

**USTA Northern California Board of Directors**  
**Minutes for Meeting of July 19th, 2006**  
**Held at the Seascapes Resort in Aptos**

**Board Members Present:** Rosie Bareis, Terry Cossette, Dale Evans, Hunter Gallaway, Bill Hansen, Jean Hassoun, Rick Kepler, Sherri Nordahl, Margie Peterman, Deb Petersen, Micheal Quintana, Francisco Ruiz, Bill Schoen and Fred Tierney.

**Past-Presidents Present:** Liz Blum, John Frank, Paul Kepler, Gary Lee and Mark Manning.

**Other Officers Present:** Michael Harrison (General Counsel) and John Togasaki (Parliamentarian).

**Staff Present:** Bruce Hunt (Executive Director), Jim Coyne (Junior Tennis Director) and Jason Scalese (Adult Tournament Manager).

**Guests:** Suzy Cossette, Patrick King, Madhu Kohli, Ron Ward and Valena Williams Jr.

The meeting of the USTA Northern California Board of Directors was called to order by President Margie Peterman at 6:37PM.

**Public Comments:**

Madhu Kohli (MPC Member) presented again her concerns about the functioning of the MPC committee.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the 6/21/06 minutes as corrected passed 9-0.

Corrections: To comply with the Board vote on 8/16/06 to limit the minutes to the motions and votes, all non-critical comments were removed, including the names of those identified in the presentations.

**Action Item A: Rules 5 and 2 G 5 Junior Council Decisions from June**

Mark Manning motioned for the words “**must receive approval**” should be changed to “**shall notify**” in the Rule 5 (**Approval or Notice of Change**) and in the Rule 2.G (**Sanction Application - Submission of sanction form**) *in the Tournament Sanction Rules*.

Jean Hassoun made a presentation showing how several rules ([1] Neither the Tournament Chairperson nor the Tournament Director may serve as or assume the responsibilities of the Referee. [2] Referee identification 60 days before the tournament date. [3] The referee (or a deputy nominated by the referee) should be present for all matches) has been violated many times over the past few years.

Question was called. Passed 12-2.

Motion failed 6-10.

**Action Item B: Awards Committee Recommendation**

Motion was withdrawn.

**Action Item C: Awards Recommendation**

Motion was tabled.

**Action Item D: Excessive League Registration Increase**

The ALC cancelled its decision to increase the league registration fee by \$3 because the existence of this action item prevented the decision implementation before the start of the mixed and senior seasons.

The ALC intends to implement that increase for 2007.

The motion was withdrawn.

**Action Item E: Concerns/Issues about the MP Committee Processes**

Margie Peterman stated that she would not allow that action item to be presented to the Board for failure of its filing to abide by the process requiring the action item to be sent to BOTH the ED and the President.

Jean Hassoun appealed the chair's decision to the Board. The appeal (to allow the action item to be presented) was granted with a vote of 11-5.

Jean Hassoun made a presentation listing all the MPC Inner-City Grants showing and alleging that over the past 3.5 years, 82% of the available money was given to MPC committee and that one member received 42% of it.

The motion submitted by Jean Hassoun to establish a process to ensure a fair process on MPC grants was not allowed on a technicality (the wording was different from the actual action item).

**Action Item F: Check Generation Process**

Gary Lee (seconded by Jean Hassoun) made the following motion:  
The Executive Director should be empowered to sign any check up to \$5000. Any check for an amount over \$5000 should require to be co-signed with staff by the NorCal President or by the Treasurer when the President is not available. The Executive Director would present a monthly report to the Executive Committee with the list the checks generated during that month, grouped by expense kinds (e.g. "grants", "travel", ....).

Rosie Bareis called the question and it passed with a vote of 17-0.

Motion failed with a vote of 3-13.

**Action Item G: Use of Electronic Devices during NorCal Board Meetings**

Margie Peterman stated again that she would not allow that action item to be presented to the Board for the same reason as stated for Action Item E.

Jean Hassoun again appealed the chair's decision to the Board. The appeal (to allow the action item to be presented) was granted with a vote of 12-2.

Jean Hassoun made the following motion: Cell phones and other electronic communication devices should be turned off (or put on silent mode) by anyone attending NorCal Board meetings while the Board is in session. No calls should be initiated or received while the Board is in session. Attendees can leave the room if they have a need to use these devices.

Rosie Bareis called the question. Passed 17-0.

Motion failed by a vote of 3-11.

**Treasurer Report**

Terry Cossette presented the treasurer report.

**Committee Decisions**

Liz Blum asked about the rationale for the decision to create a separate sanctions committee, taking that duty away from the Junior Council. She explained that this decision was taking away any 'teeth' that the Junior Council had to enforce the processes and policies. She requested for the staff present at the meeting to be allowed to express their opinions on the issue.

Margie Peterman said that she would allow it if the Board decided so. The Board decided to hear staff by a vote of 8-7.

Jim Coyne briefly described the programs in place to grow the junior play, and explained the need for the Junior Council to manage the sanction process. He then expressed his concerns about how the setup would work (separate Junior Council and Sanctions Committee).

Jason Scalese presented the Adult Tournaments viewpoint and also expressed his concerns about the new setup.

Margie Peterman explained that she made that decision to go with the Bylaws and because junior participation did not grow enough and that this change will allow the Junior Council to focus on its primary mission which is to grow the game.

**Old Business: MPC Grants Process**

Dale Evans, (MPC Chair) presented a comparison between the Community Tennis and MPC grant processes and stated his committee's intent to keep using its own process.

Margie Peterman asked Jean Hassoun (presenter of the action item requesting that presentation) if the issue was now closed.

Jean Hassoun responded negatively.

**Executive Session:**

The Board went into an executive session at 11:17PM.

Bruce Hunt (Executive Director) attended part of the meeting.

Board returned to a public session at 12:06AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08AM

Respectfully submitted

Jean Hassoun, Secretary