

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2010
USTA NorCal Office, Alameda, Ca.
Food and Beverage 6:00 PM
Meeting 6:30 PM

Call to order at 6:30 by President Peterman

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Present: Margie Peterman, Rosie Bareis, Gordon Collins, Michael Cooke, Suzy Cossette, Terry Cossette, Decline Davis, Mike Dickey, John Dale Evans, Dana Gill, Matt Holt, Jean Hassoun, Tony Silveria, Ron Ward.

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

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Absent: Brian Berry, Jack Drimmer, Sue Leo, Pam Sloan

Staff Present: Steve Leube,

Legal Counsel: Michael Harrison

Parliamentarian: Hunter Gallaway

Guests Present: Steve Champlain (USTA), Gordon Smith (USTA), Steve Cornell (Sanction Chair), Bill Simons (Inside Tennis), Bill Schoen (Foundation), Brian Richardson (Deer Valley)

Public Comments: Bill Simons, Brian Richardson, Steve Champlain, Gordon Smith

Reading of USTA NorCal Mission Statement: This was read by Terry Cossette

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

USTA Visitors: Margie and the board gave a warm welcome to both Steve Champlain and Gordon Smith who were present at her invitation. They are members of the Corporate Ethics Committee which was formed by USTA President Lucy Garvin. They gave an overview of their duties and discussion followed. Many topics were covered and it was decided NorCal would form an ad hoc committee to convey our concerns and interact with National. Those board members wishing to be on this committee should send an e-mail to Steve indicating this.

Action Items:

1. The foundation amendment was passed.
2. Reconsideration of the Diamond Hills Championship tournament and sanction process was defeated 18 – 0.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Dickey reported our new office building came in as budgeted.

Committee Decisions: There were some questions concerning the selection process of the regional training center coaches and junior tournament approvals. It was suggested that tournaments be informed as to why sanctions were denied.

President's Report: Margie Peterman gave a verbal report noting that the grand opening for our new office will be held March 25. Invitations and information will follow.

Delegate's Report: Terry Cossette. A written report from the Leadership meeting was included in the board packet. He gave a brief overview of the Jr. Competition committee call items. He attended a Jr. Council meeting to discuss these changes with them. They were in favor of everything except the elimination of the Spring National Championships and corresponding National Open.

Executive Directors Report: Steve Leube. A written report was included in the board packet. Steve reported the staff met their goals to qualify for the bonus pool. Therefore, the board unanimously agreed they should receive their bonuses. There are approximately 30 junior team tennis quick start teams in place. Our 2.5 leagues are up and there are more teams in mixed leagues than ever before.

Committee Reports: Committee meeting minutes should be on the web, However, currently many are missing. They are not posted until approved by the committee chair. A resolution was made that they should be up within one week of approval. 2009 committees are still in effect until Margie makes any changes. Discussion followed concerning Paul Kepler's removal as Marketing chair. Mike Dickey asked that volunteers be personally notified when their services are no longer needed, rather than just by an e-mail message. All new board members have received a NorCal binder. However, the committee lists in them have not been updated.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Tony Silveria will create a committee to work with Bill Simons regarding the Inside Tennis contract. Congratulations to Gordon Collins for his Aces Award.

The next meeting will be March 17th at the NorCal office, Alameda, Calif.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 and went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy Cossette
Acting Secretary, NorCal Board of Directors