

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2011
USTA NorCal office, Alameda, California

Call to order at 6:30pm by President Michael Cooke

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Present: Paul Allam, Rosie Bareis, Gordon Collins, Michael Cooke, Suzy Cossette, Terry Cossette, Deline Davis, Mike Dickey, Jack Drimmer, John Dale Evans, Hunter Gallaway, Jean Hassoun, Matt Holt, Rick Kepler, Sue Leo, Tom Schmierer, Tony Silveria.

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

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Absent: Dana Gill

USTA NorCal Advisory Directors Present: Pam Sloan, Ron Ward

Staff Present: Steve Leube, Executive Director, USTA Norcal

Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian: Michael Harrison

Guests Present: Betty Cookson, Norcal Hall of Fame chairman, Bill Schoen, President, NCTF, Barbara Schoen, and Pam Sloan prior USTA National and Norcal Board member.

Public Comments:

Betty Cookson, spoke about the USTA National Awards recipients, among which the San Francisco Tennis Club was awarded the Facility of the Year award. Jaime Pawid from NorCal won a Junior Sportsmanship Award. Betty also spoke about the 2011 NorCal Hall of Fame event and invited all Board members to attend and enjoy the event.

Bill Schoen, President of NCTF. Discussed activities of the Foundation, and spoke regarding a fine example of grant recipient.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the March 23, 2011 Board Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made, and duly seconded, to approve the Minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Executive Director Report: Steve Leube presented his report, and commented on updates to the format of measured goals. Discussion ensued.

President's Report: Michael Cooke gave his President's report. Michael made mention that the USTA National Board would be at Stanford for the NCAA College Championships in May. Michael also notified the Board that he had named Pam Sloan as an Advisory Director. During the President's report, Tony Silveria gave a report of activities of the Marketing committee.

Delegate Report: Terry Cossette, Delegate, gave a Delegate's report covering current activities at USTA National.

Sue Leo's Director Absences: (action had been tabled from prior Board meeting).
Motion: It was moved and seconded, to excuse Sue Leo's last two director absences.
Discussion ensued. : Vote was 14-2.

Treasurer Report: Mike Dickey, Treasurer, gave a report covering USTA Norcal's financial status, and reviewed financial reports in the Board package.

By-Law Proposed Changes: Paul Kepler reviewed the progress and process the Constitution and Rules Committee took towards preparing proposed changes to the NorCal By-Laws. There were two teleconferences, held prior to this Board meeting, wherein many of the Board members were able to participate and discuss the proposed changes.

A motion was made, and duly seconded, that the Board of Directors recommend their support of the proposed modified Bylaws (attached), in their entirety, including the following amendments, . Discussion ensued.

Question called: 16-0

Vote: 14-7. Motion is adopted.

Amendments included:

Motion: Schools, colleges, or universities that do not have permanent tennis courts will receive (1) vote. All schools, colleges, and universities that have permanent court(s) will receive 25 votes. Moved by John Frank/Gordon Collins, and duly seconded. Question called: 19-0. Vote 14-6. Motion passes.

Motion: An officer of the Board of USTA NorCal may be removed by a 2/3rds vote of the entire Board membership (for clarification, only, this means the entire Board, not a quorum of those present). Question called 20-0. Vote 16-2. Motion passes.

Motion: The Immediate Past President serves at the pleasure of the Board. Moved by John Frank, seconded by Gary Lee. Vote 5-13. Motion does not carry.

Motion: The Immediate Past President will be limited to one 2-year term. Moved by John Frank, second Terry Cossette. Question called. Unanimous. Vote 12-9. Motion passes.

Motion: Moved to remove all edits in Article VII, Section A to original wording. Moved by Rosie Bareis, seconded by Dale Evans. Vote (secret ballot): 8-14. Motion does not carry.

Committee Decisions:

A motion was made, and duly seconded, to 'table' all Executive Committee decisions listed in the Committee Decisions (those decisions were related to decisions made by a joint committee meeting of the Sanction & Schedule, Junior Council, and Adult Tournament committees, and of the Junior Council) presented in the Board package for the Board meeting of May 18, 2011. Vote 7-10. Motion to table does not carry.

Moved, and duly seconded, to rescind #2 of Executive Committee decisions (Sanction & Schedule decisions exempt from Board 'committee decision' process); discussion ensued. Question called: 18-0. Vote: 8-12. Motion does not carry.

Motion to remove the following text from item of #3 (Sanction & Schedule process) of Executive Committee decisions ("make probation and revocation decisions exempt from the Committee Decision process. Probation decisions may not be appealed."). Moved by Jean, seconded by Dale. Question called: 13-3. Vote: 7-12. Motion does not carry.

Moved and duly seconded to rescind #7 (Tournament price cap table) of Executive Committee decisions. Question called: 15-0. Vote: 13-6. Motion passes.

New Business:

Gordon Collins presented his compilation of juniors in Norcal that were ranked nationally.

Motion to call a Special Meeting of the Members Organizations for June 15, 2011, 4:30pm, was duly made by Gordon Collins and seconded. Vote: 12-7. Motion passes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Dickey
Acting Secretary, NorCal Board of Directors