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Minutes

1/14/08

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Lynda asked our Secretary to do a roll call of Attendees and that they so acknowledge their presence. The following roll call took place with each of the following members answering with a "YES".

Present: Carla Catalano, Sharon Lester, Kathy Hinrichs, Jodi Robinson, Joan Wolverton, Lynda Santopadre, Pedro Docampo, Suzette Watson and Chris Dazet.

Absent: Guy Curry, Georgia Harrington, Leif Olsson, Celeste Bordelon and Susan Johnson.

Lynda offered her comments and concerns that NOMATA Board members must be active and participate. A main concern was in attending the monthly meetings. Suggestion made, when Joan sends the e-mail notifying the Board of the meeting, those who do not open the e-mail should be called. Will try for next month.

Lynda introduced the nominating committee, Carla Catalano and Chris Dazet who then presented the following slate of candidates for 2008:

President	-	Lynda Santopadre
Vice President	-	Chris Dazet
Secretary	-	Joan Wolverton
Treasurer	-	Pedro Docampo
Parliamentarian	-	Carla Catalano

Members-at-Large

Guy Curry
Georgia Harrington
Leif Olsson
Kathy Hinrichs
Celeste Bordelon
Suzette Watson
Jodi Robinson
Susan Johnson

Open discussion - Chris asked if there were any other candidates who might be interested in running. They're being no other candidates the recommendations then closed.

Lynda did note a possible problem with two of the members-at-large, Leif Olsson and Susan Johnson attending the Monday night board meetings. After much discussion, the conclusion was the meetings will remain on Mondays at 5:45 PM and Lynda will contact Leif and Susan to clarify. If they cannot make the board meetings, two other recommendations will need to be submitted for members-at-large.

Minutes: Pedro made a motion to accept the November minutes. Kathy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Suzette presented her Profit & Loss statement thru December, 2007. Lynda announced that Pedro has agreed to assume the duties of Treasurer ASAP. Lynda asked that all necessary bank signature cards and papers be handled before Suzette's baby arrives. Also asked Chris if he would add his name on the bank papers.

League Report:

Lynda advised the board that NOMATA received a check for \$334.00 for participating in the Flex League pilot program

The Local League Council met in November and reviewed all local league rules and regulations for 2008.

Adult Spring Leagues will begin late January.

Carla will coordinate promotion and registration for the Spring Flex League. Plans for the Flex League to begin in March.

We are in search of a Junior Team Tennis Coordinator. Sharon Lester will attend the Jr. Team Tennis Workshop in Baton Rouge in January.

Kathy met with Rob Couhig, majority owner of UTC. UTC is looking to hire a tennis manager. NOMATA re-committed their support to the future success and programs at this facility.

STA Grant Distribution:

Kathy collected proposals from three 2-court facilities which outlined damages received from Hurricane Katrina. These facilities did not meet criteria set by USTA for repair funding. A grant was received by NOMATA and these funds will be disbursed to these 2-court facilities to help in repair of damages. Criteria to receive these funds are that other funding was received for damages and that the facility will continue to promote and grow the game thru tennis programs at their facilities. The facilities receiving these funds are Woodlake Estates, Sunrise and Driftwood.

New Business:

NOMATA was approved for the funding of the CDLM Grant for 2008.

NOMATA now has 4 Star status in the CDLM Grant program funding, which allows for 75% reimbursement of the Community Coordinator.

Carla mentioned that she had 122 players in the Flex League.....Lynda asked: Where did they come from? How did they hear about it? Are there any other avenues to explore? Lynda's concern is that we take advantage of any marketing tools that Southern has which might enhance our efforts. Lynda wants to talk with Bill Oakes, STA Rep. Carla does have a template.

Combo State Report:

Lynda thanked everyone on the committee who stepped up to make it a success. She said at the annual meeting in Baton Rouge in discussing the Combo, it was mentioned that we missed some of our contract obligations; such as, we did not have food on Sunday, instead we served Smoothies. There was talk of a letter of admonishment to NOMATA, but after much discussion it was withdrawn. However, an emphasis was placed on the importance of the committee knowing the contents of the contract and following it.

Everyone on our board felt that the tourney was most successful, maybe 1% not satisfied, areas that we can improve on, we will. Even then, you must be realistic and recognize the fact that there will always be that minor percent who you cannot please.

Community Coordinator Report:

Sharon reported that Junior Team Tennis Training would be held on Jan. 24th in Baton Rouge at the LTA office from 10am to 3pm. Sharon will attend this training since NOMATA has no Junior Team Coordinator to date.

The Junior Team Coordinator position needs to be filled ASAP, as the league will begin in February/March.

NOMATA has been granted a \$750.00 Scholarship from USTA towards the expenses of one representative attending the National Community Development Conference to be held in Las Vegas on Feb. 22-24, 2008.

Welcome Back to Tennis will be coming up again in May. Would like to put together 2-3 Fun, Friends & Fitness for 2008 that would end with a fun day at which time they can receive info on leagues. Debating what should be done to keep these folks interested in tennis. Lots of discussion about a 2.5 league for night ladies that could be a possibility, and maybe build on this level for the future. Sharon will contact those ladies and see if they are interested in playing.

School Program still needs sponsors to cover equipment for remaining schools. Sharon will have a conversation with Manny Barocco of the JP School System to discuss the possibility of more schools joining the program. Bill Phillips advised that we must have 80% participation in order to have another teacher in services session. Of course this will take some time to pull that off.

Marketing: Joan suggested since Lynda had so much on her plate, if Lynda and the Board had no objections she would initiate a meeting with the Marketing Committee to formalize a marketing plan for NOMATA. Everyone agreed. Joan asked Carla if she would join her and Georgia on the Committee. Carla agreed.

Next board meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2008 at 5:45 PM.

Pedro made a motion to adjourn. Chris seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan T. Wolverton