**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – June 19, 2018**

**CLCF, Cranston, Warren, RI**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Doug Chapman, Sandy Sweet, Terry Charles, Steven Cohen, John Jasionowski, Ryan Harry, Moh Raissi, Paul Brazenor, Patrick LaSalle.

Also In Attendance: Christy Bennett, TSR, USTA NE; Charlie Michaelman, RI Adult Coordinator

**Absent:** Anne Sullivan, Frank LaLiberte​

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m..

**Secretary’s report:** Minutes from the Last Meeting. Terry Charles made a motion to accept, Sandy Sweet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s report:** Reviewed and filed.

**President’s report:** The USTA RI Adult League Awards/Gifts Committee has been suspended and will be reformed after the financial implications of the League Coordinator Conversion is known.

**CTA Report:** The Morrissette Memorial Tournament drew 72 participants in South County this year. It will switch to a golf tournament next year reported Sandy Sweet.

**New England Report:** A successful “Women In Tennis” was held at Faxon Farm in Seekonk, drawing 16 high school players, under the direction of Lincoln School coach Courtney Smith, reported Christy Bennett.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Craybas and Chase-Ernst Awards:** USTA RI’s College Players of the Year, Natalia Pezzucco (Johnston and Union College) and Matt Kuhar (Smithfield and Bryant University) will be honored on Wednesday, July 18 at the Dell Technologies Hall of Fame Open in Newport. Tickets were distributed to board members that requested them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Junior Team Tennis:** RI JTT Teams will compete in a RI Division in the Southeastern Mass. JTT League this summer, under the direction of Christy Bennett. USTA RI will post a JTT Coordinator Job Description and advertise the position stated Doug Chapman. Mo Raissi will continue to manage Sunday JTT Play Days.

**USTA RI NJTL Chapter:** The RI NJTL committee is suspended. A Task Force was formed to study the direction of NJTLs, how that fits with RI NJTL’s mission, and also reviewing legal requirements of 501c3 organizations. Who should comprise a new committee is also to be reviewed. Pending the study, a change of name and statement to the “Rhode Island Tennis & Education Foundation” is to be considered, according to Doug Chapman. The Task Force includes Terry Charles (chair), Sandy Sweet, John Jasionowski, Mo Raissi, Frank Laliberte and Paul Brazenor.

**Adjourn at 8:57 p.m.** Motion by Terry Charles, seconded by Ryan Harry. Passed unanimously.

Submitted:

Doug Chapman standing in for Anne Sullivan, Secretary 7/7/18