

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"

Minutes – August 6, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order by President Kaye Cochran. Those in attendance include Tammie Harris, Sharon and Jay Boyd, Sue Watts, John Liles, Bob Patterson, Sue Allender, Phillip Campbell, James Hunt, Eddie Copete, Jennifer West (SALT representative), Bonnie Cox, Shelly Naisbitt, Becky Berry and Bianca Schulz.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the July minutes was made by John Liles, Bob Patterson second the motion. The minutes stand as written. Sue Allender did mention that we had fourteen junior players in the NWLaCTA region participate in the Southern Closed Tournament and we, as a CTA, sent each players parent a \$100 stipend in appreciation of all their hard work. Congratulations to all of our junior players.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported on the balances as of July 31, 2014. The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies has a balance of \$50,942.60. This does include the accounts of NBT10U (\$73.34) and FDDOC (\$792.33). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$78,166.89. This includes the accounts of Team LA (\$50) and PTB (\$1,964.89).
4. Vice-President Bob Patterson handed out posters to all the tennis facility representatives in regards to the hiring of a Community Coordinator for our CTA. He also sent a thank you to Rhonda Ruben with the FDDOC for the wonderful donation of tennis equipment that was given to our CTA.
5. Past President Jay Boyd is still working with Southern and National (Bill Phillips) in regards to the funds we have available from our 10 and Under grant. Jay is putting together an expense list from last year for 10 and Under. FYI every sections membership numbers are down from last year.
6. League Coordinator Tammie Harris gave an update on the Mixed League participant numbers. The Mixed 18 and up have 539 players, 40 and Up have 745 players and other (55 and up/65 and up) have 138 players. She was not sure of the numbers from last year (we will contact Mixed League Coordinator Karen Jantz for the numbers). Tammie did say that we were up for our Tri-level league, 366 for 2014 compared to 162 in 2013. The state tournament for Tri-level will be held in Baton Rouge on August 15 – 16. Excellent job.
7. The subject of the 10 and Under Coordinator was brought to the table. Bob Patterson would like to nominate David Kimball for the post. John Liles second the nomination, all were in favor. David and the executive committee will meet and finalize his expectations, who he will report to, etc. Also, if this position can be combined with the Junior Team Tennis Coordinator. Jay Boyd, Kaye and Bill Phillips will meet next week to finalize job description.
8. The Tennis Apprentice program at North Bossier is in full swing. Elana Engleman had 17 participants in the 5 week program. The program will segway into 'Sets in the City' for the Fall. Liz LaBorde with the LTA is in charge of these adult programs. Kaye

is going to check with Liz to see about having these adult programs at each of our tennis facilities. Information of Tennis Apprentice and Sets in the City needs to be sent to all of our tennis facilities.

9. Our next State Tournament in Shreveport-Bossier will be the 70 and Up Adult League on October 3 – 5. The 55 and Up Combo Tournament site still needs to be determined for November 14 – 16 (in previous years Monroe has been the wonderful host).
10. Jennifer West with SALT said she would love to volunteer her talents with our website. Becky Berry will be more than happy to get with Jennifer. So if anyone has any information they would like to post, check out our site and Becky and Jennifer will tell you who to send it to.
11. John Liles mentioned that the annual CTA workshop will be held in Atlanta November 6 – 9. President Kaye Cochran will be attending.
12. Volunteer Coordinator Sue Watts presented a mockup of a form she would like to send out in regards to recruiting new volunteers and in establishing a data base of the volunteers that we already have.
13. The SBCS (CTA City Circuit) was brought up. Elana Engleman was unable to attend this meeting but did send word that her committee is looking to have two Fall tournaments and two Spring tournaments. It was brought up that due to a full tennis calendar that maybe we have one or two large tournaments. Becky Berry asked if she could get the name of the winners of The Masters so she can put them on our website. The Pros will meet after the Fall SALT luncheon (December 9) to go over the calendar for 2015.
14. The LTA Awards are just around the corner. Nominating Committee chairman, Phillip Campbell, asked that everyone start getting their nominations together. For information on the awards, please check the LTA website.
15. Our CTA is looking to hold a Player Appreciation Party in January 2015 at East Ridge Country Club. We may incorporate a mixer with the party. Kaye will have further information next month.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014
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