

**Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association  
Minutes - August 5, 2009**

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Bill Oliver. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, James Hunt, Jay Boyd, Phillip Campbell, Elana Engleman and Karen Jantz.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the July minutes was made by Bill Oliver, James Hunt second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$43,970.68. This includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$2,464.02) and Southern Hills Friends (\$980.). John passed the numbers for the 2009 CDLM grant (budgeted versus actual), we definitely need to spend on marketing and programming. John is going to look into placing some of our money into CD's at the end of the year.
4. Mixed Coordinator Karen Jantz reported that all was going well in the mixed league. Our final numbers are 511 players in the Adult League (539 last year) and 153 players in the Senior Mixed League (up 42% from last years' number of 108).

A problem has been encountered by teams defaulting matches. A team defaulted a match in the second week of play. The coordinator was not notified until a few weeks later and this caused a change in the playoff draw. IT IS THE WINNING CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE COORDINATOR IN CASE A TEAM DEFAULTS TO THEM. This will be presented at the Captain's Meeting from now on and ruling 7.01H Competition Format in the 2009 USTA Shreveport-Bossier Regulations now reads:

7.01H(2)b Teams who forfeit an entire match will lose all previous courts won and all future courts they may win. If all teams in contention for Championships have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. The "captain" of the team winning any match by default shall notify the coordinator "within 24-hours" of the default. A team must play "2" courts for a match or it is a "team default".

Elana Engleman mentioned the problems she is encountering in regards to teams forfeiting a court and not notifying the facility that this court will be available. This is just a common courtesy that will AGAIN be stressed at ALL Captain's Meetings.

Jay Boyd brought up the subject in regards to warming up prior to a match. He encountered at Indoors that the host team was able to warm-up a half-hour before the start of the match. Jay's team was told the other team had reserved court time. This is also true at North Bossier, if teams want to warm up prior to a match they should inquire about court availability for their warm-up.

Karen also wanted to remind all players that if they have any questions or problems, PLEASE contact THE COORDINATOR of the league. They do have all updated information.

5. Karen Jantz also wanted to remind players that the Captain's Meeting for Combo (Adult and Senior) will be held Tuesday, August 11 at 6 P.M. at Eastridge Country Club. She has already sent all the previous Captain's the updated rules and regulations.

#### **Dates to remember: Adult Combo**

Team registration - August 11 - September 2.

Player Registration - August 11 - October 16

Play begins week of September 8 and ends October 30 (8 weeks)

#### **Senior Combo**

Team registration : August 11 - September 2

Player registration : August 11 - October 23

Play begins week of September 8 and ends by November 6 (9 weeks)

Southern Combo State Championships : Baton Rouge, November 13 - 16

Senior and Super Senior Combo Doubles : Monroe, November 20 - 23

6. Bill Oliver reported that Fun, Friends and Fitness will begin in the Fall and is looking for someone to head this program.
7. The Junior Novice tournament at Querbes had 28 players, again using the 60 foot courts. Southern Trace has cancelled their Junior Novice due to entry numbers. The next Junior Novice will be at Indoors on August 29, followed by East Ridge C.C. on September 12.

A Junior Grand Prix will be held at Querbes on August 14 - 16. Sign up on tennislink.

8. The CTA City Circuit at Southern Hills had 104 entries. The weather actually was rather nice. The next CTA City Circuit will be held at Querbes on August 28-30. Remember entry blanks are available on line, as are the Circuit Standings.
9. State Super Senior Tournament Chairperson Elana Engleman has enlisted the Holiday Inn - Bossier as the host hotel for the tournament (October 2 - 5). She

will contact Carrie Kimball about being the head referee (this has to be approved by the LTA), and hopefully North Bossier will have 12 soft courts ready for play, making the tournament at one location.

10. Jay Boyd mentioned that it would be nice to have a weekly notice sent out to everyone about tennis events for that week (tournaments, meetings, etc.). Sue Allender will try to remember to send out reminders for the monthly CTA meetings so we can entice more people to our action packed meetings!
11. Coordinator of the Flex League, Karen Jantz, will be sending out information about a Fall Flex League around October 1st (she would like to get Combo up and running first).
12. Bill Oliver brought up the subject of the coordinators for the different leagues and the amount of time and grieve that they give and receive (in that order). Karen Jantz did mention that she had a problem in Mixed and that this was the first grievance placed in nine years.

Since we do have the funds, Elana Engleman motioned that we increase the pay to the coordinator to \$3. per head and we make this retroactive from the beginning of the 2009 league play. James Hunt second the motion, all were in favor. John Liles will contact the different league coordinators in Shreveport-Bossier.

13. Speaking of funds, our CTA raised \$1,330 for the Presidents Box Fundraiser. Our congratulations to the following lucky winners :

1. Mike McCuire - Gave the winning ticket back to the CTA
2. Sherri Lillich - Racket (she will give Richard the string and he will bill CTA)
3. Debbie Greenway - USTA League Fees for 2010
4. Susan Torma - PRESIDENTS' BOX WINNER
5. Gretchen Boggs - CTA City Circuit entries for 2010
6. Scott Webb - Zydeco Kitchen gift certificate
7. Bob Lettow - Zydeco Kitchen gift certificate

14. Coming up on August 21 - 23, the Lady Demons Tennis Tournament fundraiser in Natchitoches, check our website for additional information.

**NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
POTC - NOON**