**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – February 15, 2018**

**CLCF**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Doug Chapman, Anne Sullivan, Frank Laliberte, John Jasionowski, Terry Charles, Paul Brazenor, Steve Cohen, Sandy Sweet, Patrick LaSalle, Mo Raissi, Ryan Harry

Guests: Charlie Michaelman, League Tennis Coordinator; Christy Bennett, TSR

Absent: Vidith Huot

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

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

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

**President’s report:** Doug Chapman talked about the recent USTA New England Board of Directors meeting with the new board beings installed and committee assignments being made. Anne, Mo, Sandy and Doug are on various committees. This year’s USTA tennis weekend is scheduled for November 10-11 in Newton, MA.

**Adult League Committee**: Anne Sullivan reported on the October League Committee Meeting. Charlie Michaelman reported that RI will be starting a local captain of the year award to be given to both a male and a female. He also reported that participation in the tri-level league increased in 2017. He is trying to increase participation in the 40 & Over men’s 4.0 division; hopes to start a 65 & Over 6.0 women’s league; and a 40 & Over 4.5 men’s league.

**USTA RI NJTL report:** Mo Raissi talked about how to raise money for scholarships and the need to market the scholarship better.

**USTA New England report:** Christy Bennett talked about Net Generation and announced that a grant was received from National for Central Falls.

 **JTT Report**: 26 children came to the HOF in December. There are four official junior tennis teams with a potential of 32 children. Centre Court will be starting U14 and U18 tournaments.

**School Tennis Report**: Mo announced that middle school tennis will be starting in April and running through June.

**Adaptive Tennis Report:** Programs at Dartmouth run every other Friday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Coaches’ Clinic 2018:** Being held at the HOF on Saturday, March 3 from 1-4pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Meeting:** Will be held at the CLCF on Sunday, March 25 at 2:00pm.

**Cranston tennis courts**: City plans to turn the two city tennis courts into a dog park. Paul Brazenor will contact the mayor’s office to get further information.

Meeting adjourned: 9:28pm

Submitted:

Anne Sullivan, Secretary