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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING December 10, 2019

Next General Meeting is January 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM

(Immediately preceding Annual SDDTA Awards Dinner at La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club)

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM. Called to order by Anne Podney. Attendees were Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, Jim Bodor, John Broderick, Andrew Cretella, M. A. Hillier, Josh Jorgensen, Carol Jory, Peggy Jung, Steve Kappes, Jim Lackritz, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Carolyn Nichols, Tony Perez, Anne Podney, Simon Shen, Lesley Waite, and Jim Winters.

II. MINUTES: 10/8/2019 General Meeting and 11/12/2019 Executive Committee minutes MSP.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: 2020 Budget meeting will be in January. All committee heads need to review budgets for 2020. There are 80 reservations so far for banquet with 140 total capacity. Suggest consideration to amend Bylaws to allow more flexibility in attendance requirements for committee chairs or other significant contributors who may have travel or other issues that limit their attendance at meetings. (See new business)

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Recently one of the District's CDs was called by the bank. First time Jim has seen this happen. A replacement CD was purchased at a lower rate of return. MSP.

V. NOMINATIONS: Lesley Waite presented nomination of Jeff Greenwald for SDDTA Director. Jeff is a member of and past President of Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Center, and a member of San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club. He was on Coronado Tennis Club board for 5 years, was a member of SD Parks and Recreation Council at Canyonside Park for 5 years, and is an active USTA league, WTT and tournament player and team captain. MSP 33 of the 35 authorized Director positions are currently filled.

Lesley also presented the proposed slate of 2020 SDDTA officers who will be voted on at the December meeting: Carol Jory (President), Jim Winters (V.P.), Jim Lackritz (Treasurer), Steve Leffler (Secretary).

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. FINANCE: Finance meeting is proposed for late January. Jim Lackritz will notify. You do not need to be on committee to participate. Mike Bauer pointed out that the annual budget is created in January but submitted in March so SDDTA operates for 3 months without a budget. However, Jim pointed out that most expenses are steady during that time of year with low variance year to year.
- b. SANCTIONS AND SCHEDULING: Barnes applied to SCTA for sanction for adult tournament however sanction is via SDDTA and will continue to be held up pending resolution for some players owed a refund from the last tournament. Jim also pointed out there is a dearth of ranking information for women's and some men's age divisions. There are no women locally who have played more than one 40-70 age division and same for men's 35 division. Possible mitigations were discussed including holding additional age-division tournaments for

women once or twice a year and aggregating age division events for ranking purposes for those that play more than one age division.

- c. TOURNAMENT EVALUATION: Rancho Penasquitos tournament evaluation will go out soon. Carolyn Nichols talked to club president about recommended changes. Tournament numbers were up while many other tournaments have decreased participation.
- d. TOURNAMENTS: Jeffrey Lee pointed that the only local wheelchair tourney is the annual Hendrickson Tournament in May at Balboa Tennis Club. He suggested that it would be good to have wheelchair divisions at District or other tournaments as well. Tony Perez agreed that there could be a wheelchair division at the District as well as the Balboa club tournament so that there would be a series of tournaments with wheelchair divisions. Simon Shen will be tournament director for the new Holiday Tournament at Mesa College – Dec. 13-15. NTRP – 65 men.
- e. AWARDS: Steve Kappes requested to present the Community Service Award to Mary Ann McCauley at the District Banquet. After discussion, it was proposed to allow Board members to make such presentations when appropriate but to limit to 2 minutes. MSP
- f. MILITARY OUTREACH: Steve Kappes reported that this is the 10th year anniversary of the District’s Wounded Warrior Tennis Program (WWTP). During this time, there have been over 2,000 participants in the WWTP annual camp and weekly clinics and \$500k in donations have been raised. There has been significant national recognition for the program and the District including at the top levels of USTA. Various spinoff programs have been started around the country, most recently in Denver. The 2020 WWTP camp will be in June and smaller in scope. It will last 3 days and focus on local veterans. Steve is looking at new partnership opportunities. For instance, USD is building a new tennis stadium and there is a vision to use the site for a new military-themed college tournament known as the San Diego Veteran’s Tennis Classic which would include US Naval Academy/ USD/SDSU/Nazarene College and would help highlight the WWTP program. Cara Beltran reported that the WTT SD Aviator’s reached out this year to the WWTP and had a Military and First Responders night which raised \$800. They are organizing an All Stars event in 2020 which may further benefit the WWTP program. They are targeting March 1st and would include the Bryan Brothers, Sam Query, Taylor Fritz, Maria Sharapova and others.
- g. YEARBOOK: Lesley Waite reported that the Yearbook is going to printers in the next day or so.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Amendment of Bylaws. Jim Lackritz moved to amend Article VI Section 5 of the SDDTA Bylaws pursuant to Anne Podney’s recommendation that the meeting attendance requirement for Directors to remain on the Board be made more flexible. The motion which was seconded by Andrew Cretella, proposed changing the words “must attend” to “should attend” in the first sentence of Section 5. The motion passed. The new wording follows: *In order to remain on the Board, a Director should attend at least fifty percent (50%) of the Board’s scheduled meetings during a given calendar year and serve on at least one Association Committee.*

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Acting Secretary

Anne Podney, President