

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – December 5, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Elana Engleman, John Liles, Sue Allender, Grady Wilson, Ken Jantz, Bob Patterson, Shelly Naisbitt, Bonnie Cox, David Kimball, Eddie Copete, Joe Thomas, Terri Bianca and Sue Watts.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the November minutes was made by David Kimball, Sue Allender second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported the following balances for November 30, 2012. The Red River Bank account (10 and Under Grant monies) \$37,507.82 and the Capital One Bank account \$79,642.83. This account includes Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,291.), Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and North Bossier Tennis Complex 10 and Under (\$1,435.).
4. Bonnie Cox reported for our 10 and Under Coordinator, Robby Lockwood. The Junior Novice tournament at Querbes had 35 entrants. Play Days are scheduled for December 9 (North Bossier) and December 15 (Cockrell). Robby has contacted the private tennis facilities about forming a Junior Team Tennis league; so far East Ridge is the only club that has confirmed. Reminder to all Pros to please report your metrics.
5. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave everyone a copy of the letter she sent to our LTA President, a review of our year. Our priority has been to continue to develop tennis with children, especially those 10 and under. As a TMI market we have been concentrating on the metric measurements. We are still working hard on trying ways to raise funds to replace those lost in the second year of the grant, in order to be self sufficient after the third year. In adult leagues for 2012, our regular adult participation is unchanged and senior is up 33%; the mixed adult was up 11% and mixed senior unchanged; combo was down 8% and senior combo up 14%. Shelly brought some ideas of items as a CTA we could hand out to promote tennis. It was decided that business cards and pens with our web address would work. These will be ordered.
6. Rhonda Rubben with the FDDOC was unable to attend the meeting but did send a final report on the FDDOC Team Tennis. Our thanks again to Rhonda, Shelly and their assistants James Hunt, Anner Means and Bonnie Cox. The Creswell, Stoner and Southern Hills grant ended in April 2012, and Sunset and Mooretown grant tentative to end in December but may be extended to June 2013. Rhonda hopes that the NWLaCTA can help with both grants ending soon and that we have sustainability plan in place. She recommends maybe charging a very light fee to all to help supplement overall costs and give the kids and parents more ownership. She also would recommend beginning to work with the parents on bringing their children and find 1 or 2 that would help the coaches with the teams. It should be noted that the FDDOC Winner's Circle and NWLaCTA were awarded the Educational Merit Award for 2012 and that the FDDOC did

apply for the USTA Serves Grant in October. Again our thanks to Rhonda, Shelly and everyone who helped the FDDOC Junior Team Tennis.

7. Adult League Coordinator Terri Bianca wanted to report that Men's Coordinator Bill Oliver has stepped down from his position due to an increased work load. She and everyone with the NWLaCTA wanted to thank Bill for all his hard work and time he spent trying to organize the men's league. Terri will take over the duties of both leagues but was pleased to announce that Bob Patterson will be her assistant. The Captain's Meeting will be held at North Bossier Tennis Complex on Tuesday December 11 at 6 P.M. The LTA has sent up tumblers for last years Captains and Terri will hand these out at the meeting. She is looking for volunteers to help her at the registration tables. Some general information to remind everyone is that the 40 and Over division will play 2 singles and 3 double courts; there is NO 2.5 level in the 40 and Over, just the 18 and Over; the deadline to register your team with the minimum number of players is January 15 (40 & Over and 55 & Over) and January 22 for the 18 & Over divisions.
8. Adult League Committee chairman Joe Thomas tried to contact other Louisiana CTA's in regards to the new levels of Adult League play, especially the non existence of an older Mixed level. The only CTA to responds was from the Monroe area (Gloria Alvarez) and they were going to let it ride and see what happens. Jay Boyd thanked Joe and his committee for their work, but did not agree with the attitude of the Monroe CTA. We still have the petitions signed by the players at the Super Senior State tournament and need someone to follow up on this. Bob Patterson will contact Bob Martina to see if he would be interested.
9. Jay once again is looking for a Junior Tennis Committee Chairman. Please if you know anyone, have them contact Jay.
10. Our CTA did bid for four State tournaments this year: the 55 and Over, the 18 and Over, Mixed and Combo. We were awarded the 18 and Over session II (even levels) May 24-27, 2013 and the 18 and Over Combo State on November 8 - 11, 2013.
11. The Pros met for the 2013 Tennis calendar dates. Ken will get this on our web as soon as he gets a copy.
12. Elana Engleman and Shelly Naisbitt will be our representatives at the LTA/CTA annual meeting and workshop in Lafayette on February 15 and 16, 2013.
13. The State tournaments will be here before we know it, so Jay Boyd brought up the fee structure to the hosting Pros and their facilities. John Liles motioned that we pay the hosting Pro/facility \$20 per day per court for the 2013 State tournaments. Sue Allender seconds the motion. All were in favor. So passed.
14. The 2013 Referee Clinic and re-certification will be held February 23 at POTC. For additional information, please contact John Liles.

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 9, 2013
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AND A
GREAT NEW YEAR**