

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – March 2, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, John Liles, Sue Allender, Richard Verzaal, Bill Oliver, Bob Patterson, James Hunt, Suzanne Phillips, Robin Lucius, Elana Engleman, Jeff Ruffin, Becky Berry, Stevie Schmidt and Matt Sawrie.
2. A motion by Bill Oliver was made to waive the reading of the February minutes, James Hunt seconds the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance as of 2/28/11 of \$54,184.96. This includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,344.). March deposits include CDLM grant (\$7,419) and LTA (\$2,473).
4. Vice-President Jay Boyd had bad news that 10 and Under Coordinator Rhonda Rubben has resigned, but the good news is that she will stay on as a volunteer. We are looking for a replacement, so if anyone is interested, please contact Jay or David. This person will work roughly 25 hours a week, \$12 an hour, have tennis experience and want to see tennis grow in our schools. At the CTA National Workshop in Washington D.C., Jay said that 90% of the focus was on the 10 and Under program and as we are 1 of 21 CTA's in the United States to receive a grant for 10 and Under, we need to show the country that Shreveport-Bossier City is up to the challenge.
5. Community Coordinator Suzanne Phillips is ready to start talking to sponsors but did want clarification of our mission statement. Checking back, our web information in regards to the NWLaCTA does need to be updated, Becky Berry will look into this. Suzanne also is looking into an 'ugliest tennis court' competition. A promotion is available for a two court facility that is in need of a facelift to be updated. We need to send our entrants from Shreveport and Bossier City.
6. Elana Engleman mentioned a Fit Cities grant. This grant will assist getting fitness into middle schools in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. Kaye Cochran is also assisting with this program.
7. Women's Coordinator Terri Bianca was unable to attend the meeting but did send the final numbers for this years' Women's League. This year we have 510 players as opposed to 596 in 2010, with 44 teams competing as opposed to 56 in 2010. The big difference is that we do not have any day league teams this year. In 2010 we had 10 day league teams with 90 players. Men's Coordinator Bill Oliver has 407 players for this years' Men's Adult and Senior leagues. Our CTA had a motion pass last month that adult league captains would receive a fleece jacket from the NWLaCTA. Richard Verzaal asked the coordinators to please email all the captains so we may get sizes to place the order. Flex League will begin May 8th. Registration will open the end of this month. Good luck to all of our Combo Teams that will be competing at Sectionals in Mobile. We have 8 teams from the Shreveport-Bossier area. Well done.
8. Junior Team Tennis is in full swing. Richard Verzaal reported over 200 children have signed up, and more still signing.
9. The first CTA City Circuit will be played March 11 – 13 at POTC (since the real first tournament was cancelled because of snow in Natchitoches). Beer will not be available at our tournaments anymore since our sponsor, G and G has been sold, and there was a potential liability in serving beer at our tournaments. Bill Oliver motioned that we increase the stipend of \$2.50 per person to \$3.00 per person for food and drink for our CTA City Circuit. Elana Engleman second the motion, all were in favor. So passed. The CTA will still pay for the pizza on Friday evening (the hosting Pros will order, roughly two slices per player, and give the receipt to John Liles for reimbursement.).

10. The LTA office contacted us in regards to our website and noted that we did not have the names and contact numbers for our League Coordinators. Becky Berry will add this information ASAP.
11. The Novice Tournaments are in full swing. We do need to have the dates of the tournaments on the entry blanks. Becky will add this to the entry blank and have it available on our web page.
12. The Adult State tournament is just around the corner (May 27-30 to be exact). Richard Verzaal will be Tournament Director and Carrie Kimball will be the Tournament Referee. The Tourism Bureau said that they will help us instead of the Shreveport Sports Authority (major cutbacks) this year. Volunteer Committee head Sue Watts will be contacting you for your assistance. We are needing site directors, food runners, etc. So if you are not playing, please come out and help (and watch some great tennis).
13. A bond issue is coming up for vote in Shreveport that will assist the public tennis facilities. Please vote YES to this measure. If you have any questions concerning the bond, talk to David Kimball or Richard Verzaal.
14. The first class of the Spring Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness will be at Querbes on Saturday, March 19 from 10 – Noon. There is still time to sign up a friend (just \$25) or come on out and join the fun.

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 6, 2011
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