

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – December 1, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include: Jay Boyd, Sue Allender, John Liles, Richard Verzaal, James Hunt, Robin Lucius, Bob Patterson, Matt Sawrie, Phillip Campbell, Bill Oliver, Terry Bianca, Elana Engleman and Rhonda Rubben.
2. A motion by Richard Verzaal was made to waive the reading of the November minutes, Sue Allender second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$60,791.49. This includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,344.00).
4. Bill Oliver wanted everyone to know that the NWLACTA would be hosting a QuickStart Tennis Workshop at Southern Hills Elementary School on Tuesday, December 14 from 6 – 9. Bill Phillips will be presenting the program and is open to all parents and coaches planning on working with the 10 and under children in tennis. For additional information, please contact Bill.
5. Committee meeting reports:
 - a. Sue Allender reported on the Adult Tennis meeting that was held on 11/18. Some of the CTA sponsored tournaments have had problems with language outburst and racquet throwing. A Code of Conduct will be posted at all tennis facilities that host CTA sponsored tournaments. For the CTA City Circuit tournaments, the Code of Conduct will be on the entry blank and players must sign this agreement, as well as being a member of the USTA. Hosting Pros will be responsible for reporting any misconduct of a player in written form to the Adult Tennis committee. If a player does break the code of conduct, the following will be implemented :
 - i. First offense, a warning;
 - ii. Second offense that player will forfeit his/her match and will not be awarded any points for the tournament and will NOT be allowed to play in the next CTA City Circuit tournament. Their partners will also forfeit and not receive any points, but will be able to play in the next tournament.

Due to the selling of G & G Distributors, we will not have a sponsor this coming year for beer for the CTA City Circuit.
Shreveport-Bossier will be hosting a section of the Adult State Tournament on May 27-30, 2011 and the State Super Senior Tournament on October 2-5, 2011.
 - b. Marketing Committee chair, Bob Patterson, reported that \$31,250. was sent to APFED as a result of the Fry Benefit tennis tournament, with more to come following sales from t-shirts, etc. Our congratulations to Vanessa Holman and everyone involved for putting on a fun and worthwhile cause tennis tournament.
6. Rhonda Rubben presented a plan to introduce tennis as an after school program in association with the FDDOC Winners' Circle (Fully Devoted Developer of Children – a nonprofit organization). This program offers 1 hour of academics, reading and math and 1 hour of enrichment (Cabossa soccer, art, piano, dance, etc.) to elementary children in the program. Currently there are 13 schools participating in Shreveport and Rhonda would like to add tennis to their curriculum. It was agreed that QuickStart would be the ideal program and Rhonda would see that the schools physical education teachers that assist her would attend the QuickStart workshop as an in-service program for the teachers. Bill Oliver motioned that the NWLaCTA assist Rhonda in anyway possible, John Liles second the motion, and all were in favor. Rhonda warned us that we would have to act quickly so we can get the program into the Spring curriculum.

7. Our congratulations to our local combo teams that will be going to Sectionals in Mobile, AL on March 4 – 7, 2011. They are: 5.0 Women (Capt. Robin Trahan – Stonebridge), 6.5 Senior Women (Capt. Karen Jantz – Southern Hills), 7.5 Senior Women (Capt. Christie Pylant – Querbes), 8.5 Senior Women (Capt. Sue Landry – Bossier), Senior 6.5 Men (Capt. Roy Gilcrease – Querbes), 7.5 Men (Capt. Mark Kalbacher – Querbes) and 7.5 Super Senior Women's (Capt. Patricia Voorhies).
The Fall Flex league is also wrapping up. Our thanks to Combo and Flex league coordinator Karen Jantz for another great season.
8. Adult League Coordinators Terri Bianca and Bill Oliver want to remind everyone about the Captains Meetings coming up for the 2011 season of league play. The Women will meet Tuesday, January 11 and the Men will meet Tuesday, January 18 at Eastridge Country Club at 6 P.M. One member (preferably the Captain) of a team MUST attend this meeting. Captains are asked to check with your players about play availability since matches will be scheduled at this time. You must have your team registered with at least 6 members (3.0 – 5.0 levels), 3 members (2.0 – 2.5 level) or 4 members (all adult seniors divisions) by the Captains Meeting. Team registration is now open. If you have any questions, please contact Terri or Bill.
9. Website is looking great thanks to Becky Berry. Discussion was made on having a page available for each tennis facility so that they could post any upcoming events or news for their courts. This would include non-USTA events, such as lessons, cardio classes, mixers, etc.
10. The Junior Novice tournament season is winding down. Southern Hills had 11 players and Querbes had 25 players compete in their November Novice tournaments. Again, this is a great way to introduce junior players to competition.
11. Richard Verzaal reported that the level 3 Red River Shootout Junior tournament was a success. We were short one National player so we are on probation for next year. The Tournament Directors established a no tolerance policy for the players (language, etc.) and only 7 PPS were given by the officials.
12. The CTA City Circuit Masters was held last month, our congratulations to the winners : Womens 6.0 (Patty Hurst/Becky Mire), Womens 7.0 (Kim Harper/Kyleen Kilcline), Womens 8.0 (Jennifer Fry/Sheila Pernici) Womens Open (Sue Allender/Kate Chance), Mens 6.0 (Greg Eason/Brad Wright), Mens 7.0 (Joey Harris/Mark Walker), Mens 8.0 (John Ford/Simeon Wall), Mixed 6.0 (Eric Brown/Kerry Friestad), Mixed 7.0 (Taylor Green/Kyleen Kilcline) and Mixed 8.0 (Bill Kostelka/Suzie Morrison). Many thanks to all the players who participated during the year. Natchitoches asked about joining our CTA City Circuit for 2011. Richard Verzaal motioned that we include them in our schedule, Robin Lucius second the motion, and all were in favor.
13. The Louisiana Tennis Association held their annual meeting and awards presentation on December 4th in Lafayette. Congratulations to our area winners: Elana Engleman (Education Merit), Play Tennis Bossier (Member Organization of the Year), and the North Bossier Tennis Park (USTA – LA Facility of the Year). We also wish to congratulate Phillip Campbell on 25 years of volunteer service and David Kimball on 5 years of volunteer service.
14. Our CTA is remiss on not sending out the annual stipends to the parents of juniors who competed at the Southern Closed tournament this year. Due to the increase in entry fess, gas, etc. Elana Engleman proposed that the parent of each child who competed at Southern Closed receive a stipend in the amount of \$150, Terri Bianca second the motion, and all were in favor. Again, our congratulations to all the juniors' players who competed.

**NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 5, 2011
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