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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, Meeting at Barnes Tennis Center

Next General Meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM.** Called to order by John Broderick. Attendees were Eric Alm, Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, John Broderick, Larry Calder, John Chanfreau, Andrew Cretella, Carole Farr, M.A. Hillier, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Sandie Kindred, Jim Lackritz, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Sabastiani Leon, Randie Lettington, Solomon Liu, Eric Mann, Hillary Park, Amit Shah, Simon Shen and Todd Sprague. Guests: Linda Milan (SCTA Foundation and USTA SoCal).
- II. **MINUTES:** June 14, 2022, General Meeting minutes. MSP
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** John Broderick mentioned that review of the District Bylaws would be the focus of the meeting. Registration for the District tournament was extended to midnight (8/9). John also reviewed the situation concerning efforts to takeover Peninsula Tennis Club and convert it to pickleball.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Lackritz reported that to take advantage of rising interest rates, \$60,000 of low-yielding cash has been reinvested into four \$15,000 layered CDs with 3-, 6-, 9- and 12-month maturities earning 1.75-2.85% annually. MSP
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Bylaws** – Bylaw Revision Discussion continued – see old business below.
 - b. **Barnes Events** – Ryan Redondo reported that Barnes Tennis Center will host two pro tournaments in September and October! The San Diego Open ATP 250 will be held Sep. 17-25 and the WTA Tour 500 will be held Oct. 08-16. Linda Milan shared info about available ticket packages, volunteer opportunities and an SCTA Foundation Net/Game brochure.
 - c. **Tennis Advocacy** – Todd Sprague referred to the recent confrontational events at Peninsula Tennis Club and in the media and pointed out that the tennis community is attempting to work with the City to find opportunities for pickleball that don't encroach on tennis facilities. Todd is meeting with Parks and Recreation and San Diego Unified to find joint-use sites that would be suitable for both pickleball and tennis. Meanwhile some of the local clubs are adding tennis courts and, in some cases, pickleball.
 - d. **Military Outreach** – Steve Kappes reported that the District's Wounded Warrior Tennis Program (WWTP) weekly clinics would resume the end of August. The 2nd Annual San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic which supports veteran's organizations including WWTP returns the October 7-9. This is a collegiate tournament hosted by the University of San Diego that features the US Naval Academy team and other college teams including USD, UC Irvine, University of Denver, Fresno State, and University of Arizona.
 - e. **Grants** – Simon Shen announced that there were four grant requests/proposals: (1) San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic \$1,000 MSP (Steve Kappes abstained); (2) \$4,000 to Pt. Lomas Cabrillo Tennis Club to resurface 4 courts of \$29,870 project cost. Randie Lettington suggested courts should be available for league. 18-0-1 (Cara Beltran abstained); (3) \$1,100 for 11 players on SoCal team to travel to Intersectional playoffs. SCTA recommends not funding. Per Linda Milan, the Section pays the \$400 team entry fee and the other Section team participants (24 of the 35 total) do not get this travel reimbursement. The motion failed 3-15-2 (Solomon and Eric Alm abstained); (4) Travel expenses for participants in USTA National Committees. The past policy has been not to reimburse. The motion was tabled.

- f. **District Tournament** – Simon Shen stated that the District Tournament would be held at Barnes Tennis Center on August 19-21 and August 26-28. Paola Diaz de Regules will be the Tournament Director. There are currently more than 326 entries and there is a wheelchair event for the first time. Dry-fit, long-sleeve shirts will be provided to entrants. Simon asked Board members to volunteer for tournament desk duties.
- g. **Awards** – Jim Lackritz let the Board know that the committee normally meets after the District Tournament and more nominations are needed. Some of the categories are male and female players, coach, family, and club of the year. The award categories are available on the District website.
- h. **SDTHOF** – The induction ceremony will be held at Balboa Tennis Club on October 1st at 4:00 PM.
- i. **League Updates** – Randie Lettington reported that registrations are commencing for the Fall USTA leagues while summer leagues are winding down. 2.5 and 5.0 teams from the District won their respective divisions while a La Jolla Recreation finalist team was also selected to participate in Nationals. Sectionals for 55 and over will be held at Barnes Tennis Center.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Bylaw Revisions continued from March and June 2022 meetings. Mike Bauer led the discussion.
 - i. Article 5 Section 1 – Replace “Association Members” with “Board of Directors”. MSP
 - ii. Article 5 Section 4 – Directors must fulfill the requirements of the USTA/SCTA. MSP
 - iii. Article 5 Section 5 – Unchanged per March 8, 2022 meeting.
 - iv. Article 5 Section 6 - The Board of Directors shall ensure compliance with all provisions set forth in these bylaws. MSP per March 8, 2022 meeting.
 - v. Article 5 Section 7 – Establishes that a 2/3 vote of Directors is required for the removal of a Director for cause and that a majority vote of Directors is required to appoint a successor. MSP
 - vi. Article 5 Section 8 – New. Establishes conflict of Interest requirements for contracts or transactions between a Director and the District. MSP
 - vii. Article 5 Section 9 – Renumbered from existing Section 8. MSP
 - viii. Article 6 Section 1 – Retained 4 annual SDDTA meeting requirement. Appended paragraph regulating issuance of a meeting schedule and designation of meeting locations, times and whether meetings were in-person, telephonic, or virtual. MSP
 - ix. Article 7 Section 2 – Sentence 1 proposed changing the minimum number of Executive Committee members from 7 to 9. The motion failed.
 - x. Article 7 Section 2 – Remainder of proposed changes primarily dealing with the mechanism for nominating new Executive Committee members. Current language vests this power in the Association President. Jim Lackritz, seconded by Larry Calder, moved to consider the Bylaws Committee proposal which changes the language to “the Association President or the Nominating Committee.” Steve Leffler, seconded by Eric Mann, moved to amend the motion to add “ or from the floor”. Due to time constraints, it was decided by a vote of 15-1 to table the motion until next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Sandie Kindred proposed to return the District meetings to Balboa Tennis Club. The motion failed 3-17-2.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

John Broderick, President