**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors Meeting, CLCF, November 14, 2018**

* **President Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.**
* **Board Members Present -** Chapman, Sandy Sweet, Terry Charles, Mo Raissi, John Jasionowski, Frank Laliberte, Ryan Harry and Steve Cohen. Also, Charlie Michaelman and Christy Bennett.
* **Members Not Present –** Anne Sullivan and Paul Brazenor.
* **Previous Minutes -** Corrections Tom Dodd; the new name Rhode Island Tennis & Scholarship Foundation. Motion to accept by Charles, seconded by Laliberte. Passed unanimously.
* **Finance and Treasury –** Chapman reimbursed $143.63 mistakenly put on credit card for college team expenses. Treasurer’s report filed.
* **President report-** The board currently down two members. No replacements will be named until the New Year.
* **Adult League Committee report-** Michaelman reported Tri-Level growth from 18 to 38. Annual NE League workshop was held past weekend. Forward Planning Process includes new 3.0 men’s league and potential 2.5 social l;eagues. 4.5 women’s leagues to discuss registration fees. Ages 18-30 areas of retention for USTA National promoting college on campus.
* **USTA New England report-** Tennis Weekend is this coming weekend in Newton, Mass. Approximately 160 expected to attend. Board members attending: Chapman, Raissi and Harry. A pilot for 10-12 pilot run with clubs for social leagues/adult learning leagues will be funded by NE.
* **Tennis Hall of Fame report-** NJTL chapter has been opened for 2 months, 32 kids. Chapman mentioned that USTA-RI board were not informed about the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and its is a program that the board would want to support in the future.
* **Junior Team Tennis report-** Christy reported that the program is now bigger, 12/14/18 leagues- intermediate and competitive – with schedules set with three matches in December and three in January (non advancing). JTT nationals may seek to exist in 2020. Registration fees will go to running a RI state tournament.
* **CTA reports-** Sweet reported that after 18 years, the South County CTA no longer exists.
* **School Tennis report –** USTA RI continues to sponsor the individual tournaments. New vendor was used for tournament tee-shirts, improved quality and delivery for a similar cost.
* OLD BUSINESS
* **RI Tennis & Scholarship Foundation-** The USTA RI NJTL has been disbanded, with the Rhode Island Tennis & Scholarship Foundation taking its place. A new board needs to be formed, with John Brucks expressing his interest in joining.
* NEW BUSINESS
* **Nominating Committee**- Immediate Past President Mike Gorman will chair the Nominating Committee, with Sweet as one member. Others interested contact Chapman. Those up for 2019 re-election to three-year terms are Chapman, Laliberte, Brazenor and Jasionowski.
* **By-Laws Task Force-** Michaelman and Sullivanwill update language involving the Adult League Committee.
* **High School Coaches Workshop Task Force -** Harry named chair, with Laliberte, Jasionowski and Cohen.
* **Holiday Party -** To be scheduled for Dec. 5 or 6. Venue is to be determined.
* **Grant applications -** None
* **Public input-** None
* **Any other new business-** Meetings in the future to be at 7pm, CLCF,
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**Adjourned at 8.53 pm. Motion by Jasionowski, seconded by Sweet. Passed unanimously. Minutes from notes taken by Raissi**