

## **Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association Minutes – March 6, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Tammie Harris, Shelly Naisbitt, Bonnie Cox, John Liles, Sue Allender, Bob Patterson, Grady Wilson, Ken Jantz, Dan Beedle, David Kimball, Eddie Copete, Terri Bianca, Sue Watts, Elana Engleman and Kay Cochran.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the February minutes was made by Shelly Naisbitt, Bob Patterson seconds the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$41,749.89 in the Red River Bank account (10 and under grant plus fund raiser monies) and \$87,058.85 in the Bank One account (this includes the Play Tennis Bossier account - \$1,964.89 and the North Bossier 10 and Under account - \$1,1435.).
4. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her updates from February:
  - a. Everyone should have Junior Novice entry forms, CTA City Circuit schedules and poster, and Fun, Friends and Fitness flyers. If you need more, please contact Shelly.
  - b. T-Shirts and free lesson cards were handed out at the meeting for information concerning Fun, Friends and Fitness. Please remember the cards are for new beginner adults.
  - c. Shelly learned a lot from the LTA meeting last month.
    - i. For JTT do not enter gender specific games in tennislink.
    - ii. USTA league captains should be sent a thank you note and we should recognize any volunteers.
    - iii. Mary Hatfield at Southern has 80,000 free JTT t shirts for any child in tennislink.
    - iv. Kathy Hendricks said that there will be plenty of opportunities for 55 and up Mixed. Local league, state tournament and a Southern Invitational in Little Rock.
    - v. NELaCTA is now in operation, this includes Monroe and a 40 mile radius around the city.
    - vi. Shelly has an intern, Lauren Cullen from Centenary College who will develop and keep track of our twitter account.
    - vii. Some CTA's have drawings at the end of the season for captains who bring in new players.
    - viii. Every child in tennislink did count toward our CDLM grant.
  - d. Please let Shelly know if you can help with the FDDOC Play Days on Saturdays at Cockrell.
5. Bonnie Cox gave the 10 and Under report for Robby Lockwood.
  - a. The CTA City Circuit Fundraiser had 89 participants on March 1 – 3 at East Ridge. The numbers are down, may be due to league matches and other tournaments. Jay asked that there be a committee for the CTA City Circuit. Elana Engleman will chair along with David Kimball and Sue Allender and anyone else who would like to help.
  - b. The FDDOC will have play days every Saturday in March at Cockrell. 64% of the students rode the bus to the March 2 play day (33 plus students participated).
  - c. A youth tennis clinic will be held at POTC on Saturday, March 9 from 9 – 12.

- d. The Bossier and Querbes Junior Team Tennis programs are in progress and there are plans for a Shreveport Private Club JTT league.
  - e. We are still in need of sponsors. We are asking all the Pros to provide the names of two people who you think might be interested. We do appreciate the sponsors we already have: Red River Chevrolet, Shreveport Bossier Realty, Clara Welbourne, Ryan Bates, Buttercups Cupcakes and FDDOC.
  - f. Bob Patterson is looking at having a restaurant sponsor our 10 and under for a day where 10% of the proceeds will go towards the 10 and under program.
6. Terri Bianca and Bob Patterson reported on the USTA League play. The season is up and running. They want to get a survey out to all the players at the end of the season to see how things could be improved and for any suggestions. They did try to move some of the 40 and up matches to Wednesday (from a very crowded Saturday), but was met with lots of complaints. The 4.5 men who signed up, but their team did not make will have their entry fees moved to mixed league.
  7. Tammie Harris is our new Flex and Tri-Level Coordinator. Flyers and yard signs have been placed at each tennis facility. Minden is helping out by placing a notice about the Flex League in their Minden Aquatic Club website.
  8. David Kimball called his councilman in regards to the Southern Hills Tennis Courts and all the SPAR tennis courts. The bond money is awaiting the release by the Mayor and SPAR Director. We need to encourage all tennis players to e mail the Mayor and SPAR Director about releasing these fund. This could hurt us from hosting future state tournaments. David and Shelly will see about getting their e mail addresses and sending them to the NWLACTA email list. Terri will forward the addresses to all the USTA Captains. (See note at end of this report)
  9. We are pleased to announce that Stevie Schmidt is the new Pro at Stonebridge Country Club. Bonnie has contacted him about having a 10 and under festival at Stonebridge.
  10. Ken Jantz needs a list of our sponsors for our website. He asked about ATLAS tournaments. We need to list everything in our tennis community and ATLAS is a part of our tennis offerings.
  11. David Kimball wanted all to know that his wife, Carrie, will be a line judge at the Davis Cup tie in Boise, Idaho. So keep an eye out for her on the television.

**Note: Please note the following correction to Item 8 in the March 2013 Minutes from the NWLACTA monthly meeting.**

**Item 8 should read that "the City Council is awaiting to Move forward with the next phase in the selling of the bonds".**

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013  
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**