

**USTA NorCal Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2009**  
**Four Points Sheraton, Pleasanton, California**  
**6:00 p.m. Dinner**  
**6:30 p.m. Meeting**

Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Peterman

**USTA NorCal Board of Directors Present:** Margie Peterman, Karla Barnette, Brian Berry, Michael Cooke, Suzy Cossette, Terry Cossette, Deline Davis, Mike Dickey, Jack Drimmer, Hunter Gallaway, Bill Hansen, Jean Hassoun, Rick Kepler, Madhu Kohli, Mark Mosley, Pam Sloan, Erika Smith, Ron Ward

**USTA NorCal Past Presidents Present:** John Frank, Paul Kepler, Don Jacobus, Mark Manning, Gary Lee

**USTA NorCal Board of Directors Absent:** Jack Drimmer and Bill Schoen

**Staff Present:** Steve Leube

**Legal Council:** Michael Harrison

**Parliamentarian:** Rosie Bareis

**Guests Present:** Loni Dillard, Chair of the Budget Committee

**Public Comments:** None.

**Reading of USTA NorCal Mission Statement:** The mission statement was not read.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the May Minutes, with the following revisions that are in bold.

**USTA NorCal Past Presidents Present:** John Frank, Paul Kepler, Don Jacobus, Mark Manning, **Gary Lee**

**Update on Building:** Paul Kepler made a presentation regarding the status of the proposal to purchase a building. A motion was made and seconded that NorCal move forward with an appraisal of the building **for up to \$5,000**. The Motion passed 20-0.

Motion to approve the May Minutes as amended passed 17-0.

**New Office Building** – Paul Kepler made a presentation regarding the funding for the purchase of the building.

A motion was made and seconded authorizing Steve Leube to go forward with the acquisition of the building on the terms negotiated with Comerica and the seller, and specifically authorizing Steve Leube to sign the commitment letter and pay the negotiated commitment fee. Further, the individuals on the Executive Committee are authorized to work out details between now and July 20.

Motion passed 16-0; 1 abstention.

Steve Leube made a presentation regarding the build out of the new building.

A motion was made and seconded authorizing Steve Leube to move forward with obtaining architectural plans for the new building. Motion passed 20-0.

**New National Membership Proposal.** Terry Cossette made a presentation regarding the USTA's membership dues proposal. A straw vote was taken regarding the board members sentiments on the proposal. 17 board members voted for the 5-7% increase in 2010 and 2012 and 2 board members voted for no dues increase.

**Proposed By-Law Changes.** Margie Peterman made a presentation regarding the proposed by-law changes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the by-law changes, with the following revisions, stricken and tabled provisions as indicated.

ARTICLE VIII, Section A. The officers of NorCal shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer **and** Delegate to the USTA .....

ARTICLE VIII, Section E. He shall work with the ED and the staff to ensure the proper account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to NorCal.....

**The following subset of Section E is stricken: He shall review all disbursements at the end of each month.**

ARTICLE IX: Proposed changes are tabled.

A motion to call the Question was made and seconded and passed 15-3.

The motion regarding the proposed by-law changes passed 17-1.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Proposed by-law modifications: Paul Kepler made a presentation regarding additional proposed by-law modifications. A motion was made and seconded to "Expand the scope of the Executive Committee responsibilities to include those of the current Operations Committee and those of ERC. Require that Executive Committee minutes be promptly posted on the NorCal web site and that a written record of each monthly meeting, if any, be included in the appropriate Board package."

Questions were asked and discussion ensued.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed by-law modification. The vote was tied 11-11 (with Margie Peterman casting a vote) and therefore did not pass.

Paul Kepler made a second motion to “Include in the Committee appointment process, currently outlined in the bylaws, the requirement that the Board have the option to approve all additions to and subtractions from each committee made by the President.”

Questions were asked and discussion ensued.

A motion was made to accept the proposed by-law modification. The motion did not pass by a vote of 6-14.

Change to definition of USTA Membership wording for USTA NorCal tournaments. Michael Cooke made a presentation regarding the inclusion of the words “in good standing” in Rule 3 of the Adult Tournament rules. A motion was made and seconded to call the Question. Motion passed 19-0. A motion was made and seconded to include the words “in good standing” in Rule 3. The motion passed 19-0.

Northern California Tennis Foundation. Mark Mosley made a presentation regarding NCTF. Questions were asked and discussion ensued. A motion was made to table the Action Item. The motion passed by a vote of 12-10.

Proposed Pro Circuit Funding. Margie Peterman made a presentation regarding proposed funding for NorCal pro circuit tournaments. Questions were asked and discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Steve Leube to determine if there are sufficient funds in the 2009 budget to fund 50% of the direct expenses of the official’s fees for 2009.

A motion to call the question was made and seconded and did not pass by a vote of 9-10. After further discussion, the motion for funding was made and seconded again and passed by a vote of 11-5; 3 abstentions.

**Executive Session:** At 10:07 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session. At 10:40 p.m., the Board concluded the Executive Session.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mike Dickey provided the Treasurer’s report. Questions were asked and discussion ensued.

A motion was made and seconded to cancel the July Board Meeting. The motion passed 20-0.

**Meeting adjourned:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 20-0.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.**

The next board meeting will be on August 19th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton, Pleasanton, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika B. Smith  
Secretary  
USTA NorCal Board of Directors