**USTA Rhode Island**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022**

**Place: CLCF, Cranston, RI**

**Present -**President Doug Chapman, Steve Cohen, Alan Dyl, John Jasionowski and Marguerite Murano.

**Absent -**VP Sandy Sweet, Treasurer Terry Charles, Secretary Paul Brazenor, Pat Decker, Frank Laliberte, Mike Gorman, Moh Raissi.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Chapman once a quorum was reached.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Minutes of 8/21/22 Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

- Treasurer's Report was filed.

- Brown University's Club Team won the USTA New England Tennis On Campus championship for the third straight year and fifth time since 2021. A motion to give the Brown Club Team a $500 grant towards attending the championships was made by Steve Cohen, seconded by Alan Dyl. The motion passed without opposition.

- The Providence Tennis Academy requested a grant for $3,000 for its inner city tennis program at Roger Williams Park. A motion to approve a grant in the amount of $1,800 was made by John Jasionowski, seconded by Marguerite Marano. The motion passed without opposition.

- US Open tickets come under the purview of state association presidents. A motion was made to set a policy on unused tickets. "Any board member that receives a US Open ticket or tickets, who is not able to use them, must return them to the state president at least 24 hours in advance. Board members that fail to do so shall be responsible for reimbursing the state association the full face value of the ticket or tickets in a timely manner and will also be skipped if and when their next turn for tickets comes up." The motion was made by John Jasionowski, seconded by Steve Cohen. The motion passed without opposition.

- There was only one applicant for a scholarship to USTA NE Tennis Weekend from Rhode Island. That was Bruce Levine, tennis coach at Salve Regina who also works at the Tennis Hall of Fame. The $75 scholarship was approved by President Chapman.

**NOTES**

- USTA RI has had a record 11 teams qualify to play in national tournaments.

- USTA RI Leagues had two grievances filed, with discipline points accessed in both cases.

- There has been a tick up in growth among women playing League tennis; men's growth is stagnant.

- Pat Decker will represent Rhode Island on the next USTA NE Nominating Committee in 2023.

- The International Tennis Hall of Fame has hired an executive search firm to find a replacement for outgoing CEO Todd Martin.

- The upstairs renovations at the Canfield House was completed, giving NJTL TeamFrame additional classroom space. The renovations were paid for from a $25,000 Spending Rule Grant from USTA NE and matching funds raised by the Hall of Fame.

- TeamFame continues to grow, with 30 new kids from 5th to 8th grade, including 17 5th graders. Additional outreach is being made at the MLK and Pell Schools, including 2nd thru 4th graders.

- TeamFame received a $5,000 College Connect Grant, and with working with Salve Regina teams to connect with Newport students.

- The RI High School Girls Tennis Banquet will return after a couple of year's absence on Monday, Nov. 14. The Brucks Scholarship will be awarded that evening.

- Reports by Terry Charles (scholarship fundraising tournament) and Frank Laliberte (high school girls tennis) were filed.

- Plans are to tear up the basketball court in Central Falls next month, and complete the turn into two tennis courts in the spring.

- The vote to reduce the size of the USTA RI Board of Directors from 12 to 9 will come at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

- The annual Holiday Dinner is TBA. To be scheduled at Los Andes restaurant sometime during the first two weeks of December.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.