

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Verzaal. Those in attendance include Bill Oliver, John Liles, Sue Allender, Tommy Hoffer, Philip Campbell, Dianne Mason, James Hunt, Sue Watts, Jeff Smith, Elana Engleman, Karen Jantz, David and Carrie Kimball.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the June minutes was made by Sue Allender, Bill Oliver second the motion, all were in favor. It should be noted in regards to item #9 in the June minutes, that there was also a player at the Eastridge CTA Tournament that was not a USTA member. Richard Verzaal will get with Eddie Copete about this occurrence. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$38,815.11. This includes the accounts of Southern Hills Friends (\$980.) and Play Tennis Bossier (\$2,464.02). John mentioned we need to see what we are spending on our different programs through the CDLM grant. John, Phillip Campbell, Elana Engleman and Richard Verzaal will form a committee to oversee the spending allotment for the different programs.

John made a motion that the NWLACTA donate \$500 towards to National Intersectional 16's Tournament that will be held at POTC on July 12 - 16. Sue Allender second the motion, all were in favor.

4. USTA Adult Mixed League Coordinator, Karen Jantz, has all the mixed matches set. It was harder this year, since we have 13 Senior Teams competing for weekend playing times.

Our session of the Louisiana Adult State Tournament was profitable for us, making \$7,636.60. Our thanks to SPAR for providing lunches for the Saturday session. We still need to predetermine a better head count for the different facilities for lunch. Some of the sites were shorted, especially on Sunday.

Richard Verzaal motioned that we pay the Tournament Chairman \$500 for his/her work. All were in favor.

5. Bill Oliver reported that a Fall Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness will be held. Dates to be announced.
6. The Junior Novice Tournament at POTC took on a different look. Pro Stevie Schmidt and Bill Oliver turned the Junior Novice into a Quickstart Tournament with 60 foot courts. Twenty players competed as teams with two single courts and one double court. All enjoyed this experience.

The next Junior Novice tournament will be held at Querbes on July 11, followed by August 8 at Southern Trace.

7. James Hunt reported on the CTA tournament he held at Cockrell on June 26-28. He has "twenty new friends and two enemies". Again, Mother Nature ruled with her heat. James did ask about splitting the CTA tournaments in the Summer, having one weekend for Men's and Women's divisions and the second weekend for Mixed Doubles. Richard pointed out that he would look into this, but the calendar is already full.

The next CTA City Circuit Tournament will be held at Southern Hills on July 17 - 19, followed by Querbes on August 28-30.

8. Our CTA fundraiser is in full swing for the US Open Presidents Box tickets. Please sell/buy your tickets NOW. The drawing will be held at the Southern Hills CTA Tournament on Sunday, July 18 at Noon. You do not need to be present to win.
9. The Junior Open tournament at Southern Hills had 81 juniors competing.

David Kimball passed out information on a new network for junior tennis players. It is called www.mytennisnetwork.com, a free trial offer is available. Juniors can view and search tournaments, sign-up for e-mail tournament closing reminders, check ranking points, etc.

10. Still no word about hosting a level 3 event in Shreveport-Bossier.
11. PTR testing was held at Querbes on June 13 and 14. Five players participated.
12. Our CTA will again be sending a stipend of \$100 to the parents of each junior player who competed at Southern Closed. Richard will get the names and addresses to Sue Allender and John Liles.
13. Jeff Smith is working on starting tennis clubs at our colleges and universities in Louisiana. He is collecting names of tennis players who graduated from High School this year and are not planning on playing Varsity tennis in college. If you have someone you would like Jeff to contact, please call him at 318-741-5957.
14. Nominations were held for the 2009 Annual LTA Awards. Nominees from our area are:

Charles Turner Volunteer Service Award : Sue Watts

League Coordinators of the Year : Karen Jantz

Adult Tournament of the Year : St. Jude at POTC

Charity Event of the Year : St. Jude at POTC

CTA of the Year : Northwest Louisiana CTA

Educational Merit Award : Quickstart After School

(North Bossier Tennis Center)

Junior League Coordinator of the Year : Marie Kalmbach

Media Excellence Award : The Shreveport Times (Voices Bossier Section)

Member Organization of the Year : Play Tennis Bossier

Program of the Year : Junior Team Tennis

Provisional Official of the Year : Quinn Cummings

Special Tennis Event : Murphy Jenson Clinic at POTC

Team Tennis Event: Cancer Smash at Southern Trace

Tennis Professional : Grady Wilson

Beau Holton Tennis Official : Carrie Kimball

Mickey McNulty Family of the Year : The Dr. Carter Boyd Family

USTA Facility : Querbes Tennis Center

Nominations must be submitted to the LTA office by September 9th. Nomination forms may be filled out at their website.

**NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009
NOON - POTC**