

**Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
Minutes - February 3, 2010**

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, Sue Allender, John Liles, Richard Verzaal, Bill Oliver, Stevie Schmidt, Dianne Mason, James Hunt, and Jeff Bennett.
2. The reading of the January minutes was waived. Corrections include the correct name of our new Web master, Becky Berry (not Brown, sorry Becky). With this correction, the minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$41,493.93. This includes the Friends of Southern Hills account (\$1212.00) and the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$2,464.02). John also wanted to announce that our very own Phillip Campbell had been elected into the Byrd High School Hall of Fame. Congratulations Phillip!
4. Men's Adult League Coordinator Bill Oliver did not have the final number of teams registered, but did note that he had to take a 3.5 team off the roster due to lack of players, and the players that had signed up he is placing on other teams.
Bill did note that 4 or 5 teams did not meet the deadline for the formation of a team for the 2010 season. Notices were placed at all the area tennis facilities with the date, time and place of the Captains meeting and e mails were sent to all of last years' Captains. Next year, Bill would like the actual Captain or a player on that team attend the Captain's meeting. He has had a few glitches in scheduling matches.
Jay Boyd has had a hard time trying to get players to step up and captain a team. Next year we may have a meeting in December about becoming a Captain and the duties involved (it really is not all bad or as hard as it is rumored to be.). This will be open to men and women, both new and seasoned players. Jay would like to hear from anyone who has any ideas on how to encourage people on becoming a captain. His e mail is: jayrboyd@aol.com
Women's Coordinator Dianne Mason reported a 23% increase in ladies teams (this mostly due to the Day League). We have 54 teams this year as opposed to 44 last year. She will have the breakdown of levels and final numbers next month.
5. The Spring Flex League will begin in March. David will get with Karen Jantz about dates of sign-up, etc.
6. Fun, Friends and Fitness is gearing up. Dates will be scheduled and information will available in a few weeks.
7. Our CTA would like to announce that we have tentatively hired a part-time community coordinator, Elizabeth Craft. Richard Verzaal, Jay Boyd and David Kimball will be formalizing her hiring in the near future. We welcome Elizabeth to our tennis community.
8. On January 29 the Louisiana CTA Meeting and Workshop was held at POTC. CTA's from Lake Charles, Mandeville-Covington, Monroe, etc. all were represented.
Our CDLM grant is potentially going away, with the per head going from \$5 to \$3. To qualify for the \$5 per player stipend our CTA must increase in numbers in eight categories each year. To offset the decrease in monies, the LTA will pay 100%, instead of 75% of the salary of the Community Coordinator.
The big push this year is for the Quickstart program, which our CTA has already implemented.
9. We would like to thank again Becky Berry for cleaning up our web site. If you haven't checked it out, it looks great. Becky will try to keep things updated weekly. If you have anything of tennis interest you would like Becky to place on the site, please e mail her at becky.berry@lsus.edu.
David and Bill suggested a monthly calendar be sent out to all with tournament dates, etc.
10. The first 2010 CTA City Circuit is just around the corner, March 12 - 14 at POTC. Becky has all the CTA dates posted on the web and will have the entry blanks and players guidelines also available on the our site. David Kimball asked all the Pros who hosted last year's tournaments for their entry blanks so he can update our address book. Sue Allender will get entry blanks out to all the tennis facilities.
11. David Kimball and Richard Verzaal will be hosting a Competitive Training Center for Juniors. The session for older juniors will last 6 hours and the younger players' session will be 4 hours over a weekend. The juniors will learn conditioning, warm-up, court management, talk with a USTA official, etc. This program is USTA sanctioned and is open to all area juniors. For further information, please contact Richard, David or you may check out our web site.
12. On February 27 and 28, our CTA will host a High School Preseason Tennis Tournament. Play will be held at Southern Hills, Querbes and Cockrell and is aimed at the Novice High School player. Singles and Doubles will be available. Entry forms are available on our web site (www.nwlacta.com). We hope to use this as a springboard in forming a High School Fall League.
13. John Liles had a request from our area Super Senior Team to see if our CTA would support them at Sectionals by paying their entry fee (\$300). All were in favor and we wish them the best of luck at Sectionals.

Other Dates to Remember: Junior Novice Tournament: February 27 - East Ridge C.C.
 Southern Hills Grand Prix: March 6 - 7 - Southern Hills
 CTA City Circuit: March 12 - 14 - POTC

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010
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