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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 via Zoom Online Meeting

Next General Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM. Called to order by Carol Jory. Attendees were Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, Jim Bodor, Andrew Cretella, Jeff Greenwald, Jerome Jayapal, Carol Jory, Steve Kappes, Jim Lackritz, Steve Leffler, Anne Leistikow, Randie Lettington, Carolyn Nichols, Tony Perez, Anne Podney, Matt Previdi, Ryan Redondo, Simon Shen, and Todd Sprague.
- II. MINUTES: November 10, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. MSP.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Carol reported that most local tennis clubs are in "play and leave" mode in response to Governor's Stay at Home order and general COVID-19 restrictions. Carol, Jim Lackritz and Anne Podney had a Zoom meeting with Marla Messing (CEO of SCTA) to discuss reduction of grant funds from SCTA to SDDTA in 2021.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Lackritz reported that there was not a lot of activity due to cancelled events which minimized expenses. MSP. Finance committee will meet soon. Contact Jim to attend. Discussion was held on possible expenditures that might need to be reduced to meet SCTA grant reductions in 2021.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Military Outreach: Steve Kappes reported that no on-court Wounded Warrior Tennis Program (WWTP) activities are currently occurring due to COVID-19 restrictions. WWTP did receive a \$5k contribution from a family foundation in Tacoma, Washington who had heard about the program. There was also a small contribution from the Torrey Pines Kiwanis. Steve also pointed out that an alumni of the WWTP Annual National Tennis Camp was inspired to start a similar program in Yonkers, New York called Tennis Serving Vets and that program recently received a prestigious award from the USTA Eastern Section.
 - b. Sanctions and Scheduling: Jim Lackritz, Tony Perez, and Jeff Anderson met with Marla Messing and staff from SCTA to discuss the role of the SDDTA committee in overseeing local tournaments. They also discussed COVID-19 restrictions and directives concerning tennis from the Governor's office as well as the recent USTA tournament structure changes and the need to de-emphasize "one and done" tournaments in favor of round-robin tournaments with alternate scoring systems to increase player participation.
 - c. Bylaws: SCTA Bylaws have changed requiring changes to SDDTA Bylaws. Revised SDDTA Bylaws were sent to all Board members. Mike Bauer stated that additional changes were still needed. Therefore, the item was tabled.
 - d. Scholarships: Anne Podney reported that Ryan Redondo informed her that Youth Tennis San Diego will resume budgeting \$1,000 in scholarships for graduating high school students. Angel Lopez will continue his \$500 scholarship but give it to YTSD. In 2021, SDDTA will budget \$1,000 for scholarships that will be now be open only to college students.

- e. USTA League: Randie Lettington reported that SCTA has suspended Fall league. Leagues will resume when they can be in compliance with Public Health Orders. USTA granted 50% annual membership discount to existing members. League fees will be rolled over to next year. The hope is that league will resume by April which would allow teams to participate in Nationals.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: Carol reported that Linda Milan would like to place an article about the SCTA Foundation in the next newsletter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

Carol Jory, President