

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – January 3, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Gay Greer, David Kimball, Bill Oliver, James Hunt, Richard Verzaal, Joe Thomas, Sue Allender, John Liles, Elana Engleman, Grady Wilson, Terri Bianca, John Thomas and Stevie Schmidt.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the December minutes was made by Bill Oliver, Jay Boyd seconds the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported the year ending balance as follows : 10 and Under Grant money (Red River Bank) - \$24,229.54; NWLACTA account (Capital One Bank) - \$64,906.85 (this includes the Play Tennis Bossier account of \$1,964.89 and the Friends of Southern Hills account of \$1,344.00).
4. Jay Boyd reported on the 2012 Planning meeting held in December. A key point was the addition of a second Vice-President position. Half of the committees will be under one vice-president and the other half under the other vice-president. Since the Executive Board will become a six person unit the immediate past president will become a non-voting position (unless someone on the board abstains their vote). All were in favor of this change, no oppose, and so passed.
5. The committees will also see some changes. Richard Verzaal will head the Marketing Committee; Joe Thomas the Adult Tennis Committee; John Thomas, the Junior Tennis Committee; Bob Patterson will take over as our key person overseeing the 10 and under grant and the High School Committee will be absorbed into the Junior Tennis Committee. Jay asks that all committee chairs confirm their members and advise Jay of any changes. The subject of fundraising was brought up in the planning meeting and at this meeting. Richard will place this under marketing and get with his committee to present some ideas for next months' meeting.
6. Bill Oliver reported that dates for tournaments in 2012 are on our website (PDF file at the bottom of the page). The CTA City Circuit will begin at POTC on March 9th. Players will register via tennislink. The hosting pro will register their tournament on tennislink at a cost of \$103 (\$60 of this fee will be refunded by the LTA). So that every tournament has uniform rules, Richard will set up the NWLaCTA City Circuit on TDM. Pros are again asked to budget \$3 per head for food and the CTA will again sponsor the pizza on Friday night.
7. New on the tournament calendar this year are two fundraiser tournaments for the 10 and Under program. North Bossier Tennis Center will host the first tournament on June 22 and East Ridge Country Club will host a Fall tournament on November 2. Please remember that this is the future of tennis that we are raising funds for.

8. Gay Greer, our 10 and Under Coordinator reported that a Play Day for 10 and Under will be held at Querbes on January 21 from Noon – 2 P.M. She was also pleased to announce that the USTA has extended the FREE membership for 10 and Under participants through 2012. Bill Phillips will be presenting a 10 and Under “refresher” course for teachers on January 6 at the Randall T. Moore Center. Teachers from the FDDOC schools and their subs are urged to attend. Gay will also be meeting with the Junior Tennis Committee about dates for Play Days, Carnivals, etc. and will get these dates on the calendar
9. We still need a webmaster to replace Beck Berry. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jay Boyd.
10. The CTDW workshop will be held in New Orleans on January 13 – 15. Jay Boyd, Gay Greer, Richard Verzaal and John Liles will be attending.
11. The CTA Workshop and Junior Team Tennis Workshop for the LTA will be held in Lafayette on February 10 – 11. To date John Thomas will be attending representing the NWLaCTA.
12. Women’s Coordinator, Terri Bianca, and Men’s Coordinator, Bill Oliver, wanted to remind everyone who is planning on playing Adult League and Senior Adult League tennis this spring that the Captains Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10 at East Ridge Country Club beginning at 6:30. Senior captains are asked to be there at 6 so they may decide their days of play. Due to the BCS championship, the last day to register a team has been moved to January 17. Please plan to have a representative at this meeting since rules and regulations will be discussed.
13. Jay Boyd brought up the changes in league play for 2013...the biggest change will be in Mixed League, having just two divisions: 18 & Up and 40 & Up. Already some of the senior players have voiced their opinions (and rightly so) about not playing.
14. Richard Verzaal is looking for dates for area Junior players to play against one another. Maybe each club sending their best boy and girl player to play against other club players, in the same realm as CTC. If interested, please contact Richard.
15. The 2012 Officials class will be held Saturday, February 18 at POTC beginning at 8 A.M. If interested in becoming an official, please contact John Liles. Test are available on line at the USTA web site.

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2012
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