

**USTA NorCal Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2010
USTA NorCal office, Alameda, California**

Call to order at 6:30pm by President Michael Cooke

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Present: Paul Allam, Rosie Bareis, Gordon Collins, Michael Cooke, Suzy Cossette, Terry Cossette, Deline Davis, Mike Dickey, Jack Drimmer, John Dale Evans, Hunter Galloway, Dana Gill, Jean Hassoun, Matt Holt, Rick Kepler, Sue Leo, Tom Schmierer, Tony Silveria.

USTA NorCal Past Presidents Present; John Frank, Don Jacobus, Paul Kepler, Gary Lee, Mark Manning, Margorie Peterman.

USTA NorCal Board of Directors Absent:, Pam Sloan.

Staff Present: Jennifer Pitzen, Director Competitive Play, Richard Rogers, Director Operations and Finance

Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian: Michael Harrison

Guests Present: Brian Richardson, Tournament Director, Deer Valley Challenger, and Paul Allam, Director of Tennis, Pacific Athletic Club

Public Comments: Brian Richardson addressed the Board, commenting on the revocation of the sanction of his tournament (Deer Valley Challenger).

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the October 20, 2010 Board Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made, and duly seconded, to approve the Minutes, as corrected. The motion passed 16-0. The Minutes of the November 14, 2010 Board Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made, and duly seconded, to approve the Minutes, as corrected. The motion passed 10-0.

President's Report: Michael Cooke gave his President's report. In his report, Michael reflected upon his vision to grow junior participation and to increase junior membership by 300% in the next two years. He also reflected upon his vision for NorCal to invest in the future growth of the Section. Committee chairs appointed to-date were announced as well as proposed new committees. Recognition certificates have been created, printed and awarded to committee chairs and committee members, honoring them for their service to USTA NorCal.

18 USTA NorCal volunteers have been appointed to 22 volunteer positions on USTA National committees for the new term. This is an increase from 10 in prior years.

10 & Under Incentive Program: The status and progress of the 10 & Under Incentive Program was presented to the Board by Jennifer Pitzen and Paul Allam, who spoke at length on the details of the program, progress, and opportunities. Significant discussion ensued.

Delegate Report: Terry Cossette, Delegate, gave a Delegate's report covering current activities at USTA National.

Executive Director's Report: Rich Rogers reviewed highlights of the Executive Director's report.

Election of Open Director position, Officer position: The status of one open Director position on the Board was explained to the Board.

The following Motion was duly made and seconded.

The Board resolves that Paul Allam will fill the vacant Board Director seat.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The following Motion was duly made and seconded.

The Board resolves that Michael Harrison is hereby appointed to the position of Parliamentarian. Michael Harrison will continue to also serve as Legal Counsel.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Executive Session

At 8:00pm, the Board went into Executive Session

At 9:10pm, the Board exited Executive Session

By virtue of a decision made while in Executive Session, the following decision of the Board (made in Executive Session) is made available to be communicated to all concerned parties.

A motion was duly made and seconded , RESOLVED that the USTA NorCal Board of Directors heard and deliberated the Joelle Miller Appeal on 12/15/2010, and RESOLVED that the 6/29/2010 20-month suspension of Joelle Miller be MODIFIED to a period of 5 months and 27 days.

Deer Valley Challenger.

The following Motion was duly made and seconded.

The Board directs the Sanction and Scheduling Committee to prepare a report regarding the revoking of the sanction of the Deer Valley Challenger tournament, and such report shall include the status of completion of all due process steps and include all written communication and responses.

The motion was approved by a vote of 17-0-1.

Action Item: Rescind the recent Board decision changing the Tournament Fee structure. The Action item was explained by the presenters, and discussion ensued.

The following Motion was duly made and seconded.

RESOLVED, the recent Board decision changing the fee structure for all tournaments to 10% of the entry fee, is RESCINDED, and the issue of a revision of the tournament fee structure is referred to appropriate committees for implementation in the 2012 tournament year.

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-3-9. [It is noted that several Board members who are tournament directors 'abstained' from the vote]

Committee Decisions. Committee decisions were reviewed, and discussion ensued.

The following Motion was duly made and seconded.

RESOLVED, the \$150 TennisLink fee for non-sanctioned tournaments is set aside, and referred back to the Sanction and Scheduling committee for reconsideration.

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-3-9.

The following Motion was duly made and seconded.

RESOLVED, that all tournament sanction decisions [as reported in the Committee Decisions report of 12/15/2010] are put on HOLD, and are referred back to the Sanction and Scheduling committee, EXCEPT for tournaments scheduled through March 31, 2010.

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-6-4.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Dickey presented a status of 2010 results to-date versus the Budget, and a projection of full year 2010 results versus the 2010 Budget.

New Business: Jack Drimmer raised the issue of effective communication between the Board (and Staff), and Member Organizations, of Board and Committee decisions in a timely manner, respecting proper timelines for decision challenges, etc. He recommended that there be two, confirmed contacts for each member organization, and that email addresses and phone numbers be re-validated for accuracy. Discussion ensued. Staff present indicated that they would see to this request.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Dickey

Acting Secretary, NorCal Board of Directors