

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – April 4, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Ruth Rowland, Bill Oliver, John Liles, Sue Allender, Shelly Naisbitt, Grady Wilson, Richard Verzaal, Jeff Smith, David Kimball, Sue Watts, Elana Engleman, Bonnie Cox, Eddie Copete and Terri Bianca.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the March minutes was made by Richard Verzaal, Sue Watts second the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a March ending balance of \$101,550.37. This includes the Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under Grant (\$32,755.16), and the Bank One account (\$68,795.21) which includes Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,591) and Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89).
4. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt has had an active month. The Pie a Pro fundraiser for the 10 and Under Program has so far generated over \$100 (Elana Engleman is leading over Richard Verzaal in the monies raised). The silent auction will be held at the East Ridge CTA on April 15, as well as the Pie Throwing.
 - a. Shelly is still awaiting results from the Rotary Club Grant application and is working with Whataburger for sponsorships.
 - b. The three FDDOC Saturdays in March was a huge success, with each Saturday bringing more children to the courts. The final Saturday (March 24) had 54 children arrive along with their parents (almost 10 times the number of parents compared to the first class). Each child left with a brand new racquet and t-shirt. The painting of tennis court lines at the schools is slowly being finished. Mooretown has been done and Shelly is looking into times to get into the other schools (Friday morning seems to be the best time).
 - c. The spring session of Fun, Friends and Fitness is in full swing. Twenty-five new players have signed up. Classes will be held April 7 at Querbes, April 14 at North Bossier and April 21 at StoneBridge.
 - d. Free 10 and Under USTA new membership flyers have been distributed at all the tennis facilities and many of the schools. The membership is good for 12 months from when you sign up and renewals will receive a free t-shirt. Shelly wants to send a letter to all the players and parents about renewing their membership with the USTA. Richard suggested creating a pathway model for the 10 and Under parents (where do they go from 10 and Under...).
 - e. A map of the major tennis facilities has been made, information include the address and telephone number of each facility. This will be very helpful for visiting players coming to our tournaments.
 - f. The Barksdale Air Force Base Air Show will be held April 21 and 22 and along with this will be Smash Zone. Shelly is still looking for a few volunteers for Sunday. If interested she will send you a link for back round checks. Business cards will be handed out at Smash Zone for free tennis on April 28 at North Bossier and Querbes. Ages 10 and

under from 1pm – 2pm, Youth 11 – 16 will be from 2pm – 3pm and Adults will receive a free lesson from 3pm – 4pm.

- g. The NWLaCTA has adopted a non-discriminatory statement as of March 22, 2012. It reads as follows “ The NWLaCTA does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.”.
 - h. Shelly is working with James Hunt at Cockrell with Special Olympians beginning April 7 from 4 – 5. This program will run for 6 weeks and volunteers are welcome and needed.
5. Jay Boyd reported that Gay Greer has resigned as the 10 and Under Coordinator, but we are pleased to have Ruth Rowland fill her shoes. Ruth just arrived from Savannah and is a member of the PTR. She started tennis programs in Alaska where her husband was stationed and is excited working with the 10 and Under program.
 6. Flex League Coordinator, Karen Jantz, has sent word that the Spring Flex League Singles sign-up is open. If you are interested, please go to www.ustaflex.com. Karen, who is also the Mixed Doubles Coordinator, wanted everyone to know that Mixed Doubles Season is right around the corner. The Captains meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10 at East Ridge Country Club at 6 P.M. Registration for Adult and Senior Teams will be open beginning May 3 until the 24th. A minimum of 3 men and 3 women need to be signed up. Play will begin June 4. The designated nights of play are Monday (2.5, 8.0), Tuesday (6.0, 9.0), Thursday (7.0) and Seniors will be Saturdays and Sundays.
 7. John Liles will be down in Lake Charles for Senior State on April 20 – 22. He is still in need of a few senior 3.0 ladies to play for a local league.
 8. Men’s Coordinator Bill Oliver reported that the regular Adult League is winding down. The last day to play matches is May 8th.
 9. The Bossier CTA Fundraiser and Kids Day was a great success even though the weathermen had us planning for a washout. Elana Engleman reported having 197 players brave the storms that never really happened until Sunday. Some matches still need to be played and points will count towards the Masters. As far as the fundraiser for the 10 and Under program, Elana said we made about \$6,800 and this does not include the silent auction or the Pie the Pro contest. As reported earlier, the silent auction and Pie the Pro will be completed at the East Ridge CTA on April 15. A great job and many thanks to everyone who helped that weekend.
 10. Reminder to all that the next NWLaCTA City Circuit will be held at East Ridge on April 13 – 15 and then at Querbes May 4 – 5. So mark your calendars.
 11. Jeff Smith with the USTA School Programs wanted to introduce a new USTA initiative for schools to have a kids tennis club. The USTA Southern will match dollar for dollar for school tennis expenses. The schools need to be an USTA Organizational member (\$35) and the PE teachers could

incorporate tennis into their curriculum with a five to eight week program. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Smith.

12. Querbes will be hosting a PTR Training class for 10 and Under certification on April 15 and 16. The cost of the class, membership to the PTR and certification is \$145. It was proposed by Richard Verzaal that the NWLaCTA pick up the cost of the training along with a ten hour commitment of teaching/volunteering in 2012, for anyone in our CTA area who takes this class. Bill Oliver second the motion, all were in favor. So passed.
13. John Liles and Richard are working with CenturyLink Center to have Davis Cup come the Shreveport/Bossier in 2013.
14. Again a reminder that the NWLaCTA and Shreveport/Bossier will be hosting the second session of the Adult State Tournament on May 25 – 27 (Memorial Day weekend). We will be needing volunteers, hint.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 2, 2012
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