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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at Barnes Tennis Center
Next General Board Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:02PM. Called to order by Jeff Greenwald. Attendees were: Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, John Broderick, Janene Christopher, Andrew Cretella, Carole Farr, Juan Garcia, Jeff Greenwald, Geoff Griffin, David Jaehnig, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Sandie Kindred, Jim Lackritz, Steve Leffler, Hillary Park, Aaron Sheinbein, Todd Sprague, Vicky Tueros, Aurelie Udall, Juan Villanueva Linda Milan (Executive Director and Grants Manager of SCTA Foundation)

II. Motion to approve the agenda by Carole Farr, seconded by Jim Lackritz. Hillary Park asked to add a discussion of scheduling of sectionals, nationals and tournaments. Linda Milan said Hillary should contact Maria Goldberg about concerns. Motion withdrawn. Previous Motion passed.

III. Minutes: March 13, 2024, General Meeting, MSP. April 9, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting, MSP

IV. President's Report: Jeff Greenwald expressed the importance of changing the bylaws regarding the status of ex officio. SDDTA must be in compliance with California Corporations Code and presently we are not. If a past president resigns that person should no longer be considered ex officio as stated in the CCC but our bylaws do not reflect that. ¹ Carole Farr stressed the importance of being consistent with the CCC, Josh Jorgensen commented that all past presidents would be able to speak to our Board as long as there is respect and civility and Sandie Kindred asked for clarification regarding who can attend a meeting. Only current Board members are allowed to attend the meetings as they are not open to the public.²

Jeff Greenwald plans to meet with Trevor Kronemann and Bob Hochstadter about a seat on the SCTA Board. Has met with Chris Barrera to continue working on joint ventures with diversity and inclusion events.

He also has had communication with John Engle at Tierrasanta Tennis Club. The city has not issued a new SUP and is pushing the club to allow permanent pickleball lines.

On May 31, 2024 the Greater San Diego Tennis Council dedicated The North Park Recreation Center to three San Diego greats: Maureen Connolly, Wilbur Folsom and Ben Press. The celebration included the opening of three newly resurfaced-courts at the North Park Rec Center which the city of San Diego paid for. Several directors attended the event. Plaques were placed at the site.

¹ The CCC requires Ex-Officio Committee Members that exercise control over the Board to be acting Board Members. It also states that Past Presidents can remain as Ex-Officio Members of a Committee until the next acting President becomes an Ex-Officio (at the end of his/her/their term), and then the former Ex-Officio's term will end. The Bylaws Committee was asked to perform research and to bring amendments to the Board to bring SDDTA into compliance.--Jeff Greenwald requested that the above be added to minutes on June 26, 2024.

² The Board has the right to decide who can attend Board Meetings, by invitation, as a Non-Profit is not subject to the Brown Act, and as such meetings are not open to the public.--Jeff Greenwald requested that the above clarify the minutes. (June 26, 2024)

Jeff's involvement in the RPTC expansion is as a paid development/construction consultant, a role that he has been working in for RPTC for the last 15 months at no cost. Jeff is a dues paying member, and Past President of RPTC. The project is moving into the final GDPA additional stage with Parks & Rec. Jeff stated that all monies paid to him will be placed into a new Foundation that will be created by him and his wife, Pat, that will provide tennis scholarships to at-need children, with his intent to run the vetting process through SDDTA.

Jeff Greenwald concluded his report with Tennis Fest. He stressed that every Board member must participate in this event and take on some role. He awarded plaques of appreciation to John Broderick and Carole Farr who dedicated months to Tennis Fest and emphasized that without them, the event would not have been so successful. He also shared that Geoff Griffin is currently chair of two committees; therefore, he will step down as Tennis Fest chair and remain as chair of the Nominations Committee.

V. Committee Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report-Jim Lackritz reported that Tennis Fest raised more money than what was spent, that investments are up \$25,000 and because of Tennis Fest success, we are ahead in the budget. Through May 31, investment yield is about \$25K. Jim pointed out that we raised over \$23K for Tennis Fest which offset spending on the event. The net spend on Tennis Fest was -\$1500. Steve Kappes reiterated that the fundraising for Tennis Fest was remarkable and with a few additional collections of sponsor fees, we will be in the black. John suggested that there are other funds that we may be able to get from SCTA for other events. Mike Bauer asked if we had requested an extension for filing the taxes. Carole made a motion to approve, second by Geoff. MSP
- b. Bylaws-Mike Bauer stressed that he needs another committee member. He also emphasized that bylaws need to be reviewed and changed since we are moving toward 501(c)(3).
- c. Nominations-Geoff Griffin has reached out to one person. There is a need for someone who knows how to write grants.
- d. Ad Hoc Committee Chair Meeting-Steve Kappes and Carole Farr shared that the SDDTA does not have a current Mission Statement. At the meeting on June 2 the group looked at SCTA and USTA mission statements for guidance. The group is looking to update, revise, and/or combine current committees.
- e. Activities- Geoff Griffin believes that John Broderick and Carole Farr be paid for all of their efforts and work on Tennis Fest
Jeff Greenwald pointed out that there is a budget line item of \$1,000 for Tennis Fest coordinator and suggested that both John and Carole be paid \$1,000 each for this year's Tennis Fest. Geoff made a motion to pay Carole and John for Tennis Fest. Jim Lackritz asked if SCTA has precedent of paying employees for extracurricular items. Mike Bauer pointed out that the TD for the District tournament has been paid. Mike further pointed out that the bylaws don't preclude the payment of directors. Josh Jorgeson suggested using the work "stipend" instead of "pay". Geoff Griffin motioned to pay John Broderick and Carole Farr \$1000.00 each. Sandie Kindred seconded. Motion passed with 4 abstentions.
- f. Club Liaison-Steve Leffler-PBTC is getting close to completing their 501(c)(3) conversion application. UCRC is going to borrow the SDDTA canopy on July 4 for an event. There is interest at RB Community Park in developing the unused lawn bowling area by the senior center. The CRG President has suggested that the same space should be a sport field. Steve and Todd suggested RPCTC might want to work with the senior center on this project to eventually get tennis into the mix. The Club Liaison meeting was well received in April, and the committee will do another meeting this summer. Mountain View's courts were resurfaced with funds from USTA, GSDCTC etc. Jeff wants the committee to get involved with TTC and UCRC.
- g. Military Outreach-Steve Kappes shared that this summer Peninsula Tennis Club will host the Wounded Warriors tennis clinics. The USTA contacted Steve about including the Wounded Warriors Tennis Program in a feature article as part of the US Open program. Their theme is "The Power of Tennis".
- h. Marketing/Advertising-Cara Beltran shared that her committee continues to have monthly zoom calls. She encouraged us to share photos, events, and information that she can post on Facebook and Instagram.
- i. Newsletter-Carole Farr has put out requests for information to include in the newsletter. Will send out via email by the end of June.

- j. Tennis Hall of Fame-David Jaehnig shared that the event will be during the District Tournament at Morley Field on Saturday, August 24 at 4:30pm. David Whitehead is writing the biographies. Jim Lackritz will be the emcee. The inductees are: Skip Redondo-Coaching, Alexandra Stevenson-World Class, Junior Stand-out, Abigail Spears-World Class, Junior Stand-out, Carolyn Nichols-Senior Success, Jack McGrory-Community Service, Una Davis-Philanthropy
- k. District Tournament-Janene Christopher announced that Andy Chang will be tournament director and the tournament will be held at Balboa Tennis Club in late August.
- l. SCTA-Linda Milan pointed out that there is a SCTA grant fund for resurfacing courts in the section. The target is 30-40 courts. Geoff asked for the criteria for funding. SCTA will require use of the courts in exchange for funding. Nancy Abrams is in charge of the fund. SCTA has an officiating grant to recruit and retain new officials. The SCTA Foundation just awarded 12 grants for kids to go to summer camp. The Kramer grant will fund underprivileged kids to play tournaments – open to the end of June. SCTA is still in negotiations with Cal State Dominguez.
- m. USPTA-Josh Jorgenson is the education chair on the local USPTA Board. They would like to have a Town Hall with Trevor to discuss UTR, WTN, and the structure of tournaments. John Broderick shared that it would be in Tennis Fest’s best interest to have better coordination with USPTA for the event. The USPTA national conference is in the desert in September.

VI. Old Business: Jeff Greenwald shared that we continue to work toward becoming a 501(c)(3) and that we will need to start fundraising and applying for grants. We have a proposal from Musick & Peeler with an estimated cost up to \$5,000 which the Board previously approved to do the work for the conversion to 501(c)(3) but the attorney fee does not cap at \$5,000. Jeff would like to address the contingency if the fee were to go over by up to \$2,500 to cover the total cost. Motion to approve the \$2,500 contingency. MSP

VII. New Business

- a. Code of Conduct-Jeff Greenwald believes that if we become a 501(c)(3) we must have a code of conduct. He requests that all board members look at the document he shared which is an example of a code of conduct. Please send comments to Jeff regarding the document. The goal would be to have a code that is acceptable and that directors would feel comfortable signing.
- b. Mission Statement-Carole Farr and Steve Kappes shared that our Mission Statement should be similar to that of the USTA which is: *Growing tennis to inspire healthier people and communities everywhere*. Currently the SDDTA bylaws state that our purpose is to carry out the mission statement of the USTA. Discussion ensued regarding the diction. Proposed mission statement: *Growing tennis to develop healthier people and communities in San Diego County*. Jim Lackritz motioned to accept the proposed mission statement. John Broderick seconded. MSP Further discussion indicated that the diction still may need improvement.
- c. Committee Structure- Carole Farr explained that we have three standing committees in the bylaws: Nominations, Bylaws and Finance. The suggestion is to consolidate the remaining committees. Jim Lackritz objects to the consolidation and pointed out that there is no budget committee listed. It would be under the umbrella of “Finance”. Additional discussion ensued in which Carole Farr stated that no Consolidated Chair, such as Finance, would have additional responsibility for underlying Chairs in the revised Committee structure, so Jim's objection was removed.

VIII. Adjournment–The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Park, Secretary

Jeff Greenwald, President