**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – March 26, 2017**

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**Board Members In Attendance:** Doug Chapman, Steven Cohen, Sandy Sweet, John​ Jasionowski, Ryan Harry, Terry Charles, Frank Laliberte, Moh Raissi , Anne Sullivan, Paul Brazenor, Patrick LaSalle, Vidith Huot

Also In Attendance: Christy Bennett, TSR, USTA NE, Charlie Michaelman, League Coordinator

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:40am.

**Secretary’s report:** Paul Brazenor made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Terry Charles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer’s report:**  Treasurer’s report was reviewed. There was some discussion about the Brown University check for women’s tennis. Acceptance was filed.

**President’s report:** Doug Chapman talked about New England Board committees. There were four RI organizations that applied for New England grants. The was discussion about getting more RI colleges involved with Tennis on Campus.

**USTA RINJTL**: Paul Brazenor spoke about his friend, Keith Chulatt, who is working on the grant process. Keith is planning to attend the next NJTL board meeting and give a report.

**Adult League Report:** Charlie Michaelman presented the Sectional League Committee report. USTA National has updated its website.

**JTT Report**: Christy Bennett is working on getting JTT restarted. She is working with the HOF. She is also working on JTT summer leagues.

**CTA Report**: Terry Charles is working with Sandy Sweet to start a social league for ages 21-39. Terry will give a report at the next meeting.

**Hall of Fame Report:** Ryan Harry reported that the Powershares series will be back in 2017. HOF is creating a partnership with Middletown. The grass courts will be open in late May.

**Adaptive Tennis Report:** Tom Dodd is hosting wheelchair tennis every Friday night at Dartmouth Tennis Club.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Website Update:** Moh Raissi said the website would be completed by the end of April. Four people are projected to have administrative access to the website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**USTA RI Board Resignation:** Doug Chapman announced that Mike Gorman has resigned from the Board of Directors. Doug will pick out an item to be given to Mike for his many years of service on the Board. This item will cost no more than $100.

**USTA RI Board goals**: All Board members must submit to Doug prior to the next Board meeting one area they will work on to grow tennis in RI.

**Providence Boys and Girls Club**: 27 people attended a meeting in March with the New England Sports Village to discuss providing tennis to children affiliated with the Providence Boys and Girls Club and Central Falls. A second meeting is being planned.

**Officer Election Process**: Officer elections will be held at the next Board meeting in May. If anyone wants to run for election or reelection must notify Doug Chapman by the end of April. If multiple candidates for a position, each candidate will have 3 minutes to talk and 2 minutes for questions from the Board members. If more than 2 people are running for a position and there is no majority, the 2 highest vote getters will have a run-off.

**Net Generation:** Name of new youth initiative.

**Middle School Tennis**: Moh Raissi reported that there are now 6 public and 4 private schools participating in the RI Middle School League program.

Meeting adjourned: 12:40pm

Submitted:

Anne Sullivan, Secretary