

**NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
***"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"***  
**Minutes – October 5, 2016**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Mike Correal, Sue Allender, Willie Paz, David Kimball, Todd Killen, Jay Boyd, Grady Wilson, Lucas Richardson and Bonnie Cox.
2. A motion was made to waive the reading of the September minutes by Mike Correal, David Kimball second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of September 30, 2016. The 10 and Under grant monies in the Red River Bank has a balance of \$48,398.86, this includes the FDDOC account (\$3,730.18). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$90,923.49. This includes the accounts from Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,361.08) and Serve Love (\$90.).
4. Bob Patterson's Presidents' report is as follows:
  - a. The Adult Mixed 40+ and 55+ State have been completed. Some of the tournaments for 2017 and 2018 have been awarded. We will be hosting the Adult 18+ in June, the 70+ Invitational in October and hopefully receiving the 40+ Combo for November. We did lose the 18+ Combo and the 55+ Adult State Tournaments.
  - b. The State Local League Coordinator Workshop will be held in Baton Rouge on October 8 and we will be represented by Tammie Harris, Karen Jantz, Jay Boyd and John Liles. Discussion was made about having a guideline for placing new players on teams and recruiting new captains.
  - c. The LTA will be holding its annual CTA Workshop prior to the LTA Awards on December 2 in Lafayette. Bob looked at the agenda and it will be informative and fun. Bob, Jay, John and Angela will be attending.
  - d. The 70+ Invitational Tournament was held September 30 – October 2 at the North Bossier Tennis Center. Special thanks to Play Tennis Bossier and Bonnie Cox for supplying lunch for all the players. It was greatly appreciated.
  - e. The 18+ Combo State Tournament will be held in Shreveport-Bossier on November 4 – 6. Bossier will be the host site with additional courts being used at Southern Hills and Querbes.
  - f. The Snoopy Open was held East Ridge Country Club on the first weekend of October. A record number of players participated.
  - g. The NWLaCTA had a booth at the Red River Revel on the first weekend of October. We used the venue to hand out information about all the tennis activities in Shreveport-Bossier. Luke Richardson manned the booth along with our volunteers (many thanks for their help). Luke signed up 35 for 10 and Under programs and has contact information on 26 more future tennis players.
  - h. An on court 10 and Under Workshop led by Bill Phillips was held at POTC on September 23. Grady Wilson reported 25 pros, educators and parents participated.
  - i. North Bossier Tennis Center held a Tennis Festival last month. In conjunction with the open house, Pro Todd Killen held a Junior Novice Tournament with 34 participants as well as a 10 and Under Play Day with 8 players. A great turnout!!!
  - j. Querbes Tennis Center held a 10 and Under Play Day but had competition with the Revel and football, so only four children participated.
  - k. The Captains Appreciation Party is set for Thursday, October 27.
  - l. Grady Wilson wanted everyone to know that the Juvenile Diabetes Tournament has been rescheduled for November 11 – 13. Sign up is on line. For additional information, contact East Ridge Country Club.

5. Vice-President and Marketing Chairman, Mike Correal presented the hand-out that was given to everyone at the Revel. It lists all the tennis facilities in Northwest Louisiana as well as the different programs that are offered for adults and children. Mike is going to look into handing the pamphlets out to people at health clubs as well as walkers on Arthur Teague Parkway.
6. The Adult Combo League is in full swing. Pros please check your court schedules. We have had a few over bookings and players have had to seek courts elsewhere that should have been scheduled.
7. The LTA Awards for 2016 have been submitted and we should be hearing the results in the near future. Many thanks to Bonnie Cox for lighting a fire under us! The awards banquet will be held in Lafayette on December 3.
8. Southern Hills Tennis Center Pro, David Kimball, asked about 10 and Under lines that need to be painted on his courts. Southern should still have line grants available for community tennis. Also it was suggested that he give Bill Phillips a call.
9. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran and 10 and Under Coordinator, Angela Pfanner were unable to attend the meeting but did send a report on their busy doings the past month:
  - a. School Tennis: Process of meeting with schools in Caddo and Bossier and partnering with these schools. Their NWLaCTA goal is 24 schools for the year.
  - b. 10 and Under Play Days: As mentioned earlier Play Days were held at North Bossier and Querbes. At each Play Day there is a CTA representative at the registration desk to sign up the participant to receive a 10 and under membership, meet with the parents and hand out tennis information. Each child receives a one hour lesson and in some cases simple tournament play. A snack is served and each child receives a plastic tennis bracelet along with a sticker. The key to Play Days is to send out information through the schools, facility junior development lessons and website.
  - c. Junior Novice Tournaments: The junior novice circuit will complete on November 12 at Querbes Tennis Center. There are approximately 12 junior novice tournaments during the year and it has proven to be a good entry level singles recreational tournament. With the new 10 and Under Tennis Youth Progression Plan starting January 1, we hope to see increased participation in all age groups.
  - d. Red River Revel: As mentioned earlier, it was a great success. The demo area was right in front of the booth. Funding of the 10 and Under membership and booth expenses were paid through the 10 and Under grant money marked as a special event. The brochure was paid through the general CTA account.
  - e. Junior Tennis Apprentice: JTA will be sent up just like the Adult Tennis Apprentice. Registration will be managed by Liz at the LTA. Any Pro can call and set up JTA with the LTA. JTA might be the best way to get into the neighborhood courts, like was done at Town South.
  - f. FDDOC Grant: A letter of support has been sent from the NWLaCTA. Painting tennis lines are underway at Summer Grove and Oak Park.
  - g. TMI 10 and Under Grant Update: The TMI grant has been revised several times these past few months. We have submitted the final revision and hope to hear soon if we received the extension. Hopefully our 10U progress of additional USTA memberships and documentation of 10U events since March of 2016 is enough for approval.

**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2016  
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