

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – January 5, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include John Liles, Jay Boyd, Bill Oliver, Richard Verzaal, Jeff Smith, Becky Berry, Bill Phillips, Beth Edens, Robin Lucius, Matt Sawrie, Elana Engleman, Stevie Schmidt, Terri Bianca, Sue Watts and Rhonda Rubben.
2. A motion by Bill Oliver was made to waive the reading of the December minutes, Richard Verzaal second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written. (Note: Sue Allender was not at the meeting and she noted a change in the combo teams going to Mobile for Sectionals should read Men's 4.5 Senior (Bob Lettow, Captain).
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$56,596.03; this includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,344.).
4. The High School Tournament was discussed. Our CTA needs to know what we can do. The Junior Committee will meet and discuss and report back at next month's meeting.
5. The Winter Flex league has finished. The numbers are lower than last year, but we will see what spring brings us.
6. The 2011 CTA City Circuit is just around the corner. Bill Oliver reported that Natchitoches will be our first tournament on February 4 – 6. Remember to get your entry fees in by January 30th. ENTRIES MAY BE TURNED INTO SOUTHERN HILLS TENNIS CENTER. Dates, entry blanks and additional information are posted on the NWLACTA.com web site. As mentioned earlier, a code of conduct will be enforced by the hosting facility.
7. The Junior Novice Tournament at Southern Hills in December had 11 players. The next Junior Novice will be held at Stone Bridge on February 5. Again, for additional dates and information, please check our web site.
8. Bill Phillips visited us with information on the Quick Start grant we received and what the USTA expects from our CTA over the next three years. Shreveport-Bossier is one of 25 markets to receive the \$100,000 3-year grant.

Richard Verzaal and Rhonda Rubben announced the five elementary schools that will include Quick Start in their after school programs. They are Southern Hills, Sunset Acres, Mooretown, Creswell and E.B. Stoner. The following pros and assistants that will be helping on January 11 are Gordan Traylor (Southern Hills), David Kimball (Sunset Acres), James Hunt and Elana Engleman (Mooretown), Creswell (Richard Verzaal) and E.B. Stoner (John Liles and Sue Allender). Rhonda needs background check forms for all volunteers. She will e mail the lesson plan that the teacher has received to the pros and we will assist the teachers in anyway possible. Rhonda will be visiting each school to assist and observe. The first few weeks will be the hardest and if we can periodically check with the teachers to see if they understand the format that would be great. We hope to have our tennis facilities adopt one of these elementary schools and come fall, these schools will have some Team Tennis teams representing them.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Rhonda or Richard. The times are from 3 – 5 in the afternoon.

9. Men's Coordinator Bill Oliver and Women's Coordinator Terri Bianca wanted to remind all Captains about the upcoming Captain's Meeting for Adult League Tennis. The meetings will be held at East Ridge Country Club at 6 P.M. (Women – January 11, Men – January 18). One member (preferably the Captain) of a team MUST attend the meeting. Captains are asked to check with your players about availability to play since matches will be scheduled at this meeting. You must have your team registered with at least six players (3.0. - 5.0 levels), 3

members (2.0 – 2.5 level) or 4 players (all adult senior teams) by these meetings. Team registration is now open.

10. Additional tournaments and events in the future are :

February 11 – 13 Polar Bear Adult Tournament
Southern Hills Tennis Center

February 13 Officials Clinic
Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club

February 18 – 20 Bossier Tennis Tune-up
North Bossier Tennis Center

February 26 Junior Novice Tournament
East Ridge Country Club

February 26 High School Tournament
Cockrell Tennis Center

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011
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