

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

"To promote and develop the growth of tennis in Northwest Louisiana"

Minutes – August 4, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, John Liles, Sue Allender, Sue Watts, Bill Oliver, Sandy Botzong, Karen Jantz, Jared Fry, Joe Thomas, Elana Engleman and Terri Bianca.
2. A motion by Bill Oliver was made to waive the reading of the July minutes, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$60,237.05. This does include the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$2,464.02) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,212.).
 - Beginning next month, POTC will not accept cash for food and/or drinks. Credit cards or membership numbers from reciprocal clubs will only be allowed.
 - John did mention some changes that will be on the bid applications for 2011/2012 state tournaments. The host will not be required to supply lunch or a player party; fax machines or copy machines will not be required; a stipend of \$500 will be required for the tournament referee to help cover travel and lodging costs; and LTA staff will only need one comp. room.
4. The Summer session of Fun, Friends and Fitness has been completed. A total of 24 players signed up for F, F & F, with 14 to 16 coming to each class. Quite a few participants are interested in joining a combo team for the Fall Combo League. The Junior Team Tennis Summer sessions had 11 juniors sign-up.
5. Our Community Coordinator Elizabeth Craft will be leaving soon to attend graduate school at Tulane University. We wish her well. So, we are now looking for another part time Community Coordinator (working about 20 hours a week, this is a position with the LTA but you will be working along with the NWLACTA). Jay Boyd suggested that the new Marketing Committee assist in the hiring and working with the Community Coordinator. Terri Bianca asked about a job description for the position. David Kimball supplied her with one. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact David or Jay.
6. Bill Oliver mentioned that the direction of the USTA, STA and LTA this year is Junior Team Tennis (more so than Fun, Friends and Fitness). Elana Engleman will be offering Junior Team Tennis this Fall at the North Bossier Tennis Complex (our congratulations to Elana and all the Bossier City players on the opening of their beautiful new clubhouse and additional courts). Due to travel and time restraints for parents, it was discussed and agreed upon that there be a Shreveport League and a Bossier City League for Junior Team Tennis this Fall.
 - Speaking of juniors, the next Junior Novice Tournament will be held at Southern Trace. Hosting Pros please make sure you send the e mail addresses of the junior players' parents to Becky Berry so she may put them on our mailing list.
 - Also, the Querbes Grand Prix for Junior players will be held August 20 -22. Sign up via tennislink.
7. Karen Jantz reported that the Adult Mixed League play is just about finished. We had over 600 players this year (down by about 40 from last year). Adult Mixed State will be held in Mandeville on September 3 – 6 and Senior Mixed State will be in Slidell on September 17 – 19.
8. The Captains meeting for Adult and Senior Combo League will be held on Tuesday, August 10 at East Ridge Country Club at 6 P.M. The Captain or a representative must be present. Teams will not be able to sign-up until after the meeting and you must have 6 players (who can play together) on your roster by August 31st. Play will be on fixed days of the week and will begin after Labor Day. For additional information, please contact Karen Jantz.
 - Karen also wanted to remind players about the Fall Flex League. She will be getting this together after Labor Day, with play to begin around October 3rd.

9. Shreveport-Bossier had a good showing at Sectionals in Birmingham, AL. We had seven teams competing, with two teams finishing second (2.5 Women and 3.0 Men). Congratulations to all who competed.
10. Southern Hills hosted the latest CTA City Circuit tournament last month. Sixty-nine teams competed (up from 54 in 2009) and braved the heat and rain. The next CTA tournament will be held on August 27 – 29 at Querbes.
11. Becky Berry has done a wonderful job on our website. Roland Deville had a very good idea in regards to regular tennis play available at our area tennis facilities, a tennis bulletin board. Player looking for a match could check our website for times and places.
 - Bill Oliver motioned that we print up banners and supply them to all our tennis facilities with our name and web address. Jay Boyd seconded the motion all were in favor.
12. Beth Edens from Natchitoches wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming NSU Church Street Inn/Lady Demons Fundraiser Tournament at NSU on August 20 – 22. This is a fun tournament with great food and tennis!
13. Jared Fry brought a brochure seeking sponsors for the upcoming CTA Masters/APFED Benefit Tournament on November 4 – 7 at POTC. He already has a women's doubles exhibition lined up and is working on the men's. Posters are already at all the tennis facilities. For additional information see www.frybenefit.com
14. It is that time again for nominations for the 2010 LTA Annual Awards. Nominees should go to the LTA website (www.louisianatennis.com) and fill out the nomination blank.

Here are our nominations:

Charles Turner Volunteer Service Award:	Sue Watts
League Coordinators of the Year:	Dianne Mason
Adult Tournament of the Year:	NSU Church Street Inn/Lady Demons Tennis Classic
Charity Event of the Year:	St. Jude at POTC
CTA of the Year:	NWLACTA
Educational Merit Award:	Elana Engleman and Richard Verzaal
Member Organization of the Year:	Play Tennis Bossier
Program of the Year:	Quickstart After School Program in Bossier
Provisional Official:	Robin Lucius
Tennis Professional:	Bill Oliver
Beau Holton Tennis Official:	Carrie Kimball
USTA Facility Award:	North Bossier Tennis Complex

Please note all nominations need to be in by September 3. For additional information, contact Laura Beauregard at the LTA Office (225) 769-0337.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
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