

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association Minutes - January 6, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, Richard Verzaal, Bill Oliver, John Liles, Sue Allender, Stevie Schmidt, Becky Brown, James Hunt, Dianne Mason, Elana Engleman, and Sherry Sellers.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the December minutes was made by Bill Oliver, Jay Boyd second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$43,192.88. This does include the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier and Southern Hills Friends.
4. Men's Coordinator Bill Oliver reminded everyone that the Men's Adult and Senior League Captain's meeting would be held tonight at East Ridge. To date there are (6) 3.0 teams, (8) 3.5 teams, (5) 4.0 Teams, (3) Senior 3.5 teams and (4) Senior 4.0 teams. There is a 4.5 team in the making, as well as 2.5 teams. Bill said the numbers are about the same as last year.

Bill (as well as Dianne Mason, the Women's Coordinator) was sent information from the LTA about the creation of a dummy team number to be used for players waiting to hear back about their appeals. This number will be given out at the Captains meetings.

Discussion was had concerning teams that were formed, but did not have any competition and they did not play, thus forfeiting their entry fees. It was motioned by Richard Verzaal that "If a team does not make and they do not play at all (ie: going to State, playing in another district), the NWLaCTA will reimburse their entry fee." Jay Boyd second the motion, all were in favor, so passed.

Bill also mentioned that the Men's League will be using the **Coman Tie break** (which is used at Nationals). In this alternative tie break, the players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points.
5. Women's Coordinator Dianne Mason will have her Captain's Meeting on Wednesday, January 13 at East Ridge beginning at 6 P.M. Please have at least four players signed up for your team prior to the meeting, and remember schedules will be made.
6. The Fall/Winter Flex League had 95 players competing. The Spring Flex League sign-up will be in March with play beginning the end of March, beginning of April.
7. Fun, Friends and Fitness Spring Session dates will be discussed next month, as well as the Quickstart League.
8. A CTA Workshop will be held in Shreveport on Friday, January 29th at POTC beginning at 10 AM. Bill, Jay, Richard and Elana will represent our CTA, as well as anyone else who is interested. If you are, please contact David Kimball.
9. Sue Allender reported on a few new looks for the 2010 CTA City Circuit. This year we will have a Senior Division for all playing categories. This was discussed and approved at the Pros Scheduling Meeting in December.

Another change will be the entry fee. Since many of the Pros are off on Mondays, if your entries are in prior to 6 P.M. on Sunday the entry fee will remain \$25 per person for the 1st event and \$15 per person for the 2nd event. If you enter by 6 P.M. on the Tuesday prior to the tournament, the entry will be \$30 per person for the 1st event and \$20 per person for the 2nd event. The new entry blanks and players guidelines were handed out to the attending Pros for their input. The first tournament will be held at POTC on March 12th. Schedules and entry blanks will be available at all the tennis facilities by next month, as well as on our web site.
10. John Liles wanted to remind anyone interested in becoming an Official that our yearly training class will be held on Saturday, January 23 at POTC. Please contact John to sign up and for any additional information.

11. Richard Verzaal and David Kimball are putting together a Competition Training Center for Juniors. An 8 and Under Camp will be held on March 27 at Querbes using the Quickstart courts.
12. Our number one volunteer Clare Maisel has been ill and everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.
13. Our CTA is looking for a part time Community Coordinator, working 15 - 20 hours a week. This person will be involved in the community via school leagues, Fun, Friends and Fitness, Quickstart, etc. David Kimball, Richard Verzaal and Jay Boyd will interview anyone interested in this job. For additional information, please contact David.
14. Elana Engleman is heading up Rally With A Cure, which will be held over the 4th of July weekend. She will be needing Silent Auction items, etc. More information will be forthcoming, so please save this date on your calendar.
15. Becky Berry will be in charge of our web site. If you have any information you wish to pass on to our tennis community, you may contact her at Becky.Berry@lsus.edu . The web site will have a new look and you will be able to become a "fan" of the NWLaCTA ala Facebook.

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010
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