

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
“Promoting and developing tennis programs and activities in Northwest Louisiana.”
Minutes – May 5, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, John Liles, Sue Allender, Bill Oliver, Richard Verzaal, James Hunt, Sue Watts, Robin Lucius (representing East Ridge Country Club), Elizabeth Craft, Elana Engleman and Bill Kostelka.
2. The reading of the April minutes was waived, all approved. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$53,838.68. This includes the Friends of Southern Hills account (\$1,212.00) and the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$2,464.02).
4. Community Coordinator Elizabeth Craft gave her report on the Spring session of Fun, Friends and Fitness. Forty people have registered for this session, 31 are from Shreveport, 4 are from Bossier and the remaining from surrounding areas. Also of interest, 31 are female and 9 are male. Bill Oliver stated that this was what he witnessed the previous years.
 - Richard Verzaal was down in Lake Charles a few weekends ago and noticed an article in the local paper in regards to Fun, Friends and Fitness in the Lake Charles area.
5. Men's Adult League Coordinator Bill Oliver reported that the Adult League is winding down. All matches have to be played by May 7. The men's 3.5 team from Shreveport will receive the wild card for State.
 - Bill also received a complaint about a player during the East Ridge CTA City Circuit tournament. Elana Engleman also brought in a few smashed racquets from this player while he was at North Bossier. Bill has contacted the player verbally and will follow up his conversation with a written letter in regards to language and racquet abuse. The player was very receptive and apologetic.
 - Our congratulations to area winners at Senior State this past weekend. John Liles reported that the following teams will be going to Sectionals in Birmingham, AL : Ladies Senior 3.0 (Bossier, Capt. Pat Thurmon), Men's Sr. 4.0 (Querbes, Capt. Alan Cox) and Ladies Senior 4.0 (Monroe, Capt. Virginia Edleman). Also, congratulations on 2nd place finishers: the Men's 4.0 team from Indoors and the Men's 3.0 team from Bossier.
6. The Flex League is up and running. Our numbers are growing in this league and we hope to have more players sign up for the next session.
7. The CTA City Circuit has completed two of its tournaments, with numbers being up in both. Sue Allender reported that at the POTC tournament the Men's divisions increased from 27 teams to 36 teams (one division of Seniors), the Women's had 24 teams in 2009 and 40 teams in 2010 (with one Senior division) and the Mixed increased from 40 to 49 teams.
 - The East Ridge CTA also showed increases, but did not have any of the Senior divisions make. The Women's increased from 28 to 41 teams, the men's from 25 to 38 teams and the mixed from 36 to 51 teams.
 - The next CTA City Circuit will be held at North Bossier on May 28 - 30.
 - The standings will be posted on our web site soon.
8. Richard Verzaal reported on Junior Team Tennis. The School League tournament was held and Caddo Middle Magnet were the winners and keeper of the trophy until next year.
 - Elana Engleman (North Bossier) and Bill Oliver (Southern Trace) will be able to field a team for each of their clubs in the 10 and under division at State.
 - Elizabeth Craft will be forming a Summer League for Junior Team Tennis and hopefully this will enable us to send more teams to State next year.
9. Jay Boyd has been working on expanding our CTA board. He has sent out e mails to all the tennis facilities. He has heard nothing from Stone Bridge, but welcomes Robin Lucius as a representative from East Ridge and Sue Watts as a rep from Indoor Racket Club. He hopes to get a contact from Natchitoches and would like all reps to be present at the June 2nd meeting.
10. Southern Hills had a Junior Novice tournament. David had 21 players compete. The next Junior Novice will be held at Cockrell on May 22. Get your entries in early to James Hunt.

11. Jay Boyd asked about having Becky Berry send out an e mail blast on suggestions on how we can encourage more people on becoming a Captain for USTA league play. David will contact Becky and if you have anything you would like Becky to send out, please contact David.
12. James Hunt is drumming up support for the 'Superman' event at Independence Stadium. Fifth graders from around the Shreveport-Bossier area will be attending this physical fitness event and James had flyers printed up to be placed in each of the children's' goodie bags offering a free tennis lesson at one of the city facilities. The CTA agreed to cover the cost of printing the flyers and hope more children will become involved in our sport.
13. Richard Verzaal is the Tournament Chairperson for the second session of the Adult State tournament to be held in Shreveport-Bossier on June 4 - 7. The Holiday Inn-Financial Plaza will be the host hotel with courts being used at North Bossier (16), POTC (14), Querbes (11), Southern Hills (6), and Cockrell (10).
 - SPAR will be unable to supply lunch this year, but Richard has contacted Sammie's and is looking at a few other ideas. The T-shirt design has been okayed.
 - Sue Watts will be heading up the volunteers with Site Directors meeting at the Holiday Inn-Financial Plaza on Thursday, June 3 at 6 PM to pick up their balls, snacks, etc.

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010
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