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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING December 11, 2018

Next meeting is the Annual Awards Dinner, Friday, January 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM, La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:34 PM. President Anne Podney, Cara Beltran, Mike Bauer, John Broderick, Andrew Cretella, Amanda Fink, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Sheryl Munning, Carolyn Nichols, Tony Perez, Lois Szczepaniak, Lesley Waite, Jim Winters.

II. **MINUTES:** Misspelling should be corrected, change Sol to Saul. MSP.

III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Anne Podney discussed the USTA's requirement for all SDDTA board members to complete the SafeSport program by December 31 or must be dropped from the board. The SafeSport program take 90 minutes and is done online. Anne will send out email reminder.

We received thank you notes from Intersectional teams, Debbie Spence-Nasim and Colleen Ferrell, for financial help on their traveling expenses.

Anne congratulated Jesse Steinberg and Katherine Nguyen on their recent wedding.

The International Tennis Hall of Fame has partnered with the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club as one of the select group of prominent clubs to pilot the ITHF club affiliate program. On November 30, during the December Hard Court tournament, LJBTC was honored as one of these founding clubs. Several Hall of Fame inductees were on hand to participate in the ceremony.

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Our Morgan Stanley CD matured so Jim purchased a 1YR CD for Parkway Bank and Trust at 2.8%.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. **Awards:** The awards dinner will count as a meeting and board members should reserve your spot soon before seats are sold out.

b. **Collegiate:** Anne reported that Jamie Jones reported that Angel Lopez proposed an offer of two \$250 college scholarships to be given to Hispanic players, to be administered by the SDDTA. It was agreed to accept the donation. The general consensus was that since Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) is no longer offering scholarships to high school seniors applying to college, the District should include this group in addition to those already attending college. Applicants should be San Diego County residents but may be going to any college. Anne suggested to try to acquire other scholarships from those previously given by YTSD.

c. **Grants:** Committee received a grant request from USPTA for \$400 to place an ad in their brochure. Newsletter goes to over 300 pros in the area and to the convention of 100 or so pros. A motion was made to earmark up to \$400 per year for advertising with the USPTA. MSP.

d. **Club Liaison:** Steve Leffler stated that the next newsletter will be going out this week and requested input from anyone with club or district news.

e. **Military Outreach:** Steve Kappes stated that they have already received more applications than slots for May's Wounded Warrior Camp (WW) with six weeks left in application period. Still fundraising, need \$80,000 and so far have raised \$20,000. Received a \$5,000 donation from USPTA foundation. The Profession Tennis Registry (PTR) puts on an annual symposium in February and Steve and MA Hillier have been asked to speak on using tennis as rehabilitation for ill and injured service members and veterans. Balboa Tennis Club turkey shoot raised \$1000 for Thanks USA which will go to military families. National USTA previously had "Adopt a Unit" care packages for military personal and USTA sent mini tennis equipment to use as stress relief for deployed military. Funding has dried up and now the SCTA is trying to resurrect program to put care packages together. Steve Leffler will send out email and put in club liaison newsletter and Jeff Anderson will promote on Constant Contact. New rules for the WW Camp: campers for annual WW Camp only allowed to attend two times (to allow for new people and to limit the number of locals since they have the opportunity to participate every week in a weekly clinic).

f. Nominations: Lesley reported that Sandy Kindred interviewed the two nominees and the Nominating Committee recommended both. Amit Shah has lived in San Diego for 16 years and belongs to the USTA and Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Club (RPTC). He played as a junior and is playing in tournaments. MSP. Jerome Jayapal has lived in San Diego for two years and is a member of USPTA and RTPC. He played college tennis and is currently Westview High School coach. MSP. Anne stated that three current Board members will not be returning next year due to lack of attendance so there will be other openings on the Board. New members must complete SafeSport program before joining the Board.

g. Rankings: Rankings are done Jim did the seniors and father and son. Jesse did the NTRP except for 4.5/5.0 singles. Tony did the open men's, women's, mixed and men's 4.5/5.0 singles and will be in the yearbook.

h. Tennis Fest: Still need a director for the event. Amanda Fink will be very involved but still need another board member to take the lead. Otherwise we will have to interview outside people.

i. Tournaments: Surcharges have been doubled so Anne queried whether we should raise the fee for our tournament. Tony suggests waiting a year since the tournament is growing and we can make adjustments next year, if necessary. This will provide us with justification for a fee raise if we take too much of a financial hit.

j. Tournament Evaluations: Carolyn stated that the final tournaments for 2018 have been evaluated. The Barnes tournament had several issues and a letter was sent to them with a deadline of January for a response. Need evaluators for January tournament at Mountain View. We evaluate new tournaments or ones with issues.

k. Yearbook: Lesley stated that the SD Aviators chose not to place their full page color ad in the yearbook this year and requests by Lesley and Anne went unanswered. The yearbook will be mailed out to all USTA members in San Diego. Lesley wanted to thank all those who wrote for the yearbook.

VI. Old Business: Compensation for Jeff Anderson was discussed. It was stated that he is very responsive and easily accessible. Last year his bonus was \$800 and his hourly pay has not been increased recently. Motion was made to give Jeff an \$800 bonus for 2018 performance and merit increase his hourly pay 2% for 2019. MSP.

VII. New Business: Amanda stated that USPTA and the SDDTA both have awards for Pro of the Year and Player of the Year. Many times there is an overlap with the two groups having the same winner. It was discussed that we need to have communication between the two groups. The SDDTA has been doing Pro of the Year award for 35 years and it is not always a USPTA pro. A suggestion was made to have a USPTA pro review the SDDTA pro award list, or be on the Awards Committee to keep duplications from happening. No changes were made to the Pro of the Year award except to open it up to those who also teach juniors.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Munning, Secretary

Anne Podney, President