**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – May 14, 2018**

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

Absent: Patrick LaSalle, Vidith Huot, Ryan Harry

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

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Secretary’s report:**  Paul Brazenor 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 announced that no one else had applied for the Officers’ positions so the current Officers will remain in place. They are: President: Doug Chapman; Vice-President: Sandy Sweet; Treasurer: Terry Charles; Secretary: Anne Sullivan. He also announced that the next USTANE Board meeting is being held in Newport on June 8 & 9.

**Adult League Committee**: Anne Sullivan reported on Sectional League Committee conference call on May 4th that talked about the upcoming employment of Local League Coordinators. Charlie Michaelman announced that a new TennisLink is being rolled out in 2020. Nationals is trying to start a new league consisting of players between the ages of 18 and 39.

**USTANE report**: Christy Bennett reported that she is looking for volunteers for a Central Falls event on Saturday. Rain date is June 2. Christy is doing training for summer events. The TSRs’ job description is being revised. The Fan Zone will be at the HOF tournament again this year. There will be a wheelchair event on the Friday of the tournament.

**JTT:** There is a possibility of some teams from Rally Point. There is a play-off that will be held in June to determine teams for a tournament at Harvard.

**School Tennis**: John Jasionowski reported that the main draw for the boys’ individual tournament is being held this weekend. The boys’ tennis banquet will be held on June 6.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**USTA RI NJTL Report:** Mo Raissi reported that he will have a booth at the Individual Tournament promoting the Judy Brucks Scholarship. Only two boys applied for the scholarship this year. Scholarship committee will be: Terry Charles, Paul Brazenor, Frank LaLiberte and possibly Ryan Harry.

**Jill Craybus & Chase/Ernst awards**: Frank LaLiberte announced that Matt Kuhar will be given the Chase/Ernst award and Natalie Pezzucco will receive the Jill Craybus award.

**Hall of Fame tickets**: Doug will order the week long series of tickets for the HOF tournament.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adult League Conversion:** Doug announced that there will be a meeting of the State Presidents prior to the NE meeting in June to discuss the conversion of the Local League Coordinators position to New England section office employees.

**League Committee and Awards Committee**: Doug is suspending the Awards Committee. League Committee members will be asked to send an e-mail to Doug to let him know they want to continue on the League Committee.

**Grant Application:** Moh Raissi is requesting a $500 grant for his middle school tournament. John Jasionowski made a motion to grant Cole Middle School Tennis Program $500 contingent upon it becoming a USTA member organization. Frank LaLiberte seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Terry Charles made a motion to grant URI Tennis on Campus $250 for its trip to the nationals in 2018. Frank LaLiberte seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50pm.

Submitted:

Anne Sullivan, Secretary