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| **Meeting Minutes** |
| **Committee/Task Force: USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors’ Meeting** |
| **Logistics** |
| Event:  | USTA Rhode Island League Board of Directors’ Meeting |
| Date: | November 13, 2019 |
| Time: | 7:00pm - 8:04pm |
| Location: | CLCF, Cranston, RI |
| **Attendees:**Anne Sullivan, Sandy Sweet, Terry Charles, Mo Raissi, Frank Laliberte, Randy OsgaOther: Charlie Michaelman – Local League Coordinator, John JasionowskiAbsent: Doug Chapman, Paul Brazenor, Courtney Smith, Steve Cohen, Ryan Harry |
| **Meeting Agenda:*** Minutes of Last Meeting
* Treasurer’s Report
* President’s Report
* RI Tennis Scholarship Foundation/Brucks Scholarship Update
* USTA New England Report
* Tennis Hall of Fame Report
* Junior Team Tennis Report
* CTA Reports
* School Tennis Report
* Adaptive Tennis Report
* OLD BUSINESS: 2020 School Coaches Workshop
* NEW BUSINESS: Grant Applications – Progresso Latino, Central Falls; Brown University TOC
* Public Input
* Any other new business
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| **Topics discussed/Key points raised/Options offered/Decisions made** |
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| **Topic: Minutes from October 7, 2019 Meeting** |
| Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Mo Raissi made a motion to accept. Frank Laliberte seconded. Motion passed unanimously. |
| **Topic: Treasurer’s Report** |
| Anne Sullivan made the comment that the expenses for the Adult League should be moved under Adult League. No other comments. Report was filed  |
| **Topic: President’s Report – Doug Chapman** |
| As given by Sandy Sweet, Congratulations to the Brown University USTA Tennis On Campus Team, for winning the New England Sectional Championship and advancing to the USTA Tennis On Campus National Championships. Also, to the Rhode Island College women's team, which captured the Little East Conference championship and will advance to the NCAA D3 Tournament in May. The Johnson & Wales women's team captured the Great Northeast Conference regular season title, but lost in the conference final and will not get a bid to the NCAAs.A reminder – The Treasurer's Report is a private document meant for the USTA Rhode Island Board of Directors only, and for audit purposes for USTA New England. It is not a document to be shared. If anyone has any questions on how the money is spent, they are welcome to attend a meeting and ask questions they may have. What is in the accounts is not meant for public consumption.The annual USTA RI Holiday Dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m. At Los Andes in Providence.RSVPs are required no later than Dec. 1.The Adult League Committee will be reformed in 2020. All current League Committee members will need to respond via email if they wish to be reappointed. USTA RI board members with expiring terms are: Steve Cohen, Ryan Harry, Randy Osga and (vacant). A Nominating Committee will be formed, starting with whether Immediate Past President Mike Gorman will again chair it. The Tennis On Campus transition to Adult Leagues brochure is in the hands of the USTA NE marketing dept., who expect to have a final product after Tennis Weekend.The plans moving forward for financial support funding of the State Associations:2019 is the final year of an 80-10-10 split, with 80% coming based on previous funding, 10% innovation and 10% participation. That changes to 70-10-20 in 2020. With 70% of the amount of the previous year’s funding, 10% innovation to grow tennis (new social leagues, flex leagues, parks & recs early entrance programs, new initiatives etc.) and 20% on participation. It is possible that states could get 125% of their funding based on greater participation numbers. In the next two years, participation will jump to 50% of the funding received. Of that 30% will # of registered NetGen providers is first, followed by Leagues and Social Leagues growth, and Schools. The remaining 20% will be from Jr. Team Tennis and Team Challenges. The goal is that state strategic priorities and operational plans be tied to programs that generate funding from NSF (National Support Funding). That is what will generate additional funding for the section/states.There are also Small Market Grants, Tennis Service Grants, Hispanic Outreach Grants and 19&Under Grants that are available. The GOOD NEWS is that the Section had already surpassed all of National’s goal numbers three-quarters of the way through 2019. VP Sandy Sweet and Treasurer Terry Charles attended a meeting that was held on Monday night with John Brucks regarding the future direction of the Rhode Island Tennis & Scholarship Foundation. Sandy Sweet said that John Brucks has agreed to the Committee Chairperson with Arlene LaBossionere, Cindy Douglas, Sandy Sweet, Doug Chapman and Terry Charles being on the Committee. Lastly, I want to reiterate my support for the tennis court project and provider programs in Central Falls, which are also in line for additional support from national and the section. It is important that we are also supporting the growth of tennis in that community. **Topic: Judy Brucks Scholarship**Sandy Sweet announced that there were 20 applications from a variety of RI schools for the girls’ scholarship this year. The winner was Lexi Brenner from Barrington High School. **Topic: Adult League Committee/League Coordinator report**Anne Sullivan, Adult League Committee Chairperson, reported on the recent League Committee meeting. Charlie Michaelman talked about the tri-level season now going on and mentioned that participation in the League increased 5%. **Topic: USTA New England Report – Submitted by Christy Bennett*** Tennis Weekend is this weekend in Newton, MA
* 2.  November 23 is the Jr Tour Updates seminar with Shawna Fors at Centre Court
* 3.  JTT winter league begins Dec 8

**Topic: Tennis Hall of Fame Report**It was recently announced that the Hall of Fame Tournament is going to be added to the US Open Series starting in 2020.  |
| **Topic: School Tennis Report**John Jasionowski reported that this past tennis season, there were 16 teams in the JV League. There will be two new boys tennis teams in the spring – one will be a club team. |
| **Topic: Grant Applications**There were two grant applications: one from Progresso Latino in Central Falls for $1,000 and one from the Hall of Fame for $1,500. After some discussion, Terry Charles made a motion to table the applications until the applicants are contacted and can provide us with more information. Frank Laliberte seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.  |
| **Action Items** |
| **Task to be Done** | **Person Responsible** | **Due Date** |
| Sandy Sweet will contact both applicants to get more information | Sandy Sweet | Next Board Meeting on December 4.  |
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| Submitted by: Anne Sullivan | Date: 11/14/2019 |