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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING October 9, 2018

Next meeting is an Executive meeting on November 13, 2018 at 7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM. President Anne Podney, Mike Bauer, John Broderick, Andrew Cretella, Amanda Fink, M. A. Hillier, Jami Jones, Josh Jorgensen, Carol Jory, Steve Kappes, Jim Lackritz, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Conan Lorenzo, Sheryl Munning, Carolyn Nichols, Tony Perez, Lois Szczepaniak, Lesley Waite.

II. MINUTES: MSP.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Anne reported that the SCTA Senior Hall of Fame will induct six new honorees at the induction ceremony at La Jolla Beach & Tennis club tomorrow, Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Included from San Diego are Robin Harris and Sol Snyder.

The SCTA is raising tournament sanction fee to \$55. The tournament surcharge fees are being doubled to \$2 per singles and \$4 per doubles. This might hurt some of the smaller tournaments and the SCTA suggested to pass increased fees on to tournament players. Not sure if our income will increase with raised fees, they are 2 years behind paying us.

SCTA Tennis Jam (similar to Tennis Fest) is being held at El Dorado Tennis Center, Nov 11 in Long Beach.

Oct. 26 is a free coaches workshop at Carson, contact Megan Heneghan at SCTA for more information.

Anne reminded board members that we must all be USTA members and must attend 50% of yearly meetings.

Community Tennis: Juan Villanueva is doing three classes in south bay: Chula Vista at McKenzie Creek and two classes at Eastlake Hills Community Association. Anne asked Conan to promote our Drop-In program at the next USPTA meeting.

Steve Kappes mentioned that the SCTA Community Tennis Development Workshop is being held in Irvine on October 21st.

Group photo was taken for Yearbook.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz stated there are no significant changes except addition of District tournament revenue and expenses. The tournament broke even. Approved MSP.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Awards: Jim Lackritz reported that the Male Player of the Year is Taylor Fritz and Female Player of the Year is Liane Bryson. Sportsmanship female winner is Lan Wilhelm and male winner is Romeo Matias. Female Pro of the Year is Darice Carnaje and male is Juan Garcia. Jeff Ray Family is Family of the Year. Tournament of the Year is the 73rd Annual San Diego Metropolitan Championships. Club of the Year is Balboa Tennis Club. Community Service winner is Jim Winters. Sponsor of the Year is Squar Milner. Carol Jory reported the Annual Dinner ticket price will be \$45. The dinner is on Friday, January 18, 2019 and the invite will go out in newsletter. LB&TC is honoring the same price as last year. They are taking care of the bar service but we will have no hors d'oeuvres at cocktail hour. Only one table is allowed to be reserved by a group. The menu is the same as last year and Anne recommended Board members pay by December if you want to be guaranteed a seat.

b. Military Outreach: Steve Kappes stated that the weekly clinics are going well, 25-30 veterans per week, volunteers provide lunch. Twice a month there are clinics at Balboa Naval Hospital for patients, 10-12 people attend. New group trial session started by Geoff Griffin. Next WW Camp is in May 2019. They have received \$1000 from Torrey Pines Kiwanis Club. Applied for and received a national VA grant for adaptive sports for \$16,000. Will receive money after expenses are incurred.

c. Leagues: Randie Lettington stated that we have five teams heading to nationals. Middle of fall season right now and the captains meeting will be held in the beginning of November. On leaderboard in the nation for new members playing league and registration increases.

d. Tennis Fest: It was decided that June 9th is the best date for next year. There was discussion about whether or not to pay someone to be the lead for Tennis Fest. It was stated there is precedence for paying others to take on large jobs and that it will fit into the current budget. A motion was made to pay \$1,000 to a Tennis Fest Director. One abstention, none opposed. MSP.

e. Hall of Fame: Anne stated that John Broderick put on a great party for the bi-annual Hall of Fame. Jim Lackritz was emcee. John stated that Carol and Paulina were a big help. Larry Belinsky was chair of committee.

f. Newsletter: Lesley Waite stated the newsletter is done and is going to print next week.

g. Yearbook: Lesley working on advertisers and the writers are all assigned.

h. Tournaments: Tony Perez stated there was a significant increase at the District Tournament from 582 entries to 640 entries. Had women's 3.0 draw for the first time and a wheelchair player for the first time. It was suggested we share emails with other communities to grow tournaments. Conan Lorenzo stated that it is against the law to share emails, instead there would need to be a link in Tennislink so players can opt in to have their emails shared. Randie will connect John with USTA staff that may be able to help set that up. There could also be a link in every tournament's info page leading to SDDTA website so players can find a list of all SD tournaments. Suggestion was made that in the letter that goes out to all tournament directors they should add something about deadline for avoidances. Carolyn Nichols will insure the letter is sent out every 3 or 4 months instead of just in January.

i. Tournament Evaluations: Carolyn stated she needs more evaluators for the end of the year and the January tournaments. Rancho Penasquitos was on probation but this year was a vast improvement from last year. It was decided to take them off probation as the players were satisfied and the entries were up. Tournament evaluations start with evaluating tournaments with issues and fill in from there.

j. Sanctions and scheduling: Jim suggested that combined age mixed 80, 100 or 120 should be added to District Tournament and possibly suggest it to other tournaments.

VI. New Business: Amanda Fink stated that on Nov. 11 they will be holding College Knowledge seminar. Flyers were distributed to be posted at local clubs.

Juan Garcia is now Tennis Director at San Dieguito and will host a second Sip and Serve there. Amanda will send out a flyer for the event which takes place in January.

The Club Liaison Newsletter which goes out to pros and club managers needs input.

Jeffrey Lee stated that Wheelchair Tennis San Diego merged with Adaptive Sports and Recreation Association due to financial needs and in hopes to grow the program.

Conan stated that the USPTA pays for an ad for SDDTA yearbook and would like the SDDTA to reciprocally place an ad in USPTA newsletter. There was discussion that the SDDTA yearbook is sent out to a much larger pool of people than the USPTA newsletter and also that the USPTA contributes greatly to Tennis Fest by paying for t-shirts and volunteering. Conan will send cost and info to Lesley and it will be voted on by the Board at a future meeting.

Carolyn reported on the Senior International Cup which will be detailed in the upcoming newsletter and yearbook. There were ten people from the district playing in multiple locations of Croatia, Germany and Miami.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Munning, Secretary

Anne Podney, President