**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – February 15, 2017**

**CLCF - CRANSTON**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Doug Chapman, Steven Cohen, Sandy Sweet, John​ Jasionowski, Ryan Harry, Terry Charles, Frank Laliberte (arrived7:00pm) , Moh Raissi (arrived 8:00pm), Anne Sullivan, Paul Brazenor

Also In Attendance: Christy Bennett, TSR, USTA NE, Charlie Michaelman, League Coordinator, Patrick LaSalle, Vidith Huot

**Absent:** Mike Gorman

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. .

**Secretary’s report:** Secretary’s reports from November 16, 2016 and December 6, 2016 were reviewed. Corrections: November 16 – Steve Cohen should be added to the list of board members up for reelection in 2017. Corrections: December 6 – absent should be Paul Brazenor only. Under Old Business, High School Coaches Workshop should read Monday, January 16. Terry Charles made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Sandy Sweet seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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

**President’s report:** Doug Chapman talked about JTT. National is planning to start funding state associations based on JTT participation. NE grants are available for Parks and Recreation Departments for junior programs.

**USTA RINJTL**: Paul Brazenor spoke about meeting the NJTL board had recently. Current goal is to find avenues to fund the high school tennis scholarship. Possibilities: hiring a grant writer, Keith Chulatt, in the hopes of National sponsorship and also looking to corporate donations.

**Adult League Report:** Charlie Michaelman distributed and discussed the 2017 League Budget.

**School Tennis Report**: John Jasionowski reported that boys high school tennis will start on Monday, March 20. The coaches tennis meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 at Johnston High School.

**Hall of Fame Report:** Ryan Harry reported that Dell Technologies will be the sponsor of the Hall of Fame Tournament. USTA Day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18.

**Adaptive Tennis Report:** Two wheelchair tennis events are coming up soon.

**New England Report:** Christy Bennett talked about a March 9 information meeting for discussion for creating a new NJTL to cover a program with the Boys & Girls Club of Providence. The New England section will cover the costs of the program until the NJTL gets up and running.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**High School Coaches’ workshop:** Workshop was held at Brown University on Saturday, January 16. Brown University’s women’s tennis coach, Paul Wardlaw, talked about different drills as his ladies’ team practiced. Doug Chapman presented doubles strategy demonstrations. Paul Brazenor made a motion to donate $500 for the 2017 coaches’ clinic. John Jasionowski seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**Website Update:** Moh Raissi presented a proposal from the Splatypus Web Design Studio to design and maintain a new website for the USTA RI Board. Cost is anticipated to be $1,500. Anne Sullivan made a motion to accept the proposal for $1,500. Ryan Harry seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, at the CLCF at 10:00am. Regular board meeting to immediately follow.

Meeting adjourned: 8:52pm

Submitted:

Anne Sullivan, Secretary