

**Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
Minutes - April 1, 2009**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Verzaal. Those in attendance include David Kimball, John Liles, Sue Allender, Bill Oliver, Dianne Mason, Nancy Liles, James Hunt, Phillip Campbell, Jeff Bennett, Jay Boyd, Elana Engleman and Stevie Schmidt.
2. A motion was made by James Hunt to waive the reading of the March minutes, Dianne Mason second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$31,388.73, of which \$2,464.02 is in the Play Tennis Bossier account.
4. Men's League Coordinator Bill Oliver reported all was going well, but teams are starting to default courts and are not contacting the other Captain or the host facility. Women's Coordinator Dianne Mason is also having the same problem. Captains need to speak with the other Team Captain ahead of time and to tell the host Captain so they may tell the tennis facility the amount of courts they will be needing - revenue is being lost due to this inconsideration. Jay Boyd suggested that maybe a meeting just for the Captains (in December) before scheduling takes place could be held and a few rules, suggestions, etc. could be presented.

Elana Engleman brought up the subject to duel surfaces and how the host Captain should not tell the other Captain what court is playing on what surface. David Kimball and Sue Allender both disagreed and are pretty sure that there is a rule pertaining to this, either locally or State. Richard Verzaal told them to find the rule to settle the confusion.

Senior play ends April 9 with State to be held in Baton Rouge on April 24 - 27. Congratulations to all the teams from Shreveport-Bossier that will be attending.

5. Richard reported that School Team Tennis is going well and that the Elementary School matches using the 36 foot courts are a big hit. The children are out there playing tennis!
6. Quickstart Coordinator Greg Hearn sent word that he had six students at his program (considering it was 36 with a windchill of 25).

Bill Phillips will be hosting a Quickstart workshop at Southern Trace on Monday, April 6 beginning at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

7. Bill Oliver reported that ten players showed up for the first session of Fun, Friends and Fitness at Querbes last week (again, it was the same day of 36 degree weather and wind). Bill said all the beginners were very sports oriented and were able to play out points with the foam balls for the final hour. The next session will be at North Bossier on April 4, followed by Southern Trace hosting on April 25.

8. The Junior Novice tournaments are in full gear. Elana had 13 players at the North Bossier tournament on March 21 and David Kimball will be hosting one at Southern Hills on April 4 - as of now, he is very low on entries (this week is Leap testing). The next Junior Novice will be held at Southern Trace of May 2.
9. The first CTA City Circuit tournament at POTC had to be cancelled due to lots and lots of rain. Stevie Schmidt asked about having the tournament on June 12 - 14. James Hunt might be having a Senior Sanctioned tournament that weekend, he will check and get back with Stevie. If not, it will have to be pushed back to the end of the season (September). We will send out notices as soon as a date is determined.

The next CTA City Circuit tournament will be held at East Ridge on April 17 - 19. Remember to have entries to Eddie Copete by Tuesday, April 14 with USTA numbers on the entry forms.

Richard Verzaal is still checking with our insurance company in regards to liability of serving beer at the tournaments. Jay Boyd is going to see about guidelines that could be given to the hosting Pro in regards to beer consumption.

10. The web page is looking better, John Liles mentioned it could be cleaned up a bit (pictures of Fun, Friends and Fitness from three years ago . . . etc.)
11. Bill Phillips mentioned to Richard about us hosting a Cardio Speciality Course for area Pros as part of their continuing education. The cost would \$300 and the date would be Friday, May 8th. The only problem is that is when the Southern Closed Tournament is played, and most of the area Pros will be with their students at this tournament. Maybe later on in the year.
12. James Hunt and the City of Shreveport Sports Extravaganza will be held on Friday, May 8 at Independence Stadium. James, who is heading up the tennis venue, will have a few courts set up on the North end zone along with different stations. Schools will be busing in the students (looking at about 1,000 or more). James will have a meeting before hand with anyone who wishes to volunteer. On Saturday, Cockrell Tennis Center will have an exhibition of different levels of play (singles, doubles, juniors, beginners, etc.). If you are interested in helping James by playing or volunteering, please contact him.
13. Jerry Robicheaux with the Senior Olympics asked if our CTA would assist in anyway for the tennis competition. Bill Oliver motioned that our CTA provide the tennis balls for the competition, Sue Allender second the motion, all were in favor. North Bossier will be hosting the Senior Olympics and Elana will present the CTA with a bill for the balls used.
14. David Kimball wanted everyone to know that the four courts at Southern Hills are done!!!! Any tennis player who would like to write to SPAR or the City of Shreveport to thank them for this improvement are urged to do so.
15. Phillip Campbell brought up the subject of the CTA purchasing a Defibrillator to have at the courts during a CTA sponsoring tournament. Richard Verzaal agreed

and went one step further about having a CPR training event for the area Pros and players. Sue Allender will ask local tennis player Amy Ardoin, who is certified to teach CPR, about teaching a program on CPR to us.

**NEXT MEETING MAY 6
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