**USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors** – ​ **Minutes – March 31, 2019**

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**Board Members In Attendance:** Doug Chapman, Terry Charles, Steven Cohen, Anne Sullivan, Moh Raissi, Frank Laliberte, Sandy Sweet, Randy Osga, Courtney Smith

Absent: Paul Brazenor, Ryan Harry

Also in attendance: Charlie Michaelman, LLC

Doug Chapman called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

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

**Treasurer’s report:** Reviewed and filed. Terry Charles discussed the current maturing CD and made a recommendation for the time choice when it does mature. CD doesn’t mature until May.

**President’s report:** Doug announced he was on a New England Task Force assigned the task of reviewing the current New England by-laws. Doug attended the National USTA meeting recently in Austin, Texas. Nationa USTA is focusing on player retention. There are currently 630,000 members nationally.

**Adult League report**: The league is working on starting a 55 & Over 6.0 men’s league and a 55 & Over 9.0 Women’s league. Also, Charlie Michaelman is working with the Cape’s Local League Coordinator to start a mixed 55 & Over league. This league would not advance to a national tournament. Charlie is also trying to start a Social League of 2.0/2.5 women.

**CTA/NJTL report**: Courtney Smith reported that she is in the process of forming an NJTL called Providence Aces. Plans to start in two Providence elementary schools.

**School Tennis report:** Moh Raissi reported there are currently thirteen (13) schools in the middle school program. New schools added this season are Jamestown and St. Michael’s in Newport.

**Adaptive Tennis report**: Courtney Smith reported that adaptive tennis will be started in North Smithfield this summer along with the Wounded Warrior.

**OLD**  **BUSINESS**

**RI Tennis Scholarship Foundation:**  Applications are still being accepted for Board members for the foundation.

**Strategic Priorities:** Every Board member must provide Doug Chapman with at least one idea for the Board’s strategic priority for 2019 prior to the next Board meeting.

**High School Coaches Workshop**: The Committee, consisting of Ryan Harry, Chairperson; Moh Raissi, Steve Cohen, Randy Osga and John Jasionowski, needs to decide on a date and a location for the Workshop by the next Board meeting.

**Women in Tennis:** Courtney Smith conducted a Women-in-Tennis event last year. It was held at Wheeler Farm in Seekonk and was open to tennis playing girls between the ages of 14 and 19. This year, it is scheduled to be held at Bryant University on May 19.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Scholarship readers:** Randy Osga, Terry Charles, Anne Sullivan and Charlie Michaelman were selected as readers for the high school boys’ tennis scholarship.

**College Awards**: It was decided to delay the decision to rename the boys’ college award until the May meeting.

**Board Officer Election**: Doug announced the Officer Election will be held at the May Board meeting. Doug needs to know by April 30 if the current officers would like to remain and if anyone would like to be considered for an officer position.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Sullivan

Secretary