying courts that need to be resurfaced in exchange for increasing programs. SCTA currently has a \$400,000.

h. Finance Committee-Jim Lackritz explained that we are looking at a deficit this year. We sold our shares of American Century and Vanguard Income Fund and bought Berkshire and Schwab Money Market funds.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

501c3 status—Steve Leffler contacted the attorney that did the SCTA conversion but that attorney would charge \$10k (capped). He has contacted Gary Wollberg who is helping Peninsula Tennis Club with their conversion. He has also asked Jim Lackritz about whether the CPA firm that we use can do the conversion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jeff Greenwald nominates John Broderick as a member of the Executive Committee. Motion to approve—Carole Farr, Second Jim Lackritz. MSP 19-0-1
- b. Realignment of Standing Committees by Jeff Greenwald. (see attached memo) Discussion of Grant Committee being inactive this coming year due to budget. Steve Leffler reminded us that in the bylaws it is a standing committee and Carole Farr noted that grant money has been built into the 2024 budget.

Jim Lackritz commented that the grant committee partners with David Gill's Tennis Council Committee on various requests.

Jim Lackritz has been doing rankings and would like to step down. Jeff Greenwald will find someone to do rankings but not a committee.

Nominating Committee-Lackritz moves that Geoff Griffin and Juan Garcia become part of the Nominating Committee. Carole Farr seconds motion. MSP 21-0-0

Jim Lackritz moves that Geoff Griffin be chair of Nominating Committee
Josh Jorgensen seconds the motion. MSP 21-0-0

- c. Jeff Greenwald reminded directors that Board business and initiatives should remain confidential until acted upon by the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:06PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Park, Secretary

Jeff Greenwald, President

Upcoming board meetings for 2024

Tuesday **April 9 7:00 pm** Executive Meeting@ **Balboa** TC

Tuesday **June 11 7:00 pm** General Meeting @ Barnes TC

Tuesday **August 13 7:00 pm** General Meeting @ Barnes TC

Tuesday **October 8 7:00 pm** General Meeting @ Barnes TC

Tuesday **November 12 7:00 pm** Executive Meeting @ **Balboa** TC

Tuesday **December 10 7:00 pm** General Meeting @ Barnes TC

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