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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 Meeting at Balboa Tennis Club

Next General Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 PM. Called to order by John Broderick. Attendees were Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, Jim Bodor, John Broderick, John Chanfreau, Andrew Cretella, Jeff Greenwald, M.A. Hillier, Jerome Jayapal, Steve Kappes, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Randie Lettington, Eric Mann, Hillary Park, Anne Podney, and Todd Sprague.
- II. **MINUTES:** June 8, 2021 General Meeting Minutes MSP.
- III. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Vice President John Broderick reported that President Carol Jory will be in the Midwest for the foreseeable future.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Lackritz reported. We received the first SCTA semi-annual grant. MSP
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Awards:** Due to the limited number of events held this year, it was decided to not have the Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony in January 2022. For the same reason, no Yearbook will be produced this year. MSP
 - b. **San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame:** John Broderick reported that the SDTHOF induction ceremony will be Saturday August 28th at 4:30 PM during the District Tournament. The event will be catered, and the five SDTHOF committee members and volunteers will assist. The Class of 2020 inductees are Cathie Anderson, Arnold and Esther Belinsky, Larry Belinsky, Geoff Griffin, and Roz King.
 - c. **Collegiate:** Anne Podney reported that SDDTA scholarship deadline was extended to August 15. \$1,000 was budgeted from SDDTA and \$500 from Angel Lopez. 6 high-quality applicants have applied for the two grants as of this meeting. As a result, and given reduced expenditures this year by the District, a motion was made that the grant budget for scholarships be increased to \$2500 this year. MSP
 - d. **Nominations:** Anne Podney reported for Sandie Kindred that the committee recommended Eric Alm (MSP) and Solomon Liu (11-2-2) as SDDTA Directors. Both are league and tournament players and Solomon is a North County tennis instructor who has directed many USTA junior and adult tournaments.
 - e. **Ranking:** It was reported that Jim Lackritz (not present) recommended that ranking lists not be issued this year due to limited data.
 - f. **Tournaments:** Anne Podney reported that the District Tournament (Aug. 28-29 and Sep. 4-6) is on track. Volunteers are being signed up for the tournament desk. Eric Mann is the Referee and Hiromi Sasano is the District Tournament Director. Tournament evaluations for recent tournaments were completed and letters will be sent to those tournaments. Generally, participation in tournaments is down so far this year.

- g. **Military Outreach:** Steve Kappes reported that weekly wounded warrior tennis clinics would be restarted in late September at Balboa Tennis Club. The Wounded Warrior Tennis Program will participate as a long-time donation recipient organization at the San Diego Festival of the Arts event the weekend of September 11-12 (www.sdfestivalofthearts.org). Please consider publicizing and attending this fun event which benefits many local programs for children and adults with disabilities.
- h. **Newsletter:** Anne Podney reported that the newsletter was mailed out in late July. Since no Yearbook will be produced this year, another newsletter will be planned for the end of year.
- i. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Jerome Jayapal and Ryan Redondo will lead this effort and are participating in similar USTA and USPTA committees.
- j. **USTA League:** Randie Lettington reported that 18+ and 40+ leagues have ended with 20 teams proceeding to Sectionals. Two 3.0 teams are going to Nationals. Fall 18+, 55+ and tri-level doubles leagues are starting soon.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:** A sub-committee to consider how to innovate local tennis tournaments to increase participation will be formed and several directors indicated their interest in joining the committee. Barnes Tennis Center will be hosting an ATP 250 tournament Sep 27-Oct 3, 2021. The SCTA Tennis Foundation has also relocated to Barnes Tennis Center. Eric Mann made a proposal that SDDTA consider ways to minimize league impacts on tournament scheduling.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

John Broderick, Vice-President