**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – October 9, 2018**

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**Board Members In Attendance:** Doug Chapman, Terry Charles, Steven Cohen, John Jasionowski, Anne Sullivan, Moh Raissi, Paul Brazenor

Also in attendance: Charlie Michaelman, LLC; Christy Bennett, TSR, USTA NE

**Absent**: Sandy Sweet, Frank Laliberte, Ryan Harry, Patrick LaSalle

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:22pm.

**Secretary’s report:** Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Terry Charles made a motion to accept. Moh Raissi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**President’s report:** Doug reminded us that Shannon Fowler is going to continue updating the website although she is living in Ireland. Also, talked about the upcoming Tennis Weekend being held in November in Massachusetts. Any Board member who wants to attend will be reimbursed for registration. Doug also announced that the New England is planning to provide a grant of $2100 in 2019 to make up for the money that RI USTA League is losing due to the League Coordinator becoming an employee of the Section.

**Adult League Committee Report**: There are 7 Rhode Island teams going to nationals this year.

**New England report:**

JTT: Christy Bennett reported that a Town Hall meeting was held at Centre Court recently to talk about Junior Team Tennis. It was very well attended by a variety of people. Connecticut carries 70% of JTT in the section so she is trying to model the RI and Southeastern MA on that state. She is planning for a winter and summer tournament charging between $20 and $25 per player for registration with all funds going to the Section. Format will be 4 singles and 2 doubles using 2 courts for 2 hours on Sunday afternoons.

Central Falls: Chantelle and Christy met with Central Falls Park and Recreation reps and police officers. They served between 100 – 125 children over the summer. Parks and Recreation wants to do it again next summer. Currently doing an after school program.

Attleboro complex: NJTL no longer in existence. It may become a CTA partnering with Mario Lano.

**High School Tennis**: John Jasionowski reported that the girls’ tennis banquet is being on Wednesday, November 7 at Crowne Plaza. He has chosen a new company for the t-shirts for the individual tournament.

**Adaptive Tennis:** Tom Down approached John Jasionowski for high school tennis players working with wheelchair tennis players in the spring, 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The new name of the former NJTL, RI Tennis Foundation, has been registered.

Ryan Harry, Paul Brazenor and Terry Charles were chosen to read the essays for the scholarship being given to a high school for this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Two people applied for the New England Tennis Weekend Scholarship : Tina Schroeder and Tara Thibaudeau. Anne Sullivan made a motion to award the scholarship to these two individuals in an amount up to $250 for expense reimbursement. John Jasionowski seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

A tennis satellite tournament is being held at Harvard in Boston. The sponsors are looking to partner with CTA’s in southern New England.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sullivan

Secretary