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MINUTES OF SDDTA GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Next General meeting is Friday January 19, 5:30 pm, La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM. President Anne Podney. Members present were: Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, Andrew Cretella, Amanda Fink, Geoff Griffin, M.A. Hillier, Jami Jones, Josh Jorgensen, Carol Jory, Peggy Jung, Steve Kappes, Becky Kuba, Steve Leffler, Sheryl Munning, Carolyn Nichols, Tony Perez, Jesse Steinberg, Lesley Waite, Carla Zarbo

II. MINUTES: MSP.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Anne Podney. Lance Lee has resigned as Executive Director of the SCTA. Linda Milan is serving as interim director. Lesley Waite has resigned as SDDTA Vice President and is appointed to the Nominating Committee. Jim Lackritz has resigned from the Nominating Committee. Those interested in attending the USTA Annual Meeting in La Costa March 16-19 should inform Linda Milan immediately for possible registration support. The District's Annual Dinner is sold out and Board members who have not yet requested tickets can contact Jeff Anderson to secure a prioritized position on the waiting list. Requests for reimbursements for expenses incurred in 2017 need to be submitted before the end of 2017.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT. Carol Jory. The District's finances are in order with a positive outlook. MSP. Committee chairs should submit requests for changes in budget by mid-January. It is proposed that Jeff Anderson's yearly bonus be increased to \$800. MSP

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Bylaws. Mike Bauer. Proposed Bylaw changes were discussed with the addition of Club Liaison to the list of standing committees. MSP.
- b. Club Liaison. Steve Leffler. An online newsletter was started for news and information of common interest to member clubs. The first issue produced by Steve Leffler was well-received. Future issues may be published as frequently as quarterly and will also be forwarded to sectional TSR Karen Ronney's network of contacts. A large color flyer to garner support for the Wounded Warriors program was issued for distribution to clubs.
- c. Collegiate. Jami Jones. An online application process was launched. There were two applicants, both well qualified, for the two available scholarships. Next year, coaches of teams from four-year colleges can distribute applications to team members who are not already funded by athletic scholarships. The scholarship program will also be marketed at the regional TOC competition and posted on Instagram and Facebook as well as the District website.
- d. Hall of Fame. Anne Podney. Preparations for the biannual Hall of Fame ceremony in 2018 are on track with Larry Belinsky heading the effort.
- e. Military Outreach. Steve Kappes. The 2017 Tennis Fest was named the national Top Fundraiser for the Thanks USA Tennis Thanks the Troops (TTT) program. From the funds raised, the District TTT bestowed a \$3000 college scholarship to McKenna Wade, a senior at USD who aspires to become a Navy trauma surgeon and whose father is a retired Marine Corps pilot. The recipient was introduced and gave thanks to the Board for its support. The National Wounded Warrior Camp is

trying to raise 70k by May for this year's camp, despite reduced funding from some regular sources such as the USTA. Over 50 applications have already been submitted.

- f. Nominations. Carolyn Nichols. Longtime board member Roz King is resigning her board position. Two candidates were proposed for the two board openings: Lois Sczepaniak and Sue Whiteside. MSP. The slate of officers, which will be voted on at the January meeting consists of: Anne Podney for President, Carol Jory for Vice President, Jim Lackritz for Treasurer, and Sheryl Munning for Secretary.
- e. Rankings. Jesse Steinberg. Jesse Steinberg tabulated the NTRP rankings, with efforts made to include players residing outside the District who competed mainly within the District. Geoff Griffin assembled rankings for Open divisions and Carolyn Nichols did so for women's age group rankings
- f. Tournament Evaluations. Carolyn Nichols. A representative from Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Club has reached out to try to address their negative evaluation and probation. Carolyn will contact her.
- g. Yearbook. Lesley Waite. The District Yearbook has been completed successfully and is at the printers.

VI. OLD BUSINESS. The SCTA has replaced YTSD in administering junior tennis in San Diego, so word should be spread that grant requests for junior programming are to be directed to the Section. The SCTA is introducing significant changes to the junior competitive structure and calendar in SoCal, including San Diego. San Diego currently has low representation in the governance of junior tennis in the Section.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Jorgensen, Recording Secretary

Anne Podney, President