

**Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association**  
***"To Promote and Develop Tennis in Northwest Louisiana"***  
**Minutes – August 7, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, Sue Watts, Phillip Campbell, Shelly Naisbitt, Elana Engleman, Bonnie Cox, Dan Beedle, Tammie Harris, Bob Patterson, and Terri Bianca.
2. Before we began the meeting, Jay Boyd offered a moment of silence in remembrance of a great friend to all of us, our tennis community and tennis in general, Bill Oliver.
3. A motion to waive the reading of the July minutes was made by Elana Engleman, Sue Watts second the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles gave his bank balance report for July. The 10 and Under grant account in the Red River Bank has a balance of \$48,786.75. This does include the account of North Bossier Tennis Center 10 and Under (\$1,145.00). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$85,689.46. This includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,964.89) and outstanding checks that total \$1,162.00.
5. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her report for July:
  - a. Our fundraising efforts have slowed down. We have raised only \$8,785 of our goal of \$30,000.
  - b. Our numbers have not been too bad in the Junior Novice Tournaments this summer. Querbes Tennis Center had 16 entries, North Bossier had 15. The next Junior Novice Tournament will be held at East Ridge Country Club on September 6.
  - c. Four Play Days were held in July (one for the Bossier Sign Up Day at the Civic Center and three for the Volunteers of America at Southern Hills). Three Play Days are already scheduled in August (Volunteer of America Play Day at Southern Hills, Mansfield Elementary School and a Junior Novice at North Bossier Tennis Center). We need five more scheduled Play Days to reach our goal of 33 for 2013.
  - d. Worldwide Play Day in conjunction with Nickelodeon Television Network is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at Southern Hills Tennis Center from 10 to 12. Worldwide Play Days are also scheduled for Bellaire and Legacy Elementary Schools on Wednesday, September 11.
  - e. FDDOC will start in schools (Sunset Acres and Mooretown Elementary Schools) on Tuesday, September 3. They will have four Play Days at Querbes Tennis Center on 10/5, 10/12, 10/26, and 11/2.
  - f. Beginning August 1, each Junior Team Tennis coordinator, coach, captain, manager, co-captain MUST undergo new background screening. Go to [www.usta.com/safeplay](http://www.usta.com/safeplay) to complete.
  - g. Shelly wanted to remind everyone that on the four Saturdays in October, James Hunt will be having tennis for Special Olympians at

Cockrell from 4 to 5 p.m. Please come out and play with these special athletes.

- h. A "Free" PTR 10 and Under certificate workshop will be held in New Orleans on September 14 – 15. See Shelly for further details.
  - i. Shelly wanted to alert all the ladies in Shreveport-Bossier that for SALT this year, subs must be members and teams will have an additional two weeks to add players. Phillip Campbell asked about SALT (Shreveport Area Ladies Tennis) going to the 3<sup>rd</sup> set tiebreaker as in USTA League play. His facility does have court availability issues. It was determined that each facility has a club representative on the SALT board and the rep should bring this issue up at the next meeting (August 27).
  - j. We are also looking for someone to take over Fun, Friends and Fitness beginning with the Fall session. Shelly already has her plate pretty full, but will help get the new coordinator started. The sessions last five Saturdays for 1-1/2 hours each. If you know anyone, or if you are interested, please contact either Jay or Shelly.
6. The hunt for our 10 and Under Coordinator position is still on. Bonnie Cox will help get ads out and resumes in. Jay did mention that the mid-year report was due to National for the 10 and Under program. Because we have not spent all the monies allocated for this year, Jay would like a verbal commitment to carry the funds over to next year's budget.
7. Jay reported for our Combo Coordinator Karen Jantz that team registration will be open from August 1 to August 27<sup>th</sup>. Play will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Days of play are as follows: Monday – 18+ 5.5 and 8.5, 40+ 6.5; Tuesday – 18+ 6.5 and 9.5, 40+ 7.5; Thursday – 18+ 5.0 and 7.5, 40+ 5.5 and 8.5; Saturday/Sunday 55+ all levels.
8. Karen Jantz is also our Mixed League Coordinator and did send word that the numbers are down from last year (679 this year, down 55 players from 2012). Our congratulations to the following winners that will be attending State either in Mandeville or Lake Charles : 18+ level – 5.0 Michelle Perkins, Capt., 6.0 Krystal Atkins, Capt., 7.0 Tammie Harris Capt. or Eric Zimmer Capt. (determine on August 15), 8.0 Danny Roemer Capt., 9.0 Diane Cord Capt; the 40+ level – 6.0 Elana Engleman Capt., 7.0 Tammie Harris Capt. or Carmen Wall Capt. (to be determined August 24), 8.0 Bill Kostelka Capt., 9.0 Suzie Morrison Capt.; the 55+ level – 7.0 Bonnie Cox Capt., and 8.0 Mark Kalbacher Capt.
9. Tammie Harris, our Tri-level coordinator had 130 more players compete this year than last year. State will be held in Baton Rouge on August 16 – 18. Next year she would like to start play for the Tri-Level league in May instead of June.
10. Fall Flex League registration is open from August 1 to September 15. Tammie Harris is our coordinator and said that play will begin September 15<sup>th</sup> and run until December 1<sup>st</sup>. For additional information, please contact Tammie.
11. Our Adult League Coordinators for 2014 will be Bob Patterson (Men's) and Tammie Harris (Women's). Our outgoing coordinator, Terri Bianca, will help them as much as possible. Terri did mention that our numbers combined for

the adult leagues did increase by 13% for women and 5% for men. Again, we thank Terri for all her work and know Bob and Tammie will be ready for the 2014 season.

12. Shreveport-Bossier will be hosting a 70 plus invitational tournament on October 4 – 6. We are looking at about 100 players and will be using the North Bossier Tennis Complex (thanks Elana). We will also be hosting the 18 and Up Combo State Tournament in Shreveport-Bossier on November 8 – 11. This is a LARGE tournament so courts will be needed all around the city. We will be needing help from the entire tennis community.
13. The LTA contacted us about changing the dates for the session of the Adult State Tournament that runs over Memorial Day. Jay contacted Freddie Bailey with the LTA and told him that we would be interested in hosting this tournament on June 13 – 16, 2014, which is two weeks later than previously. The LTA received numerous concerns over it conflicting with Memorial Day, summer camps and Junior Qualifying.
14. Reminder to all that the LTA nominations are due September 18. Nomination forms are available on line at the LTA website [www.louisianatennis.com](http://www.louisianatennis.com) . Please take the time to go over the categories and nominate someone/event/facility from Northwest Louisiana.
15. Elana Engleman reported on the meeting she held in regards to rebranding/marketing our CTA City Circuit. Those in attendance included Bill Kostelka, Bob Lettow, Dewey Burchett and David Kimball. Below are suggestions from the meeting:
  - a. Move the tournament dates to the winter months, September to January;
  - b. Have specialty tournaments, such as 55+ or 40+, mixed, combo teams, etc. Have each tennis facility have a different format for their tournament;
  - c. Play music during the tournament. Loosening everyone up.
  - d. Take a few hours off in the middle of the day for a lunch that ALL may enjoy. Have a Hit for Prizes or Fast Serve contest;
  - e. Present crystal trophies to the winners of the Masters;
  - f. Bring the beer back into the tournaments in Shreveport.
16. A reminder that on October 19 at Cockrell Tennis Center, James Hunt will be hosting a Wounded Warrior tennis demonstration. All are invited to attend.
17. A Junior Grand Prix will be held at Querbes Tennis Center on September 20 – 22. This is a great tournament for your Junior Novice players.
18. The CTDW will be held in Denver this year from October 31 to November 3. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jay Boyd. This is a great learning experience and grants are available.

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2013  
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**