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The following board members attended the NOMATA board meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2006 – Pedro Docampo, Kathy Hinrichs, Lynda Santopadre, Georgia Harrington, and Chris Dazet. Jodi Robinson also attended. To get a quorum on several requests made for sponsorship we called Suzette Watson and Orlando Watkins.

President's Agenda - Pedro Docampo notified the board that New Orleans tennis players, pros and clubs received several LTA awards including Brett Schwartz – Tennis Professional of the Year, Scott Robinson – Tennis Professional of the Year Certificate of Merit, Green Acres Country Club – Adult Tournament of the Year, LA Junior Claycourt Open Championships, New Orleans 2006 – Junior Tournament of the Year, NOMATA's Welcome Back To Tennis – Special Event of the Year.

Pedro posted the Community Coordinator job on the NOMATA website and asked the board to ask their contacts about helping NOMATA fill the position. Jodi had notified him that she couldn't continue as the Community Coordinator. Lynda Santopadres said she has a friend that might be interested. He told the board that he asked Jodi to continue working with NOMATA on a committee and Jodi had accepted. Kathy suggested that Jodi be listed as NOMATA's Junior League Coordinator since she said she wanted to continue to work with the junior league tennis. Jodi also said she would finish the Fun, Friends, and Fitness program through October.

Pedro told the board that Luke Jensen and Beach Club teamed up to hold clinics at Beach club on Nov. 14.

Kathy asked where the NOMATA banners were kept and I told her I had two at my house. We also determined that the third banner was hanging up by the rubico courts at City Park. We decided to leave the banner hanging at City Park as long as the management allowed us.

Kathy suggested that NOMATA have the secretary be the custodian for all of NOMATA's legal and other documents so that they are all in one place.

Treasurer's Report - Pedro gave a financial report in Trey Luby's absence from information that Trey dropped off prior to the meeting. He informed the board of NOMATA's bank balance as of Friday, October 20, 2006.

He notified the board that Trey also dropped off the NOMATA check book and a CD with the Quick Book Accounting files for NOMATA. Suzette and Pedro will take over the daily bookkeeping duties and will schedule a meeting with Trey to help conclude the transition. Pedro sent an e-mail to the board to vote on approving Suzette Watson to sign checks for NOMATA on Monday, Oct. 23. The board approved the motion.

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Pedro told Kathy that Debbie Wilson asked him when she would get her league coordinator check and Kathy said that Debbie would get the funds as soon as she submitted her expense report. Kathy will contact Debbie to let her know.

Pedro will check with Trey to see if the renewal for USTA Member Organization was sent in and paid. Kathy Hinrichs asked if there was documentation on the 501C-3 approval for NOMATA and I'll check with Trey to find out.

Marketing Report – Lynda said that Marketing didn't have much to report other than the advertisements went on as scheduled.

USA Programs – Carla was not present and no report was turned in.

Sponsorship & Fund-Raising Committee Report – Nikki and Orlando were not present and no report was turned in. However, Kathy Hinrichs met with the new co-managers of WOW Café, Tom Hand and Lee Macalester, Jr., as the LTA president to discuss USTA programs they had scheduled prior to Chris Giordano resigning. Kathy asked them if they would think about implementing the Commercial League using the World Team Tennis software that Chris had purchased and they said they would get back with her.

Kathy reported that Tom and Lee had asked about joining NOMATA's board.

League Reports – Kathy reported that the combo league was down 3% from last year. She also was pleased to say that all of the New Orleans league coordinators are attending the league workshops in Baton Rouge Oct. 28 & 29.

Kathy notified the board that the CTA Workshop is being held in Atlanta, GA on February 10 -13, 2007.

Kathy reminded us that the CDLM grant application for 2007 is due on December, 1, and she said she would help us do the necessary budgets.

Kathy brought the CDLM checks for 2006 and told us that we needed to make sure we spent the whole amount before the end of 2006. We will code the Advertisement, the Fun, Friend, and Fitness, the USTA Fun Day, and Welcome Back to Tennis expenses to the CDLM grant account. Jodi gave Kathy all of the expenses she incurred for the programs she ran.

Kathy asked for ideas for grass roots programs that we could implement before the end of the year to spend the grant money on. Chris Dazet suggested that we take a bus load of kids from one of the inner city schools to WOW CAFÉ Tennis Center to give them a tennis clinic. Jodi then added that we could give each of the kids a new racket which we can order for about \$10 or \$11. Lynda called Mary Ann Boudreau, the P.E. teacher for

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Ella Delaune school and asked if she could get permission to take 30 to 40 students to WOW and she said that she could. Mary Ann will give us a date and Kathy will call WOW Café to work out the details with the courts. Lynda also suggested that we provide lunch for the children. Chris Dazet will spearhead the event and talk to Tom Hand and Lee at WOW to enlist their help to give the clinics. We budgeted \$1000 for this event.

Kathy also will ask Chris Barbe to hold Cardio Tennis clinics at Audubon Park and NOMATA would pay the expenses. She'll contact Chris to see if he will do it.

Kathy also announced that the Williams sisters will hold an exhibit at the New Orleans Arena on December 5th and the LTA was going to give out small door prizes to all who attended. The tickets go on sale Oct. 23.

Pro Committee Report – Leif Olsson was not present and no report was submitted.

Community Coordinator Report – Jodi gave me the City Park bill for the Fun, Friends, and Fitness program and I gave her a check. She said that there were about 6 people that participated in the program at City Park. She also reported that Scott Robinson donated his time for the program at Green Acres and he had about 12 people participate.

Jodi reported that the Schools Program is on hold until Jeff Smith and Manny Barocco get together on an in- service date to hold the required 4-hour training for this program. Lynda will contact Manny to get him to provide a date. We need to find a new community Coordinator soon in order for this program to continue. The program requires that an after school tennis program be implemented and the coordinator is needed to find volunteers to coach the kids after school (after 3:30 PM). Lynda volunteered to coach the kids at Ella Delaune school.

Super Senior State Tournament Report – Suzette gave Kathy the report as she and Celeste didn't attend the meeting. Kathy handed out an expense report for the tournament and we reviewed it.

New Business – Kathy made a motion that NOMATA sponsor the Junior Grand Prix Finals in December at WOW Café in the amount of \$1000 and Pedro seconded it. The Grand Prix tournaments are owned by the USPTA. We had a majority approve the motion by calling Suzette and Orlando. This sponsorship will come out of our CDLM grant and I wrote the check and gave it to Kathy.

Georgia made a motion to sponsor the Cancer Crusaders again this year in the amount of \$400 and Pedro seconded it. The motion was approved with a majority vote. The funds will also come out of the general fund. I wrote a check to Cancer Crusaders Inc. and gave it to Lynda.

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Pedro made a motion to sponsor the Audubon Tennis Grand Opening by giving them \$300 for food and Georgia seconded it. The motion carried by majority vote and I'll contact Chris Barbe to make arrangements to give him the money. The money will come out of our general fund.

Pedro asked for volunteers to help out at the Audubon Grand Opening and Lynda volunteered.

Lynda will meet with the nominating committee which includes Nikki and Carla to confirm candidates for the executive committee. Lynda suggested that we change our by-laws to exclude members of the executive committee from being on the nominating committee in the future to prevent any conflicts of interest.

Kathy announced that NOMATA received the 2007 and 2008 combo state tournaments in November of those years.

We set our next meeting date for Monday, Nov. 20 at Tastee Donuts, at 6:30 PM.

We also set our December nominating meeting for Dec. 7 at the New City Grill. Chris Dazet knows the owners and will contact them.

Lynda made a motion to end the meeting, Kathy seconded it and it carried by majority vote.