

9/21/21 NOMATA Meeting

In attendance: Cleburne Simon, Lana Whitlow, Carla Catalano, Bob Browning, Diane Simpson, Pedro Docampo and Chris Dazet

Guests: Kim & Craig Gambino and Susan Simoneaux

August Minutes were not present for approval

Lana presented the newly designed logos that Patti received by Faux Pas Prints. Discussion tabled.

LTA Meeting – Chris attended. Junior Team Tennis restaffing. USPTA convention in Las Vegas was held 8/27. Nomination portal open till 9/30. Annual meeting to be held first week of December.

Treasurer report and JTT Update – Pedro reported coordinator stipends have been paid. Point2Point has been paid. Court fees paid and being received for Combo leagues. JTT – Challenges with number of courts. Less courts from City Park and no programs yet at Atkinson-Stern. Kim Gambino suggested a fun junior one or two day tournament in December.

Emerging Leaders Program – Lana reported a new program citing “active” people from local CTA’s and other organizations.

Follow up agenda items:

Tourney bids – open until end of month – Cleburne reported that bids were due by 9/15 but have been extended till 9/30. He is still awaiting information from our facilities.

JTT State Tourney- checks received?

Nancy Lieberman Charities Dream Court update – awaiting reschedule date

UNO Tennis feasibility study – Brett/Bill/Lana – Waiting for information. The company engaged by UNO contacted several people including Lana seeking information about tennis activity and the facility. The Board had a discussion regarding league players preferences for hosting at UNO and the consensus was that most players preferred to host elsewhere. Lana offered that NOMATA has not been asked by UNO to offer any financial support and we are awaiting the results of the feasibility study.

No applications for \$19,000 Matching Marketing Grant through New Orleans – No new info per Lana.

LTA Awards– open until end of month – One nomination from NOMATA

LTA staff/hire – Yvonne Bienvenu Director of Community Development

Player Party – Diane reported the possibility of a crawfish boil in April 2022. Captains, Crawfish and Cocktails!

Pedro nominated Kim & Craig Gambino to join NOMATA as board members specifically to be Chairs of our new Social Fun Leagues. Seconded by Carla. Voted yes unanimously.

Continue to recruit for committee & board members/fundraising & grants – Lana to invite a couple of suggestions from Jim Ewers after last month’s meeting.

Discussion by board to contact Kenner/Jefferson Parish officials regarding the possibility of building a 10 court facility similar to the one in Youngsville, LA. This is a continuation of a meeting held in 2019 with Mayor Ben Zahn.

Diane motioned for meeting to be adjourned at 2:12pm.

Next meeting – October 19

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Catalano