

# **N O M A T A**

# **Minutes**

**10/01/07**

***In Attendance:*** Celeste Bordelon, Suzette Watson, Jodi Robinson, Carla Catalano, Sharon Lester, Lynda Santopadre, Kathy Hinrichs, Joan Wolverton  
Chris Dazet and Pedro Docampo

***Invited Guest:*** Laura H. Beauregard, Director of Community Development – USTA-Louisiana

Meeting called to order at 5:50 PM.

Lynda introduced Laura Beauregard to everyone.

It was requested that the August 8, 2007 minutes be resent. Not sure if everyone received them.

## ***Community Coordinator Report:***

The RCW workshop was hosted at the Hilton Rivercenter on Sept. 8, 2007 from 9 AM – 4 PM. Had 45 pre-registered and 37 actual participants. Kudos to Bill Phillips and Emily Garland, our volunteer, who worked the desk. Donuts were purchased from Tastee, sandwiches and drinks purchased from Hilton. NOMATA paid Hilton \$842.00 for food and court fees. Hilton validated parking for all participants.

Fun, Friends & Fitness

Adult Beginner Program starts on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM and consists of 10 hours of instruction at a cost of \$50.00 per person.

Ski Chelchowski at Colonial on Monday Oct. 8 & 15 will kick off the lessons, followed by Corey Clark on Oct. 22 & 29 at City Park, concluding with Chris Dazet at Metairie Country Club on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Our marketing effort has been through flyers and an ad that ran in the sports section of the Times Picayune on Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Rain dates if any will be rescheduled at the convenience of the Pros.

School Pilot Program

After 2 years of planning, the program will kick off October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. 13 schools are participating. Equipment has been ordered and received. Cost of equipment has been donated thru sponsorships for 9 of the 13 schools. We are still pursuing sponsorships.

The 13 schools currently participating are:

Green Park Elementary, McDonough 26, Audubon Elementary, Woodmere Elementary, Bridge City, Terrytown Elementary, Matas, Ella Delhonde, Bissonet, Gretna Middle, Pittman, Hearst and Keller.

Suggest at the end of the program we plan on some type of bringing all the participants together. Need to brainstorm on this.

At this point Lynda expressed the tremendous success of the “Girls First Program” conducted by Sharon Gouse.

Girls First is a 501-C 3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing sport and movement opportunities to underserved girls in the metropolitan New Orleans area. Girls First is unique in its movement and sport specificity. No other programs serve girls in the same capacity in the New Orleans area. At Girls First, a girl does not have to be a great athlete. A girl has to want to play and engage in activity. She will develop self-confidence. She will gain a greater sense of self, and she will learn to be proud of who she is and to value her health.

Lynda complimented Carla for the excellent job she did for the challenger event.

***Treasurer’s Report:***

Suzette reviewed the Profit & Loss Statement which also included the final part of the Grant. Kathy made a motion that the treasurer’s report be accepted. Chris seconded. Motion passed by all.

***League Report:***

Kathy attended a STA Adult League Committee in Atlanta on Sept. 20-23. The ideas Kathy brought back and shared with us included: 2009-2010 Adult Sectional Tournament Bids will be out soon. Marketing materials are available for promotion of leagues and incentives for League Coordinators to increase their league participation.

Carla Catalano and Susan Simoneaux attended September 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup> with other local league coordinators from the nine southern states.

Carla reported 110 signed up for the Flex Pilot Program.

***Old Business:***

Lynda reported that things were moving along with the Mixed Sectional Tournament to be held Oct. 19 – 21, 2007. Second Serve donating ditty bags and Tracey Knoepfler will

handle putting them together. As always we will need volunteers to help. Every participant will receive a long sleeve shirt.

Suzette advises things are moving along in a timely fashion on the Combo State Tournament to be held November 10 – 12, 2007.

***New Business:***

Sharon suggested NOMATA consider renting a postal box for our official mailing address. This would add professionalism along with being consistent and not having to change the mailing address when new Officers come on board.

After much discussion, it was decided that Joan, as Secretary should set up a Post Office Box and be responsible for checking it along with Sharon Lester.

Carla made a motion that we set up a P.O. Box which will become NOMATA's official mailing address. Celeste seconded. Motion passed.

Southern is looking for newsworthy stories. Might think about sharing "Girls First Program".

Jodi Robinson has handed in her resignation as Junior Tennis Coordinator effective at the end of the season. Jodi is recommending Traci Giaccone to fill her spot. Traci wants to do it and is very good. Jodi will remain on the NOMATA Board.

***New Board Members:***

Lynda advises that she spoke to both Guy Curry and Susan Johnson regarding joining NOMATA'S board. Guy is an attorney and also a tennis player. Susan is a registered nurse, a tennis player and participant in the Senior Olympics. Both are interested and willing.

Pedro made a motion to accept Guy on the Board. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

Carla made a motion to accept Susan. Jodi seconded. Motion passed.

Lynda asked Laura if she would like to address the Board. Laura announced the National Community Development Conference would be held in Las Vegas on Feb. 22-24, 2008 at the Pink Flamingo Hotel.

CTA will hold its workshop and annual meeting in Baton Rouge early December.

Yearbook deadline is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Picture ready/300 DPI.

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Lynda thanked Laura for attending the meeting.

Next Board meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 5:45 PM.

Suzette motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Celeste at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wolverton