

**Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
Minutes - March 4, 2009**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Verzaal. Those in attendance include Bill Oliver, Sue Allender, John Liles, Greg Hearn, Dianne Mason, Jay Boyd, James Hunt, Duncan Sherriff, Jeff Smith and Elana Engleman.
2. A motion was made by Bill Oliver to waive the reading of the February minutes, Dianne Mason second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$33,715.97, the Play Tennis Bossier account has a balance of \$2,464.02. The monies from the CDLM grant have been received, as has the rebates from league sign-up.
4. The Adult Leagues are up and playing. Senior Men's Coordinator John Liles said all was well, ditto Men's Coordinator Bill Oliver and ditto Senior, Night and Day Women's Coordinator Dianne Mason. Elana Engleman did bring up a situation that happened to one of her women's league matches. The matches had been in progress for an hour when they were told to move to other courts so a men's league match could begin. Matches may only be moved due to weather and the ladies should not have been asked to move.
5. Flex League Coordinator Karen Jantz will begin having sign-up sheets and posters available at all tennis facilities. She plans to start the Spring Flex League around April 15.
6. Richard Verzaal has about 190 players signed up for the School Team Tennis league. The beginners will use the 60 foot court with transition balls. The only complaints have been from parents that play tennis and are not aware of the Quickstart method. Once it is explained to them, the parents are receptive to the new method. Richard has been using clay courts and scratching a line in the clay to make the 60 feet mark.

Jeff Smith was at a PTR Symposium, where Mike Farrell from G.B. spoke about Quickstart and the movement aspects of playing on a smaller court.

Richard did mention that Southern will begin using the 60 foot court for the 10 and Unders beginning in 2010 or 2011.

7. Greg Hearn (Quickstart Coordinator) and Bill Oliver (Fun, Friends and Fitness Coordinator) joined forces in advertising with a frontpage sticker in the Shreveport Times Newspapers promoting both programs (sign-up, dates, etc.). The response was great and plan to run another ad on March 13.

Bill has already secured prizes for the 'Hit For Prizes' portion of the initial Fun, Friends and Fitness to be held at Querbes on March 28 beginning at 10 AM to Noon.

8. The next Junior Novice Tournament will be held at North Bossier Tennis Center on March 21. Duncan Sherriff reported about 15 players at his Junior Novice at

Stone Bridge Country Club, and thought they had about the same number at East Ridge.

9. Bill Oliver is in talks with someone about being our news media / special events coordinator.
10. James Hunt wanted everyone to know about the Northwest Louisiana District Senior Olympics that will be going on in Shreveport-Bossier. Entry blanks will be available at all tennis facilities and all seniors are urged to sign-up and participate.
11. The first tournament of the CTA City Circuit will be hosted by POTC on March 13 - 15. Bill Oliver has contacted G and G Distributors in regards to the beer. The liability of our CTA was again discussed in regards to offering beer at the tournaments. Richard Verzaal talked with Eagle Insurance (our coverage company), and the USTA in regards to liability and beer and no one had a definite answer. We do need to post a sign at the kegs in regards to being over 21 and limiting your beer consumption. We also discussed having drink tickets, wearing a colored bracelet, etc. but that would require someone stationed at the kegs.

Bill has the bag tags to be given out to all the players (in lieu of T-shirts), they are very nice and should be well received.

12. Richard Verzaal and Bill Oliver reported on their trip to Hilton Head for the CTA Workshop. It was an excellent opportunity to network with other CTA's and anyone in the tennis industry. Both were very impressed with a program on "Crowd Control for Children" which Richard was able to use at the Elementary School Team Tennis Jamboree (it works!). Most CTA's have 18 - 20 people on their boards and some meet two to three times a month. Another program that was of interest was involving volunteers and where to place them. Both left the workshop feeling pretty good about our own CTA.
13. Amy is busy cleaning up our web page and things are looking pretty good. If you have any information you want to share, please send it to Richard so he can get the information to Amy.
14. For those of you who were not aware, Birmingham, AL will be hosting the first tie of the Davis Cup for the USA vs. Switzerland. It will air on Tennis Channel, and a large contingent from Shreveport-Bossier will be there.
15. James Hunt reported on some changes for the City of Shreveport Sport Event to be held May 8 and 9. Channel 3 will be filming tennis players, so if anyone is interested in participating, please contact James, and the Friday events has been moved from the Boardwalk to Independence Stadium.
16. East Ridge Country Club will be hosting a Sanctioned Senior Clay Court tournament on March 27 - 29. If you are interested in playing, please contact Eddie Copete.

17. Tennis player Norman Moore lost his wife suddenly and an account at the Ringgold Bank has been set up for his children. Bill Oliver motioned that our CTA send \$100 to this account, Sue Allender second the motion, all were in favor. We also send our sympathy to Norman and his girls.
18. Elana Engleman wanted everyone to know that the Bossier City Commission has approved to add 4 more clay courts and a two story Pro shop/office to the North Bossier Tennis complex.
19. Our thanks to East Ridge Country Club and Ricky Rogers for opening their doors to us and enabling us to hold our CTA meetings while POTC was under construction. Next month (April 1) we will be back at POTC and ALL are welcome - this is not an April Fools Joke !!!!!

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
POTC - NOON