**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – May 23, 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; Matt Olsen, Executive Director, USTA NE, and Karen , Community Tennis, USTA NE.

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:18pm.

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

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

**President’s report:** Doug Chapman announced that the US Open Tickets will be going to Terry Charles, John Jasionowski, Vidith Huot, and Patrick LaSalle. Anne Sullivan was appointed to the USTA NE Adult League Sectional Task Force. An on-line vote was taken on the motion to provide $500 to USTA New England in order to fund two, $250 scholarships to the 2017 New England Tennis Weekend in Maine in November. The scholarships will go to Rhode Islanders who apply to USTA New England and will be selected by USTA Rhode Island. After lengthy discussion, the vote was eight (8) yes and two (2) abstentions.

**USTA RINJTL**: Moh Raissi reported that four (4) boys applied for the Judy Bruck’s Tennis Scholarship. Readers for essays will be: Paul Brazenor, Patrick LaSalle, and Ryan Harry. Deadline is June 2.

**Adult League Report:** Charlie Michaelman reported that teams are down for the summer league play.

**JTT Report**: Christy Bennett talked about the competitive JTT teams.

**CTA Report**: Terry Charles is starting a social league using the North Providence high school courts. It will be an eight (8) week program starting June 7. Minimum age of players will be 21.

**Hall of Fame Report:** Ryan Harry reported that the HOF is gearing up for the Powershares tournament in July.

**Adaptive Tennis Report:** Tom Dodd is hosting wheelchair tennis clinic at the HOF on June 4.

**Net Generation**: Christy Bennett reported that schools participating will get racquets and red balls. There is professional training on-line. First 300 registrations will get a free tablet.

**Middle School Tennis:** Moh Raissi reported that there are now 8 public schools and 5 private schools participating in this program.

**High School Tournaments:** Individual tournament completed. Winner was a student from Division III public school -- Central High School team. Team tournament being held this week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Website Update:** Moh Raissi announced that there are two applicants for the webmaster position. Finalist will be picked within one or two weeks.

**Social Media**: Vidith Huot will write a proposal and take up the initiative. Expectation is to go live by mid-June. Plans are to be use Facebook and Instagram.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Jill Craybus/G. Ernst Awards**: Awards will be given out during the Powershares tournament either on Tuesday or Wednesday. Committee is: Paul Brazenor, John Jasionowski, and Frank Laliberte.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 pm

Submitted:

Anne Sullivan, Secretary