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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 2022,

Meeting at Barnes Tennis Center

Next General Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER - 0702 PM Called to order by John Broderick. Attendees were Eric Alm, Mike Bauer, John Chanfreau, Andrew Cretella, Carole Farr, Jeff Greenwald, M.A. Hillier, Jerome Jayapal, Josh Jorgensen, Steve Kappes, Sandie Kindred, Jim Lackritz, Jeff Lee, Anne Leistikow, Sabastiani Leon, Randie Lettington, Eric Mann, Shatoo Mohamad, Hillary Park, Matt Previdi, Ryan Redondo, Amit Shah, Janene Christopher. Guests included Linda Milan (SCTA/SCTA Foundation), and Angel Lopez (Angel Lopez Academy) and the Ford Family for a scholarship award.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MSP
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - John Broderick talked about notable events in the last two months in San Diego tennis. ATP and WTA tournaments at Barnes Tennis Center were phenomenal events and SCTA Foundation was a major sponsor. The recent Tennis Industry United party was attended by several board members. USTA Southern California recognized several San Diego recipients including Ryan Redondo as the recipient of The Eugene Jung Multicultural award and the Adamson family as the Family of the Year. Ryan also pointed out that John Broderick won the Contribution Towards Adult Tennis award. John noted that Carole Farr, Todd Sprague, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, and Ryan Redondo have spent many hours dealing with the Parks & Recreation Department and City leadership to protect Peninsula Tennis Club. John stated that the SDDTA booth at the WTA tournament was a success and he thanked everyone who volunteered during the tournament. The recently resurfaced Cabrillo Point Loma court reopening was attended by Luke Jensen and Coco Vandeweghe who ran a junior clinic. Greater San Diego City Tennis Council leaders David Gill and Jack McGrory were also in attendance. The San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame was a successful event on October 1st, with great turnout from board members. Several new and past Hall of Fame inductees including Michael Chang were honored at the WTA tournament.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT - Jim Lackritz pointed out that the negative \$69K shown on the investment loss for the year should not be part of the P&L and after we get the second half of the grant from SCTA we anticipate about a -\$4K loss at the end of the year.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. College Scholarships - Sabi Leon announced that the SDDTA Collegiate Scholarship went to Makaylee Dahms who is attending Chapman University. Makaylee is a San Diego County student athlete displaying good sportsmanship. The Angel Lopez Collegiate Scholarship was presented to Lorena Ford from Scripps Ranch High School. She is committed to SDSU. Angel Lopez was in attendance for the presentation.

- B. Tournaments - Hillary Park reported local tournaments have had increased participation, especially the District and Metro tournaments. Hillary would like to see tournament surveys but is not sure who is looking at them. Linda Milan said the Section sends out surveys automatically, and she will communicate with Maria Goldberg and Anthony Shirley about sharing feedback with the District tournament committee. Randie Lettington said that the 2023 tournament calendar should be available by the end of this year. Hillary Park suggested it would be helpful for tournaments to not overlap with leagues if possible. Jim Lackritz discussed the 9-tier system and would like to explore how the District tournament could become a level 4 tournament. Randie offered to follow up with Maria Goldberg about District Tournament Level assignment. Linda Milan said that USTA limits the number of Level 4 and Level 5 tournaments; but it was also noted by Jim Lackritz that there are no Level 4 tournaments in San Diego.

Steve Kappes reported on the San Diego Veterans Classic Tournament. Turnout from the community was good despite overlapping with first weekend of the WTA tournament. Men's and Women's collegiate teams competed. USD won the Men's tournament and Arizona won the Women's tournament. The new USD tennis center is much improved.

John Chanfreau reported on the RSF Open pro level tournament held at Rancho Santa Fe Tennis Club. Several local players including Sabi Leon, Catherine Hui, and Shatoo Mohamad played the tournament. As a kickoff to the tournament, Allison Bradshaw (new Hall of Fame inductee), Coco Vandeweghe, Caroline Dolehide, and Vicki Duval played an exhibition match.

Ryan Redondo proposed starting a "San Diego Summer Circuit". Events such as the Balboa Open, the Districts, La Jolla, Metro, etc. could be a part of a "point" based circuit finalizing with a Grand Prix that would include invitations to top points earners. The Grand Prix would incentivize players to plan for and play more San Diego tournaments. Ryan will email SCTA to promote the idea. Eric Mann suggested planning tournaments a year in advance to coordinate the tournaments for the Grand Prix. SCTA will need to approve the tournament dates so that points can be assigned.

Jeff Lee reminded the board of the Hendrickson Wheelchair tournament November 5 and 6 at Balboa Tennis Club.

- C. Grant requests - Hillary Park reported that Colleen Ferrell had asked for a grant for supporting intersectional event. The committee revisited the issue with SCTA which suggested that grants for rental vehicles was a way to support intersectional teams. Vehicles would be available to all teams from the Section. Funding differs from typical grants in that team members will have to submit receipts for reimbursement for rental cars to show funds were used for rental cars. A proposal to fund the grant for \$1,500 to the Southern California Intersectional Team was voted on and passed by unanimous vote of board members present.

Randie Lettington would like to put together a proposal for the grant committee to support USTA Nationals teams.

Jeff Lee sent in a grant request for the Hendrickson Tournament.

- D. Awards - Jim Lackritz announced awards recipients. Jim needs volunteers to interview award recipients. Jim will interview Alex Levie and Ryan Redondo, Sandie Kindred will assist with interviews. Randie Lettington will interview Rene Carmichael. Ryan Redondo will interview Brandon Nakashima

Award recipients:

Female Player of the Year - Lindsey Brown
Male Player of the Year - Brandon Nakashima
Female Pro/Coach - Liz LaPlante
Male Pro/Coach - Alex Levie
Female Sportsmanship - Rene Carmichael
Male Sportsmanship - Dan Schon
Family of the Year - Buffington's
Community Service - Steve Leffler and Carole Farr
Tournament of the Year - ATP SD Open
Club of the Year - RSF Tennis Club
Sponsor of the Year - SCTA Foundation

- E. Financials - See Treasurer's Report – Section IV.
- F. Military Outreach - Steve Kappes said thanks to Ryan Redondo and Linda Milan for creating a military appreciation day during the ATP/WTA tournaments and facilitating Wounded Warrior activities and attendance at the San Diego Open tournaments. Bill Marshall – Merchants Home Lending also contributed to the Wounded Warriors event. Thanks to Matt Previdi and Josh Jorgenson for help with coaching during Wounded Warrior activities.
- G. League updates - Randie Lettington is coordinating the league national events. The 10.0 mixed doubles team is going to Nationals. Several teams have done well at nationals but have not won the tournament. Randie is prepping articles for the yearbook, finishing Fall leagues, and getting started on Winter leagues. November 13 is the cutoff date on ratings. December 1 new ratings will be available. She is planning to work more on high school relationships to get league teams into high schools. She will apply for grant funding and look to combine multiple matches at these facilities in 1Q23.
- H. Tennis Fest 2023 - John Broderick is looking for someone to coordinate/organize Tennis Fest. There is some pay, but also a lot of volunteer time. The date still needs to be set with Colleen Ferrell at Balboa Tennis Club. We would like to have a couple of pros attend TennisFest next year too. Send ideas on how to grow tennis fest to John.
- I. Tennis Advocacy - Carole Farr reported that Todd Sprague had a recent meeting with Parks & Recreation. A new topic for discussion is how to incentivize investment in park facilities with longer permit terms or leases. Todd presented two concepts (one for improvements to PTC and one for a pickleball center at Robb Field to the Mission Bay Park Committee as a first step in progressing concepts for both racquet sports. There are still several clubs awaiting Special Use Permits (SUPs).
- J. Linda Milan - SCTA Foundation is looking for youth who need financial assistance for tennis development. Funds are flexible based on need. Community organization grants close December 15th and will provide grants for underserved communities. Go to SCTA grants/scholarships for information.
Dunlop donated autograph balls and hats to SCTA for the ATP and WTA tournaments and SCTA raised \$10K with sales. Linda thanked volunteers from SDDTA and local clubs.

- K. Yearbook - Jeff Greenwald suggested that the Yearbook should be an electronic document going forward. The board passed a motion to produce the yearbook electronically in a printable format with a limited number of printed versions for distribution to clubs and at the Awards Dinner. Much of the cost of the Yearbook was mailing so the board will see a substantial savings from not mailing it. Jim Lackritz pointed out that rankings are updated real-time now, so will need to take a snapshot for the yearbook.
- L. Newsletter - Carole Farr – Requests for content have been sent to several board members with content due by November 4th. The plan is to have the newsletter ready for review in mid-November and ready to go to print by early December.
- M. Nominations - Sandie Kindred – The Nominations Committee will meet next week to put together the slate of officers and directors. Most of the officers are finishing the first year of 2-year terms. The board continues to look for new board members but will not solicit potential board members – interested board members must apply.
- N. Activities - Carole Farr provided an update on the annual dinner/awards banquet. The Awards Dinner is set for January 13, 2023, at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. We will not have the same space as in years past, so need to determine if the January Board meeting should be held on a different date.
A motion was made to have the January board meeting on January 19, 2023. MSP
- O. Bylaws - Jim Lackritz recommended the bylaws revisions be posted online so board members could review the updates and suggested a straw ballot on revisions and input from board members. This would help narrow down the changes that are being brought forward to the full board.
Mike B. would prefer to do the bylaws in person. Steve Kappes suggested doing the nominations and bylaws in January meeting. We will need to make sure there is a quorum at the January meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Farr, Acting Secretary

John Broderick, President

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