

NOMATA Minutes

03/18/07

In attendance: Lynda Santapadre, Pedro Docampo, Suzette Watson, Kathy Hinricks, Celeste Bordelon, Carla Catalano, Georgia Harrington, Sharon Lester, Chris Dazet & Joan Wolverton

First order of business was the presentation of a crystal decanter to Pedro Docampo, outgoing President in appreciation for his service.

President's Comments: Lynda introduced Joan Wolverton as the new Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM sharp on Sunday, March 18, 2007. Lynda's goals for this coming year are twofold: first, to make the tennis community aware of NOMATA thru strong marketing efforts and media exposure. Secondly, Lynda hopes to be a better listener, open to all ideas and wants to encourage networking.

Treasurer's Report: Pedro reported that QuickBooks has been loaded on Suzette's laptop. Trey has resigned and Pedro will help Suzette get on her feet and running.

League Report: Kathy inquired on the status of filing our 501c report/certificate with the State. Lynda asked Joan to handle and to get in touch with a Laura Burguard in Community Development (get her number from Lynda).

Suzette/Trey met with League Coordinators to explain they would be responsible for filling out a 1099 and track their expenses. Kathy presented guidelines regarding NOMATA paying registration fees for New Orleans Area teams as follows:

TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

NOMATA pays for registration fees for New Orleans area teams according to the following guidelines:

1. The team played a local league or played the league at the state championship tournament. NOMATA **will not** pay for teams that advance to Sectional without local or state participation.
2. NOMATA will only pay for teams that actually participate in the Sectional

Tournament and within the following limits:

- a. Adult Leagues – 11 players or less.
 - b. Mixed/Combo/Seniors/Super Seniors Leagues – 8 players or less.
3. **CAPTAINS** are responsible for notifying their New Orleans area LEAGUE COORDINATOR when their team advances to the Sectional Tournament and Forwarding a copy of the team's registration form to the League Coordinator.
 4. **LEAGUE COORDINATOR** is responsible for verifying the team has won The State Tournament and notifying NOMATA to release Sectional registration Fees.

Kathy made a motion that the above guidelines be accepted. There was a period of open discussion and clarification. Pedro seconded the motion . The motion was then voted on and passed.

Lynda announced that BJ Johnson will Captain the State Senior Cup Team. The LTA will be lending support to defray individual expenses by allocating \$100.00 per person.

Lynda made a motion that NOMATA will contribute to team members from our area, motion seconded by Celeste and all agreed, motion passed.

Pedro reminded everyone there were a couple of teams who went to State that had not been paid. Lynda made a motion that these teams be paid, motion seconded by Celeste, agreed by all and passed.

Challenger Event: Leif was to give an update, however, in his absence Board members discussed concerns in knowing this year's event would be better organized then the previous year before agreeing to giving NOMATA's support. The Pro challenger date is Sept. 8 – 16th, 2007 and also Jimmy Connors will play an exhibition match on Sept. 14th at the New Orleans Arena.

Lynda asked Chris if he would get more info on this and report to the Board at our April meeting.

Upcoming Events: Lynda formally introduced Sharon Lester as Community Coordinator with kudos regarding her accomplishments, enthusiasm and foresight. Sharon then gave her report as follows:

Feb. 24th, 2007 – Teacher In-service at Higgins High School was a huge success. 17 schools invited to participate. 17 teachers attended representing 10 schools. Bill Phillips

was the facilitator. TP reported the event with an article and picture. Lee Macalister, Sr. has agreed to organize the school program and act as our liaison.

Thursday, March 22nd, 2007 – Bill Phillips to go over Project 36/60 Program with area Pros. NOMATA thru website club directory has invited the Pros to attend a training meeting at Beach Club and will provide lunch.

Friday, March 23rd, 2007 – University of Illinois Men's Team will do a community clinic for kids in the area. Jodi was contacted to alert the Junior Team Tennis kids, e-mails were sent to all teachers, high schools were notified as were area Pros. TP will be sending a photographer to cover the event. So far 40-50 have responded.

Saturday, May 12th, 2007 – Welcome Back to Tennis (WBTT) applications were sent to all appropriate parties....this is open to tennis players of all ages with a kid's carnival from 9 – 12. Sharon & Lynda emphasized the importance of getting an abundance of volunteers for that function. Lunch and drinks will be served. A grant of \$2300.00 is what we have to work with. Ads will be placed in newspapers in advance of the event.

May 15th – Season Reports are due. Kathy advised a report is due after each function and to send it to Laurie Beauregard.

Saturday, May 19th, 2007 – Junior State Tournament in Lafayette – NOMATA is expected to have volunteers to help. Suggestion that Junior Team Tennis people/parents should be encouraged to work this Tourney.

Atlanta Workshop: Lynda expressed her appreciation for the Board's approval and funding for the workshop. It was not only educational, informative but a delightful experience. Great avenue for networking. Very encouraging to know that NOMATA was doing things right. Lynda came back with her cup overflowing with information.

Volunteers: Brief discussion from Lynda and Celeste on coming up with avenues to solicit volunteers and ways to reward them. Continue discussion at next month's meeting.

Marketing: Lynda asked Georgia to work with Sharon on getting word out on all events and especially for Friday, March 23rd at Beach Club.

Tossed around ideas of corporate sponsorship without stepping on USTA's sponsorship role.

Georgia called attention to the City Park courts and the lack of upkeep. Lynda asked Carla to look into this.

New Ideas: Lynda mentioned the need for Captains to be heard.....but in a positive way. Open discussion about doing something for the Captains and their teams based at public courts. The possibility of a canopy, ice maker, etc. Joan suggested whatever decided it was important to make it obvious that NOMATA donated the item.

Lynda asked Carla to send an e-mail out for ideas and if Sharon and Pedro would check into a canopy with our name stenciled on it or a sign to attach to fence noting NOMATA's donation.

Pedro presented a fundraiser clinic hosted by Vic Braden, lots of discussion with the majority feeling the cost was too steep for this area. Lynda will handle responding our feelings.

Old Business: Lynda asked Pedro/Suzette where we stood on insurance coverage.....we have none as of the date of this meeting. Lynda asked Pedro/Suzette to act on this ASAP to insure that we had full coverage by Friday, March 23, 2007.

Discussion on new Board Members – Pedro nominated Jodi Robinson to the Board which nomination should be a no brainer as she is NOMATA's Junior League Coordinator. Lynda seconded all voted in favor. Passed.

Everyone was reminded that we needed Board members from the school system, accounting and legal fields.

Don Dessauer and Mary Ann Boudreaux's names were submitted for future consideration.

Pedro made a motion to adjourn, Celeste seconded and all agreed. Meeting closed at 8:15 PM.