

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop the growth of tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes - July 7, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, John Liles, Sue Allender, James Hunt, Sue Watts, Matt Sawrie, Beth Edens, Bill Oliver, Karen Jantz, Jared Fry, Vanessa Holman and Stevie Schmidt.
2. A motion was made to suspend the reading of the June minutes, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$58,393.14. This includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$2,464.02) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,212.00). Two teams from our area that will be attending sectionals have not as of yet received their assistance money.
4. We welcome Jared Fry and Vanessa Holman to our meeting and who presented an idea for a benefit to be held in conjunction with our CTA Masters Tournament. Jared and Jennifer Fry (who play locally in Adult League and CTA City Circuit tournaments) are the parents of Clayton Fry who suffers from eosinophil associated disorder. The tournament will be held during the Masters Tournament on November 4 - 7 at Pierremont Oaks and will benefit not only Clayton but also APFED (American Partnership For Eosinophilic Disorders).
 - The tournament will be a team format (mens, ladies and mixed doubles) with a maximum of 8 players per team, this way a player who is competing in the Masters Tournament will be able to play without forfeiting play on their team event. A team cannot have more than two Masters players on their roster.
 - Thursday evening will feature a Calcutta along with a Pro and/or Pro-Am Doubles exhibition. Play will begin on Friday for both the first round of the Masters and the Benefit tournament. Friday evening will include a dinner (pizza?) and a Cash Bar for Cause event. Saturday the CTA Masters will finish their second and final rounds (hopefully by early afternoon). The benefit team event will continue play. Saturday evening will feature a LSU Game (against Alabama) and Tailgate party. Sunday will see the benefit finals.
 - Bill Oliver moved that we include the Benefit in Honor of Clayton Fry in conjunction with the CTA Masters. All were in favor. If anyone is interested in helping with sponsorships or just to help, please contact either Vanessa Holman (455-1536) or Jared and Jennifer Fry (742-2397).
5. John Liles reported that we had 572 players compete at the session of Adult State held in Shreveport/Bossier. To date he has not received the bill from the Ice House or the check from Shreveport Sports Authority. It was decided that next year we will not have muffins in the morning and have extra granola bars. Also, site directors need to be on-site and two referees are needed at North Bossier (due to the increase in the number of courts). Other than that it was a pretty smooth Adult State Championship.
6. David Kimball reported that we now have 24 participants in Fun, Friends and Fitness (up from 14 in the first class). The July 10 class will be held at Cockrell Tennis Center.
7. Junior Team tennis that is held in conjunction with Fun, Friends and Fitness has 13 players. Six of the players are 10 and under, while seven players are over the age of 11. John reported that our overall numbers are good in all the categories except in Junior Team Tennis. Bill Oliver received an e-mail from Bill Phillips about a Fall Junior League. We do need to have the Junior Team Tennis players sign up on Tennislink so our numbers may be recorded.
 - The Junior Novice Tournament at Querbes on July 10 had record numbers. Richard Verzaal will give a full report next month. The next Junior Novice will be held at Southern Trace on August 7.
8. Mixed Coordinator Karen Jantz reported that our numbers are down this year, but that is pretty much seen statewide. We have one less team in Adult and three less teams in Senior Mixed.
 - Karen has scheduled the Combo Captains meeting on Tuesday, August 10 at East Ridge at 6 P.M. The deadline to sign up six players is August 31, with play to begin on September 7.
 - The Fall Flex league sign up will be held after Combo has been up and going.
 - A reminder to all Super Seniors, your teams will be going straight to State (to be held at North Bossier on October 1 - 4).
9. James Hunt and Cockrell Tennis Center hosted the latest CTA City Circuit on June 25-27. James did have a few players withdraw after entries were received. Another equally rated player may substitute for the withdrawn player PRIOR to play, but cannot after play has started. The numbers were up in all divisions from last year. In 2009, Cockrell had 43 teams (86 players) as compared to 71 teams (142 players) this year. The next CTA will be held at Southern Hills on July 16 - 18, followed by Querbes on August 27 - 29. Remember you MUST play in at least two tournaments with the same partner to qualify for The Masters.
10. Vice-President Jay Boyd has been working to update our CTA. He hopes to have committees set within the next two weeks and be ready to present these at our next meeting. The committees include finance, adult tennis, junior tennis (quickstart), discipline/grievance, marketing, grants, nominating, high school, volunteers. He recommended that the committee structure have 3 to 5 members per committee with a chairman. Committee members do not have to be board members, but MUST be an active USTA member. Each committee should include at least one board member. The chairman on each committee should be a board member. If you are interested in helping out your CTA, please contact Jay Boyd.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4
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