

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
“To promote and develop growth in Northwest Louisiana”
Minutes – May 4, 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, Becky Berry, James Hunt, Eddie Copete, Grady Wilson, Bob Patterson, Jon McLaughlin, Raul Saad, Sue Watts, and Stevie Schmidt.
2. A motion by Bill Oliver was made to waive the reading of the April minutes, Richard Verzaal second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$63,446.90. This includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,344.00).
4. David Kimball stated that Suzanne Phillips would no longer be able to be our Community Coordinator. Richard Verzaal said he would step in for the time being. We are still searching for a 10 and Under Coordinator and now, a Community Coordinator. David asked the attending Pros if they know anyone at their clubs that would be interested (an organized person, a good coordinator, maybe a retired teacher). Just to clear things up, the 10 and Under Coordinator would work for Southern, while the Community Coordinator would work under the LTA.
5. CTA Committee Reports :
 - a. A Quickstart Committee has been formed. Jay Boyd reported on the status on the courts that have been lined for Quickstart. East Ridge and Southern Trace both have five courts lined; Pierremont has three 60 foot courts lined. The city courts of Shreveport (Querbes, Southern Hills and Cockrell) are waiting for monies, since the bond did pass. Our CTA will help as much as possible. Jay will contact Elana in regards to the North Bossier complex. Jay will be sending out a Monthly Metric Report to each facility. This needs to be filled out and sent back to Jay so he may forward this to Southern. This report is for Junior Team Tennis, junior/school programs, Play Days, etc. If you have any questions or would like to help with the Quickstart Committee, please contact Jay at 573-5717.
 - b. The NWLaCTA Junior Tennis Committee helped by supplying tennis balls for the 5A High School Regional that was held in Shreveport. Loyola Prep won the 3A tournament.
 - c. Richard Verzaal gave his interim Community Coordinator report:
 - i. The Middle School Team Tennis Tourney was played. St. Joseph won the Gold Division, while St. Marks won the Purple Division. Quickstart also finished.
 - ii. Summer Team Tennis is forming. Any player aged 6 – 18 may play, all levels are available. This league is parent-driven, similar to Little League. Once teams are formed, parents are encouraged to hold practices with or without professional help. League fees are \$25 per person, includes USTA membership. New players under the age of 10 qualify for a free membership. Monetary assistance for children in need is available.

Registration is open online from May 15 – June 1. By June 1 all players should be registered. June 8 – Jamboree for all players at Querbes 3:30 – 5. Parents meeting at 4:30 p.m. June 11 – Parent/Coach/Child Workshop at 2 P.M. Open to all players and parents in the league. Cost \$10. Matches begin June 20. Season will last 6 weeks. August 13 and 14, a season ending tournament for all players.

- iii. Junior Novice names will be added to mailing list David is working on. Next Junior Novice will be held at Cockrell on May 21. Southern Hills had 12 players sign up, eight in the Boys 12.
 - iv. The fleece jackets for the Adult League captains are on their way.
 - v. David, Raul Saad and Richard will be working on lesson plans for the Summer Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness. This session will start June 11 at Querbes. Pros, please make sure to turn your time sheets in.
 - vi. A session of the Adult State Tournament will be held in Shreveport-Bossier on May 27 – 30. Courts have been finalized. Official meeting will be at Bossier Tennis Complex on Thursday, May 26 at 5:30. Sue Watts is getting the volunteers, and since we are not providing lunch, extra fruit and snacks will be needed at each location.
- d. Adult Leagues are finished. Women's Coordinator Terri Bianca wanted to remind all teams going to state to have their entries postmarked by May 6. Karen Jantz, Flex League Coordinator is signing up players for the Summer.
- e. Sue Allender reported that 130 teams (260 entries) competed at the East Ridge CTA City Circuit. The same number of teams as last year. Scott Friestad sent some ideas on how to improve our City Circuit. Sue, Becky Berry and Bill Oliver are planning on getting together a questionnaire to be sent to all the players at the end of the season. We want their feedback on how we can improve our tournament, and if you are not playing, how we can get you back. The next CTA City Circuit will be held at North Bossier on June 3 -5 (entries will be due over Memorial Day weekend and during State).
6. Website: Raul Saad asked if we could have a link for Summer Camps on our site. Becky Berry asked that anyone hosting a camp to send her any information and she would gladly put it on a link. Adult Camps were also brought up for discussion. Send your information to becky.berry@lsus.edu .
7. James Hunt wanted to remind everyone that Superman Blunt is coming to Shreveport on May 18 at Independence Stadium. Any volunteers will be welcome.
8. Jay Boyd reported that the business plan has been approved. He will be breaking this down into sections and is asking for volunteers. If interested, please contact Jay at jayrboyd@aol.com .
9. Congratulations to the Senior 3.0 Mens team from Shreveport that won at Senior State in Lake Charles. On to Sectionals!!!!

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
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