

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – September 5, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Elana Engleman. Those in attendance include James Hunt, Ken Jantz, Bill Oliver, Sue Allender, Dan Beedle, Richard Verzaal, Eddie Copete, David Kimball, Bonnie Cox, Sue Watts, Terri Bianca and Shelly Naisbitt.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the August minutes was made by David Kimball. Bill Oliver second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles was at the U.S. Open, but did send the balance as of August 31, 2012 of \$102,855.50. This does include the 10 and Under Grant monies and the Play Tennis Bossier and Friends of Southern Hills accounts.
4. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her report:
 - a. On fundraising, she has submitted a \$10K grant request to the Beaird Foundation.
 - b. In the FDDOC Elementary School after school tennis program, Mooretown and Sunset schools are still being fund by FDDOC. Creswell and Stoner Elementary will be funded by our CTA. These schools will meet for five Saturdays beginning September 29 and ending on October 27 at Querbes from 1:30 – 3. Shelly has obtained 80 free passes to the Louisiana State Fair and will hand them out to the children attending the last session. Shelly is also going to contact the State Fair about setting up some nets to promote 10 and Under tennis at the Fairgrounds. As always, volunteers are needed on Saturdays and are always appreciated.
 - c. Junior Team Tennis will be held at two elementary schools in Bossier City this year, Legacy and W.T. Lewis. Tennis courts will be painted at Legacy Elementary in Bossier on Friday at 3:30. Again paint brush volunteers are welcomed.
 - d. Shelly will be taking over the NWLaCTA Newsletter. If you have anything you would like posted, please have your articles to Shelly by Wednesday @ noon for Sunday's newsletter.
5. Our new 10 and Under Coordinator Robby Lockwood was unable to attend the meeting, but Bonnie Cox gave his report. Robby met with Richard Verzaal and will be talking to the other area Pros to come up their goal of new 10 and Under players for the year (maybe 300). If you have any questions concerning the 10 and Under program, or would like to volunteer, please contact Robby at rvtiger@gmail.com .
 - a. Robby is working on a 10 and Under face book page for the players and parents.
 - b. Worldwide Play Days have been scheduled at the following tennis facilities: 9/8 – Cockrell Tennis Center at 1 P.M.; 9/22 – Bossier Tennis at 1 P.M. and Southern Hills at 1 P.M.; and 9/29 at Querbes Tennis Center at 1 P.M.

- c. A Red Ball Rally will be held at North Bossier Tennis Complex on September 14. This will held raise funds for tennis equipment in Bossier Schools.
 - d. The Butch Staples 10 and Under Clinic will be held September 28 at Christus Schumpert Tennis bubble beginning at 1 P.M. For additional information, please contact Bill Phillips.
- 6. Marketing Committee head Richard Verzaal reported that he met with his group and in regards to sponsorship. Who have we received money from and have we given our sponsors what they want or do we need to do more.
 - a. An awards banquet is still in the plans. Bob Patterson is going to check with Ricky Rogers at Eastridge Country Club to see what dates are available in January.
 - b. Marketing is going to see about forming a partnership with another affiliation or group, such as Rock Solid. Where they can help us with volunteering and we can do the same for them by introducing tennis to their members.
- 7. Combo Coordinator Karen Jantz sent word that we had 76 teams sign up for the Adult and Senior Combo League, the same number as last year. Adult League Combo began last night, while Senior Combo will begin September 16.
 - a. The Adult State Mixed Championship was cancelled due to the hurricane, be has been rescheduled for September 21 (the same date as Senior Mixed State in Slidell).
 - b. Conversation was about putting in a bid to hold Mixed State in Shreveport-Bossier. Twice the championships have had to be rescheduled due to hurricanes.
 - c. Karen also wanted to let everyone know that the Fall Flex League sign up is open until September 25th. Play begins October 1st. If interested you may register at www.ustaflex.com .
- 8. The Fall Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness will begin September 29 at Querbes at 10 A.M. Shelly will have sign up sheets and flyers out to all the tennis facilities. If you have any questions, or know anyone adult who would like to learn to play tennis, please contact Shelly or check out our webpage www.nwlacta.com .
- 9. The CTA City Circuit tournament for September will be held at Querbes instead of Southern Trace. A small draw is expected due to heat, school, football, etc. Sue Allender did point out that the numbers have been down slightly from last year, we do have more lower level players signing up then the 8.0 and Open levels. Next year we may cut back on the number of tournaments in the circuit simply because we do have LOTS of tennis being played in the Shreveport/Bossier area.
 - a. The Masters will be hosted by Southern Hills on October 20. Please check your e mail and the standings to see if you are eligible and available to compete.
- 10. The Super Senior State Tournament is right around the corner. Play will begin October 5 through the 7th. On Friday, Eastridge, Querbes and North Bossier clay courts will be used. Saturday and Sunday only North Bossier

and Querbes clay courts will be in action. We will be in need of site directors and other volunteers. If interested, please contact Elana Engleman or Sue Watts.

11. Our web master Gordy Ward was unable to attend the meeting but did send the following note:
 - a. Newsletter: As mentioned earlier, Shelly has taken over the NWLaCTA Newsletter and is doing a great job. One of the things that Constant Contact can do is archive the newsletter into a web page; it will look almost like the email but in a web page format. The cost is an additional \$5 per month.
 - b. League Scheduling: Last year there was a problem between league schedulers and the Pro's on the use of the courts. Gordy has come up with a proposed scheduling form that will help eliminate the problem.
 - c. Web Page: Gordy sent to the board about a month ago about changing to the USTA web interface. He feels that the USTA web page is more professional looking and likely easier to work with. He suggests that we have a few board members that have some web page experience meet and look at our options.

12. The annual LTA Award nominations are due October 1, 2012. Just a reminder to everyoneanyone may nominate. Just go to the LTA webpage (www.louisianatennis.com) and click on the LTA award. Forms may be mailed, faxed or send electronically. To date these are our nominations :
 - a. Charles Turner Volunteer Service Award : Bonnie Cox
 - b. League Coordinator : Terri Bianca
 - c. Adult Tournament : 2nd Session of Adult State
 - d. Charity Event : St. Jude Charity Tennis Tournament
 - e. Community Tennis Association : NWLaCTA
 - f. Educational Merit : Rhonda Rubben
 - g. Junior Tennis Tournament: Red River Shoot-out
 - h. Member Organization : Southern Trace Country Club
 - i. Program of the Year : FDDOC
 - j. Special Tennis Event: 10 and Under / CTA Fundraiser (North Bossier) and Adopt A Unit/10 and Under (Southern Trace C.C.)
 - k. Team Tennis Event : Super Senior State
 - l. Tennis Professional : Eddie Copete

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012
Noon – Eastridge Country Club