

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – July 5, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Elana Engleman. Those in attendance include Bonnie Cox, John Liles, David Kimball, Ken Jantz, James Hunt, Sue Allender, Gordy Ward, and Shelly Naisbitt. Our thanks to North Bossier Tennis Complex for supplying lunch and accommodations for the meeting.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the June minutes was made by David Kimball, Bonnie Cox seconds the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance as of June 30 of \$107,773.18. This amount includes the grant money for the 10 and Under program in Red River Bank (\$26,616.20), and the account in Capital One Bank for the NWLaCTA (\$81,156.98) which includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,591.00).
4. Ken Jantz reported for the Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz that our numbers are up from 2011. This year we have 719 players (57 teams) signed up for Adult and Senior Mixed Leagues as opposed to 694 players (53 teams) in 2011.
5. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her June report:
 - a. The U.S. Open raffle ticket fundraiser raised \$2,340. First place U.S. Open tickets went to Matt Carthart, who was here on an internship and is getting ready to relocate back to NYC. Laurie Cosinteu from Baton Rouge won the racquet; Robin Lucius won the CTA Fees and Haley Powell on the USTA League Fees.
 - b. The Summer Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness is almost complete. We had 26 people sign up, 5 repeats from the Spring Session. Numbers at each session have changed due to vacations, etc.
 - c. Shelving is still needed in the storage shed. John Liles told Shelly he has some shelving in his garage that he will donate.
 - d. Barksdale Air Force Base currently has 12 families of deployed airmen, which the base calls "deployed families". Shelly proposed "that the CTA offer these families free participation in any group lessons at any local, public tennis facility and the NWLaCTA would then reimburse the pro at half price". John Liles second the proposal, all were in favor.
 - e. Upcoming events in our area include the CTA City Circuit at Southern Hills on July 13, USTA Junior Tournament at North Bossier on July 27, Junior Novice Tournament at North Bossier on August 4, CTA City Circuit at Cockrell Tennis Center on August 10 and the Junior Novice Tournament at Cockrell Tennis Center on August 25th. For additional information and events, please check out our webpage.
 - f. A reminder to anyone who has not signed up for their USTA membership, they are having a discounted membership along with a free long sleeved t shirt.

6. Acting 10 and Under Coordinator Bonnie Cox has received a few more resumes for this position. She has contacted Richard Verzaal and will get with him about interviews.
7. John Liles has reported that the FDDOC has paid our CTA for tennis instruction for the Fall Session in 2012. Mooretown and Sunset Elementary Schools will be funded by FDDOC until December 2012. We are still looking at ways to keep Stoner, Creswell and Southern Hills Elementary Schools in the tennis program.
8. Just a reminder that the entry deadline for ALL CTA City Circuit tournaments is 11:59 P.M. the Tuesday prior to the tournament.
9. David Kimball reported that Southern Hills had 47 entries for his USTA Junior Open Tournament. We are thinking of naming the tournaments "The I-20 Circuit" since the next Junior Open will be held at North Bossier, then Squire Creek in Ruston and back to Querbes.
10. Our congratulations to the 2.5 Men's Team from Bossier that will be heading to Sectionals. John Liles told Elana that the NWLaCTA will pay the team entry fee for any of our teams going to Sectionals.
11. Our Juniors had a very good showing at the Southern Closed Tournament. Sue Allender proposed "That the NWLaCTA award \$100 to the parents of any of our area junior players who competed at the Southern Closed Tournament." James Hunt seconds the motion and all were in favor. David Kimball will get the list of players to John Liles, so he may write the checks.
12. Our new Webmaster, Ken Jantz, distributed an e mail list. We do need names and e mail addresses for representatives from Natchitoches (Beth Edens) and Minden (Van Almond) and Catherine from Squire Creek in Ruston. Also, real exciting news about Ryan Harrison and the Bryan Brothers coming to Shreveport/Bossier on November 18 for a fundraiser. Here is a chance to see great professional tennis. Check out our web site for additional information. Again, if you have anything you would like to announce on our site, please contact Ken at kjantz48@aol.com .
13. That time is fast approachingyes, nominations for the 2012 USTA-LTA Annual Awards. Last year we missed the boat ...so here are the categories and nominations so far. If you have someone or event you wish to nominate, please send it to Sue Allender (allendersusan@att.net) so she may present them at our August 1 CTA Meeting. The nominations are due at the LTA on Thursday, September 13.
 - a. Junior Tournament of the Year : Red River Shootout
 - b. Team Tennis Event of the Year : Super Senior State Tournament
 - c. Tennis Professional of the Year
 - d. Member Organization of the Year
 - e. USTA-LA Facility of the Year
 - f. Mickey McNulty Family of the Year
 - g. Charity Tennis Event of the Year
 - h. Educational Merit Award

- i. Community Tennis Association of the Year : NWLaCTA
- j. Program of the Year : FDDOC
- k. Adult Tournament of the Year : Session 2 of the La. State Tournament
- l. Special Tennis Event of the Year : 10 & Under/ NWLaCTA Fundraiser at North Bossier
- m. Media Excellence in Broadcasting
- n. League Coordinators of the Year
- o. Junior League Coordinator of the Year

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**