

**Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association**  
***"To Promote and Develop Tennis in Northwest Louisiana"***  
**Minutes – December 4, 2013**

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Elana Engleman. Those in attendance include: Bob Patterson, John Liles, Sue Allender, Bonnie Cox, Bianca Schultz, Kaye Cochran, Greg Owens, Shelly Naisbitt, Tammie Harris, Eddie Copete, Grady Wilson, Dan Beedle, David Kimble, and Phillip Campbell.
- 2) A motion to waive the reading of the November minutes was made by Eddie Copete, Dan Beedle second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
- 3) Treasurer John Liles gave his report. The Red River Bank account has a balance of \$48,225.41. This includes the 10 and Under Grant monies and the North Bossier Tennis Center 10 and under account (\$1,334.00). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$84,739.72. This includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,964.89). John gave the financial statement for the 2013 18 and Up Adult Combo State Tournament that was held here in November. We had 64 teams (542 players) compete and after expenses our CTA made \$5,416.70. Our thanks to everyone who helped, especially to all the volunteers.
- 4) We are still in need of a 10 and Under Coordinator. If you are interested or know someone, please contact Bonnie Cox.
- 5) Community Coordinator, Shelly Naisbitt, reported on the November updates.
  - a. In Junior Team Tennis an 18 and Under Tournament will be held in Baton Rouge on January 10 – 12, 2014. We need 3 male and 3 female players to form a team. If you are interested, please contact Shelly.
  - b. A free Play Day Sunday will be held Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 at North Bossier for the 10 and Under.
  - c. We do need a head count for the 10 and Under Training that will be held at North Bossier on Saturday, December 14 from 12:30 to 4:30. This is open to all players, teachers, and parents and is FREE.
  - d. Shelly was able to FINALLY get a story into the Shreveport Times Newspaper about our local State Champions (Tuesday, December 3, page 9S). A TV segment will also be shown on KSLA at 10 PM on Sunday, December 8. Well done!!!!
  - e. A National fundraiser and tennis awareness event will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014. One court will play tennis for 12 hours. Information is available at [www.tennisrelay.org](http://www.tennisrelay.org) and if you are interested in participating, please contact Shelly.
  - f. A Player Appreciation Party will be held at East Ridge Country Club on Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 6:30- 8:30. Free food and one free drink for the attendees. Prizes will be given out along with information on becoming a league captain and other presentations. Shelly said the cost will be \$30 per person if 250 people attend. David Kimble

motioned that we agree to host the party. John Lies 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. So passed.

- g. Junior Team Tennis and the Spring session of Fun, Friends and Fitness are just around the corner. Shelly will be contacting the appropriate parties sometime this month.
- 6) Adult League Coordinators, Tammie Harris and Bob Patterson, reported that the Captains Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12 at North Bossier at 6 P.M. Drawing for prizes (10) will be held at the meeting.
  - a. The Pros will be meeting on Tuesday, December 10 after the SALT luncheon to work out the 2014 tournament schedule. At this time we are still waiting for the State/Sectional Tournament dates, but they should be finalized by the Captains Meeting.
  - b. Captains will be getting their league fees paid (minus Tennislink costs). The coordinators will give the captains information to John Liles and he will reimburse the players.
  - c. Flex League ends December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) John Liles reported that the CDLM Grant is now called the CGPG (Community Growth and Participation Grant). Grant money is allocated by the numbers taking in the three previous years. Our numbers are not only for Shreveport/Bossier, but also Natchitoches and areas in Northern Louisiana. This year our numbers fell short of the 6% growth needed in USTA memberships and the 10% growth in leagues. To help with these numbers, we need to encourage High School Tennis teams and College Teams to join the USTA.
- 8) Elana Engleman made a motion to nominate Kaye Cochran as the new NWLaCTA President. John Liles second the motion. All were in favor. So passed. The NWLaCTA Executive Board for 2014 is as follows:

President: Kaye Cochran  
Vice-President: Bob Patterson  
Treasurer: John Liles  
Secretary: Sue Allender  
Immediate Past President: Jay Boyd

Kaye stated that she will continue to bring us together and that our tennis community will keep getting better and moving forward. She cares deeply for the sport of tennis and our community. Congratulations!

- 9) Elana gave a brief report on the CTDW meeting that was held in Denver. All it encompassed was the 10 and Under programs. Nothing was reported on league play, adult tennis or the new 40 and Up division. There is talk about reformatting Junior Team Tennis so the children can have more play time (maybe go to circuit training/stations). Kaye Cochran did mention that the Caddo and Bossier Parish school systems are increasing their nutrition awareness. We still need to partner with other community businesses and wellness centers.
- 10) The re-branding of the CTA City Circuit is coming along:

- a. There will be a limit of five tournaments. An additional three tournaments will be for seniors only (50 and up). These will be held on separate weekends.
- b. Eight teams will be invited to participate in the Masters finals. Points will be awarded to individual players, but each player MUST play in at least 2 tournaments. If you play with multiply partners at the end of the season you will pick who your partner (if they qualify) will be.
- c. Private hosting clubs may serve beer. The food will stay the same.
- d. A Saturday Night Social will be offered. The CTA will contribute \$10 per person up to \$1,000 (including gratuity).
- e. The entry fee will be \$30 for the first event and \$20 for the second event.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 8, 2014  
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**

**ALL ARE INVITED AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL**