

## New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association – Board Minutes

### November 9, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chris @ 12:04 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Chris Dazet, Carla Catalano, Pedro Docampo, Henry Crocker, Lynda Santopadre, Bill Philips (visitor), Diane Simpson (visitor), Joey Kuchler, Elizabeth Hamlin, Lana Whitlow and Kathy Hinrichs.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Pedro and seconded by Kathy to adopt the October 12 minutes as accurately reported; unanimously adopted.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by Pedro. Current balance sheet presented to board members. . Pedro still needs to pay coordinators for the fall season for budget. 501(c)3 still in pending approval phase. Close to obtaining determination letter to operate as a 501(c)3 entity. Kathy motions to accept report as noted, Carla seconded; unanimously adopted.

**Adult League Report:** given by Kathy. League Council to meet in November to discuss rules and regulations, adding members to League Council, addition of volunteer administrative help for League coordinator, & drawing for a 5 year USTA membership for captains who recruited new players– (Kathy to send reminder to captains). The Combo League 7% growth goal was met and surpassed with 8% growth. Kathy, modeling on the Atlanta CTA office, proposed head tax increase from \$5 to \$10 for implementation in Spring League of 2011. Open discussion and board agreed unanimously to raise to \$7 with a push to advertise use of fees for potential office maintenance and growth. Board to reconsider raising again once notice has been given.

**Junior Team Tennis Report:** given by Diane. Highly successful Fun Day at Audubon with an estimated 70 children in attendance. Diane to submit receipts to Pedro. Audubon donated court use for the event and board to thank Chris Barbe with a gift certificate, as suggested by Diane. Motion made by Kathy,

seconded by Pedro, and passes unanimously by board. 210 players in Fall League. One grievance filed which will follow state procedures for investigation.

**Website/Facebook Report:** given by Carla. NOMATA Facebook page is up and running! Decision to link to Twitter as well in an effort to generate as much interest as possible. It was reported that BJ received the STA Gerrie Rothwell Award and board approved budget to send gift. Board set limit on expenditure.

November 20<sup>th</sup> will be the 10 anniversary of the NOMATA organization!

**Marketing Report:** Lynda, at the time, was not available.

**Media Report:** Elizabeth to work with Larry at the Times-Picayune to include current events and work toward marketing via other publications.

#### **Old Business:**

-501c3 – as noted earlier, approved by IRS, waiting for determination letter  
- CD/LM Grant Status – grant application approved by the State, awaiting final Southern approval.

#### **New Business:**

- National/Sectional – 10&under initiative – Reported by Bill. New Orleans approved as a pilot program. Bill reported that funds were awarded via a grant for a multi-year effort to produce a “swell” within the community for junior tennis. Following the USTA pathway which encompasses layers of learning and encouraging a love for the game prior to competition. Need all pros on board and using quick start format. Targeting school assemblies at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level. NOMATA to pay court fees for follow up play as well as pro fees. Details to be discussed next meeting.

- School Assemblies – November 9 – St Ann; November 10 – St. Catherine; November 11 – Kehoe-France. Jefferson Parish Elementary Teacher in-service scheduled for December 11, 2010.

-CDW (Community Development Workshop) – Mandatory attendance, as CD/LM grant requirement of State Workshop in Lafayette on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Kathy and Henry plan to attend. National Workshop in Arlington, VA, on February 11-13. Motion made by Pedro, seconded by Carla, for funding to send Kathy to attend

National Workshop. Unanimously approved and given a budget for expenses by Board. Henry has applied for a National grant to attend.

-Chris Dazet – Louisiana Pro of the Year! Board to recognize Chris' success.

- Board Appreciation Dinner – To be handled by Chris – possible dates of Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> or Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chris to handle arrangements.

- UNO – Breast Cancer Tennis Event – no specific information yet available.

**Next meeting date** to be determined.

Motion made by Kathy to adjourn meeting, seconded by Henry. Meeting adjourned at 1:10.