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**Amended Minutes of the USTA NorCal Board of Directors Meeting
Dec. 13, 2006
Four Points Sheraton Hotel
Pleasanton, CA**

Present at the meeting were Margie Peterman, Mark Manning, Bill Schoen, Pam Sloan, Rosie Bareis, Dale Evans, Patrick King, John Dicconson, Mark Mosly, Hunter Galloway, Brian Berry, Lisbeth Blum, Paul Kepler, Don Jacobus, Gary Lee, John Frank, Rick Kepler, Madhu Kohli, Michael Cooke, Francisco Ruiz, Micheal Quintana, Michael Harrison, counsel. Missing Board members were Bill Hansen and Jean Hassoun. Guests were David Dunetz and Bob Sakai.

Meeting was called to order by President Peterman at 6:30 pm.

David Dunetz spoke on the Up and Out rule for his Laney Team. Would like Board to rescind the rule as it will cause a hardship on his team.

The minutes of the November 4, 2006 board meeting were approved as amended. Amendment was the correction of Rick Kepler's name and the addition of Hunter Galloway's name as attending. Motion to approve by Mark Manning and seconded by Dale Evans. Approved 17 - 0.

New Board Members were introduced by President Peterman.

No action items.

Treasurer's report. Terry Cossette was not present so Paul Kepler gave the Treasurer's report. Appears that for the year 2006, we will end up with a surplus of about \$30,000.

Monthly grants that were approved in October and November were discussed. Questions were asked about the Ohlone College program that was already finished but had not been approved by the Board. No money has been paid as of this date for the Ohlone program.

The grant to the Silicon Valley Tennis Academy should also be on the conflict of interest list as opposed to the regular list.

Paul Kepler gave an overview of the 2007 budget that was approved at the November meeting. He also brought up two proposals for additions to the budget.

The first was a request from the marketing committee to approve a 4% increase in the contract with Inside Tennis. The board requested that this be deferred until they received the proposal in writing and in a timely manner as opposed to approving a proposal verbally.

The second request was a proposal to fund a pilot program to develop more players for the 2.5 league. Staff would hire one part time staff member for \$15,000 and \$5,000 for travel expenses and other costs to do a research project on how to develop more 2.5 players. Cost for the entire project would be \$50,000 but only \$20,000 is requested immediately. The budget committee approved the request on Monday, Dec. 11. Kepler said that this request is time sensitive because league would start in March 2007 and research would have to be done in January. Since no motion was made on this issue, discussion was terminated.

Committee Decisions - Margie explained the procedure for challenging committee decisions.

Bill Schoen reported on the election committee decision to seat Michael Quintana as the last board member replacing Micheal Pearson who was not eligible to be elected because he was not an individual member of the USTA at the time of the nomination and at the time of the election. Quintana received the next highest vote total. The election committee voted unanimously that Quintana should be seated.

Paul Kepler moved that we accept Micheal Quintana as a member of the board. Rick Kepler seconded the motion. Vote was 10- 4 to close debate.

By a vote of 13- 5 the motion passed to seat Micheal Quintana on the board.

Nominations of officers

Vice-President - The following were nominated.

Liz Blum

Mark Manning

The vote was 11 for Manning, 9 for Blum.

Secretary - The following were nominated

Bill Schoen

John Dicconson

The vote was 12 for Schoen, 7 for Dicconson.

Treasurer
John Dicconson.

No other nominations so John was elected.

Delegate nominations were
Pam Sloan
John Frank

Pam Sloan was elected 14 to 7.

Michael Harrison was nominated as legal counsel. No other nominations so Michael was elected.

No one was nominated for parliamentarian.

President's Report - submitted in written form.

Delegate's Report - Pam Sloan reported on the leadership committee conference call that was held today. US Open made 3 million more than expected but the construction expenditures were higher than expected on the new indoor facility. Approximately \$100,000 will be distributed to the sections. There was a question on whether the TSRs will be continued. More discussion will be held at the January meeting.

Executive Director's Report - Submitted by Steve Leube in a written report.

Old Business

Motion by Paul Kepler, Seconded by Rick Kepler. Direct the executive director to survey all players in senior league to decide whether they would like to accept or reject the Up and Out decision of the ALC for the 2006-2007 season so long as the decision does not affect the eligibility of players to play in national competition. The board would abide by the majority vote of the players that respond to the survey as long as at least 10% of the players who played respond to this survey. The decision would be announced prior to Jan. 1, 2007.

The question was called by Don Jacobus. Vote was 12 - 3 to call the question.

Motion was defeated 4 to 14.

Motion by Liz Blum, Seconded by Michael Cooke. Direct the executive director to survey all players in senior league to decide whether they would like to accept or reject the Up and Out decision of the ALC for the 2006-2007 season so long as the decision does not affect the eligibility of players to play in national competition. The survey would be addressed to the captains who shall poll their teams. The board would abide by the majority vote of the players that respond to the survey as long as at least 10% of the players who played respond to this survey. The decision would be announced prior to Jan. 1, 2007.

Don Jacobus called the question. Motion passed.

Main motion defeated 6 to 15.

Rosie moved to suspend Up and Out rule through the sectional playoffs and to send the rule back to the ALC for further study. Patrick King seconded the motion.

20 - 0 in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm