**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – October 11, 2017**

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**Board Members In Attendance:** Doug Chapman, Vidith Huot, Anne Sullivan, Frank Laliberte (8:15pm), Moh Raissi ( 8:00pm), Ryan Harry, John Jasionowski, Terry Charles

Guests: Charlie Michaelman,, League Tennis Coordinator; Shannon Fowler, Social Media.

Absent: Paul Brazenor, Steve Cohen, Sandy Sweet, Patrick LaSalle

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:25pm.

**Secretary’s report:**  John Jasionowski made a motion to accept the secretary’s minutes. Terry Charles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer’s report:**  Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Acceptance was filed.

**President’s report:** Doug Chapman talked about the upcoming second annual NE Tennis Weekend to be held in Maine the weekend of November 11. Doug also talked about meeting with the Central Falls Mayor’s office to discuss building tennis courts and getting a school tennis program started. Doug reported that the Craybas/Chase-Ernst Awards received a lot of publicity. Doug also reminded the Board members that board policy is to conduct board business in person. Business should not be conducted on line unless necessary. He also talked about Hall of Fame tickets that were purchased for the Board but not used. John Jasionowski made a motion that if a person doesn’t use the HOF tickets without a valid excuse, the Board must be reimbursed the cost of the tickets. Terry Charles seconded the motion. There was some discussion but the motion was tabled. There was also discussion about unused US Open tickets. If a Board member is unable to use the assigned tickets and unable to give them to another Board member, the member should give the tickets back to the Board President.

**NJTL report**: Moh presented updates from the October 9 meeting.

**Adult League Committee**: Charlie Michaelman reported that t-shirts were provided to all Rhode Island teams going to nationals this year. He also reported that the newly offered tri-level league grew significantly from last year. The annual Captains’ meeting/banquet will be held on Saturday, November 11. Local captains selected for the year are Monique Collins and Katie Werchadlo.

 **JTT Report**: JTT restarted in RI this year with four (4) teams: HOF, Narragansett, East Greenwich, and Warwick.

**School Tennis Report:** John Jasionowski reported that the High School Girls Individual tournament is scheduled for October 21 – 22. The banquet will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick on November 8.

**CTA Report:** Doug reported that current RI CTA’s are Tina Schroder, Sandy Sweet, Mario Llahno, Terry Charles, and Doug/Sandy.

**HOF Report:** Ryan Harry reported that Michael Chang was recently named the Hall of Fame Global Ambassador. Ryan also reported that there are numerous junior USTA tournaments being held at the HOF over the next few weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Website Update:** Shannon Fowler provided the Board with an overview of the new website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Coaches’ Clinic 2018:** Members of the committee were selected: Moh Raissi, John Jasionowski, Frank LaLiberte, Anne Sullivan and Ryan Harry.

Meeting adjourned: 10:20 pm

Submitted:

Anne Sullivan, Secretary