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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
December 13, 2022 at Barnes Tennis Center
Next General Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM. Called to order by John Broderick. Attendees were Eric Alm, Mike Bauer, Cara Beltran, John Broderick, Janene Christopher, Andrew Cretella, Carole Farr, Jeff Greenwald, M.A. Hillier, Josh Jorgensen, Jeffrey Lee, Steve Leffler, Anne Leistikow, Sabastiani Leon, Solomon Liu, Eric Mann, Shatoo Mohamad, Hillary Park, Matt Previdi, and Todd Sprague.
- II. MINUTES: October 27, 2022, General Meeting and November 8, 2022 Executive Committee minutes. MSP
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Broderick reviewed committee changes that occurred during the past year including the new Tennis Advocacy Committee chaired by Todd Sprague, the restructuring of the District Tournament Committee into the Tournament Promotion and Feedback Committee as the Section has taken over many of the roles formerly handled by the Tournament Committee. He announced that some District committees could be combined. John would like more people to participate in promoting San Diego adult tournaments. John noted that the Ivan Smith fundraiser at Rancho Santa Fe was sold-out and had a great turnout. Brando Nakashima, Marcos Giron, Zachary Svajda and James Blake played exhibition matches to raise money for Ivan's recovery and future needs. John noted that a title sponsor is being sought for the WTA tournament next Fall.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. **Budget** – Jim Lackritz was not available so the budget review was deferred until next meeting.
 - b. **Awards Banquet** – Carole Farr reported that final headcount and meal selection (Prime rib, Salmon and Penne à la Vodka) due by January 6th. M.A. Hillier, Sandie Kindred and Jeff Anderson will help with check-in.
 - c. **TennisFest** – John Broderick announced that the event will be held May 7, 2023 at Balboa Tennis Club (May 14th is Mother's Day). John nominated Rachel Bevis who helped with the WTA 250 at Barnes Tennis Center and helps Randie Lettington with league. Todd Sprague seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Shatoo Mohamad volunteered to help with the event. Shatoo has experience with the recent fundraising efforts at Barnes and was involved in last year's TennisFest. John amended his motion to include Shatoo as a co-director of the event. MSP.
 - d. **Tennis Advocacy** – Todd Sprague thanked the committee members for their energy, teamwork and helping develop a positive relationship with City staff, community advisory groups, and political leadership. He stated that the committee's long-term goal is to

improve existing tennis facilities and develop new ones including with conceptual designs. He pointed out that the District has also been asked to contribute to the USTA SoCal task force on preserving tennis facilities. He also discussed the status of joint-use school district programs in response to a question from Solomon Liu.

- e. **Club Liaison Committee** – Steve Leffler stated that the Committee will organize one or more online or in-person meetings with the SUP tennis clubs to review common issues and needs such as nonprofit governance, complying with City requirements, and community outreach.
- f. **Collegiate** - Sabi Leon reviewed the goals for the committee for next year which will focus on modifying the application process for the annual scholarship, better outreach to college players about applying for the scholarships and participating in local tournaments. The application process will be made more specific as to the impact the scholarships would have on the applicant but not explicitly based on financial need. High School seniors and college students who play tennis including club tennis, Tennis on Campus and tournaments would be eligible. Sabi would also like to see if the grant amounts or number of awards can be increased. She proposed \$2,000 of which \$1,000 would go to the first-place applicant and \$500 to the 2nd and 3rd place applicant in addition to the Angel Lopez scholarship. Sabi plans to email local high school and college coaches about the scholarship opportunities and wants the committee to be more involved in Tennis on Campus and promote college player participation in tournaments. Steve Leffler suggested that information on the scholarship and other college player relevant information could be added to the District website. Sabi also stated she will work with Steve Kappes regarding the San Diego Veterans Classic Tournament.
- g. **Nominations** – Eric Alm reported that John Broderick, Steve Leffler, and Jim Lackritz would be continuing the second year of their 2-year term as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Simon Shen will be stepping down as Vice President. The Nominations Committee is nominating Carole Farr as Vice President for the completion of Simon’s term. M.A. Hillier noted that the Executive Committee will then have a vacancy that will need to be filled next year. Eric mentioned that Amit Shah will be stepping down as a Director and a few Director vacancies remain to be filled.
- h. **Yearbook** – Jeff Greenwald announced that the 2022 SDDTA Yearbook is finished. Costs will be low this year as the bulk of the distribution will be via email with a limited print run to cover Annual Banquet attendees and distribution to clubs while the three advertisers (La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, Balboa Tennis Club, and the SCTA Foundation) will defray roughly half of the cost for printing. It will be at the printers around mid-December. The pdf will be available on the District Website and additional hard-copies will be offered for purchase online.
- i. **Newsletter** – Carole Farr reported that the newsletter is at the printers and would be mailed around Christmas.
- j. **Military** – Steve Kappes (via email) stated that the committee would continue weekly clinics at Balboa Tennis Club, support veterans with the tennis program, and plan for resuming a tennis camp.
- k. **Wheelchair** – Jeff Lee and M.A. Hillier presented the goal of meeting and growing participation which has been stagnant lately and is hindered by traffic issues commuting to Barnes from North County. Jeff mentioned efforts to obtain use of a tennis venue in Carlsbad to better serve North County. The typical draw size for the Hendrickson Classic Wheelchair tournament has been around 35 participants but declined due to injuries. M.A.

made a motion to grant \$1,000 for the Hendrickson tournament. MSP It was noted that the wheelchair division in the District tournament was a good step but was hampered somewhat by the limitations of the Serve Tennis system which required posting the wheelchair event as a separate tournament.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. National Committee Participant Reimbursement – M.A. proposed the District reimburse National Committee members by matching the 50% travel expense reimbursement received from the Section. Todd Sprague represented the District on the Adult/Senior Competition committee and M.A. represented the District on the League committee at the March 2022 meeting in Orlando, Florida. Various benefits of District representation on National committees were discussed. MSP Note that the Budget Committee can decide on future reimbursement policy for National Committee travel expenses.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Shatoo Mohamad noted that the Youth Tennis San Diego fundraiser would continue through Friday. It is being sponsored by the Walter Redondo Fine Art Collection.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Leffler, Secretary

John Broderick, President