

12/8/2005

USTA Northern California Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting of December 8th, 2005
Held at ClubSport Fremont

Members Present: Dwight Johnson, Rosie Bareis, Liz Blum, Terry Cossette, Jack Drimmer, Dale Evans, John Frank, Hunter Gallaway, Bill Hansen, Jean Hassoun, Don Jacobus, Paul Kepler, Rick Kepler, Gary Lee, Mark Manning, Tom Martin, Dale Miller, Sherri Nordahl, Linda Peltz, Deb Peterson, Francisco Ruiz, Tony Silveria, Pam Sloan, and Fred Tierney.

Staff Present: Executive Director Bruce Hunt, Loretta Conway, Jim Coyne, Anna Elefant, Karen Leischer, Bob Manalo, Sarah Robinson, Sharon Smith-Mauney, and Craig Stephens.

Guests Present: Hasheem Bason, Mike Bauer, Greg Blatnik, Gordon Collins, Michael Cove, Todd Dissly, Paul Ghenis, Patrick King, Madhu Kohli, Jim McLennan, Fred Morris, Dev Persaud, Margie Peterman, Michael Quintana, Richard Rocha, Bill Sumerlin, Valena Williams, Jr.

Parliamentarian: Evelyn Wilson

The December meeting of the USTA Northern California Board of Directors was called to order by President Dwight Johnson at 6:40PM. A motion to amend the agenda was passed. No minutes were being taken as a secretary had not been appointed until 7:00 p.m. when Linda Peltz volunteered to take the minutes.

Election: New Director

The vacancy on the Board of Directors due to the resignation of Sandi Kaney was to be filled. Margie Peterman and Valena Williams, Jr. were nominated. A secret ballot tallied by four visitors showed a vote of 12 for Margie Peterman and 10 for Valena Williams, Jr. Margie Peterman was elected to the Board to fill the remaining one year term of Sandi Kaney.

Discussion about the 131 Schools that applied for USTA Organization Membership

Mark Manning moved, and it was seconded to suspend immediately the USTA membership of Dwight Johnson and Fred Tierney for bringing reproach to the Association with their conduct at the USTA NorCal Annual Meeting.

A discussion of whether or not this was an action item ensued as it was listed on the agenda as "the action regarding the 131 schools which applied for USTA membership" under discussion only. It was noted that Article VI, Section B of the Bylaws deals with the expulsion of a member.

Linda Peltz moved and it was seconded to postpone this discussion/action to a special meeting. Linda Peltz amended the motion to have this discussion/action postponed until the next regular meeting (January 18) of the Board with this being the only item on the agenda. She further amended the motion to having this item as the first item on the agenda.

The question of postponement was called. The vote for postponement failed by a vote of 17 to 5 against.

The original motion by Mark Manning - to suspend immediately the USTA NorCal memberships of Dwight Johnson and Fred Tierney for bringing reproach to the Association with their conduct at the USTA NorCal Annual Meeting - was voted upon and upheld with a vote of 13 in favor of suspension and 9 against.

Jack Drimmer, as treasurer and the only officer remaining from the previous Board, assumed the chairmanship of the meeting as Dwight had vacated the position based on the previous vote of suspension.

Pam Sloan made a motion which was seconded to allow Fred Tierney to fulfill his obligation to his team by playing in a league match on Sunday, December 11, 2005. The motion was defeated by a vote of 5 in favor and 12 against.

Election: New Director

The vacancy on the Board of Directors due to the suspension of Fred Tierney was to be filled. Valena Williams, Jr. and Michael Quintana were nominated. Valena Williams withdrew her name from the nomination. Michael was voted in as a Board member with a favorable vote of 15.

Election (Cont): President

With the vacancy in the President's position open, the nominations for President were Margie Peterman and Jack Drimmer. The vote was 13 for Margie and 8 for Jack. Margie Peterman then assumed her duty as President of the USTA NorCal Board of Directors.

Elections of Officers: President Elect

Jean Hassoun nominated Margie Peterman and Mark Manning nominated Jack Drimmer. With a vote of 11 for Jack and 10 for Margie, Jack Drimmer became the President Elect.

Elections of Officers (Cont): Secretary

Mark Manning nominated Jean Hassoun. The vote was 15 in favor and 0 against. Jean Hassoun became secretary and immediately took over the recording of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted up to this point,
Linda Peltz, volunteer secretary
(Edited by Jean Hassoun from his own notes as part of his responsibility of submitting the minutes to the board)

(Minutes recorded by Jean Hassoun from that point on)

Elections of Officers (Cont): Treasurer

Jack Drimmer nominated Paul Kepler and Pam Sloan nominated Linda Peltz. Paul Kepler was elected to serve as treasurer by a vote of 16-5.

Elections of Officers (Cont): Delegate

Sherri Nordahl nominated Terry Cossette, Linda Peltz nominated John Frank and Mark Manning nominated Pam Sloan.
First round of vote was Sloan (9), Cossette (6) and Frank (6).
The next vote was to select who between Cossette and Frank would compete with Sloan in a second round. John Frank was selected.
Second round was between Pam Sloan and John Frank.
Pam Sloan was elected to serve as delegate by a vote of 11-10.

Elections of Officers (Cont): Parliamentarian

Mark Manning nominated John Togasaki.
John Togasaki was elected to serve as parliamentarian by a vote of 13-0-8.

Elections of Officers (Cont): Legal Counsel

Jean Hassoun nominated Michael Harrison.
Michael Harrison was elected to serve as legal counsel by a vote of 16-0-1.

New Business:

Mark Manning raised an issue about an email sent to MPC that he considered as inappropriate and asked if the board should consider a sanction. It was decided to request the legal counsel for advice on what avenues are open to the board.

Action Item A: Organization Member Approval Process

Presented by Bruce Hunt.

Paul Kepler made a motion to form a committee to recommend (at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board) a comprehensive approach to organizational membership approval/disapproval by our Section that is consistent with the Bylaws. In the interim, the Executive Director is instructed to disapprove all multi-facility organizations and multi-proxy holder organizations and to bring all other organizational membership applications to the Executive Committee for approval/disapproval. Passed by 16-0-1

Action Item B: Committee Plans to Grow Membership & Participation

Presented by Jean Hassoun.

Motion failed with a vote of 3-13-3

Elections of Officers (Cont): Immediate Past-President for Exec Committee.
(Motion was actually made earlier but not concluded)

Jean Hassoun made a motion for Mark Manning to serve on the Executive Committee, acting in the position of immediate past-president, as Paul Kepler (assumed as being immediate past-president) is already on that committee, making the immediate past-president seat vacant. After discussion, it was decided to defer the issue to legal counsel as to the right for the board to elect someone for that position.

Next meeting will be on 1/18/2006
Meeting adjourned at 11:06 pm

Respectfully submitted
Jean Hassoun, Secretary