

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – February 1, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Elana Engleman, John Liles, Sue Allender, David Kimball, Phillip Campbell, Bill Oliver, Grady Wilson, Joe Thomas, Eddie Copete, Bob Patterson, Angela Neal, Dede Plette, James Hunt, Richard Verzaal, Terrie Bianca and Sue Watts.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the January minutes was made by David Kimball, Bill Oliver second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$91,048.84. This includes the NWLaCTA account with Capital One Bank (\$62,977.80), the 10 and Under Grant account with Red River Bank (\$28,071.04), Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,591.00) and Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89). John also mentioned that the 1099 has been completed.
4. The Spring Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness have been scheduled. Entry blanks are available on our website. The first class will be held on March 17 at Querbes from 10 AM until Noon. The cost of the session for 12 hours of instruction is still only \$25. Again, we will be offering the referral stipend of \$25 from the NWLaCTA. This program is for beginner adults 19 and older.
5. 10 and Under Coordinator, Gay Greer, sent her report to our meeting. Bill Phillips presented a workshop for 10 and under tennis on January 6th. Lillie Kirkendoll is the new instructor for the afternoon program at Southern Hills. Lillie shadowed Elana Engleman for the first week and she is replacing Gordon Traylor. Play Days have been scheduled for Southern Hills on February 18 and May 12 from 2 – 3:30, Cockrell on March 31 and in April at Querbes, date TBA. A Play Day was held for the FDDOC children and their parents on January 21 at Querbes. Over 60 children attended. Junior Team Tennis for the FDDOC children will begin on February 25 and run for five consecutive Saturdays at Querbes. Donnie Bickham and Riverside has started tennis programs. They join Queensborough, Herndon, Caddo Heights, Turner, South Highlands and Keithville with tennis programs. Schools will be hosting field days in May, and Gay is going to check into bringing a tennis activity into their schedule. Lines are still needed to be painted at some of the schools. Bonnie Cox, along with her husband Alan and Danny Martin were able to paint two courts at Stoner Elementary. Volunteers are being sought!
6. Adult Tennis committee chairmen, Joe Thomas, reported that the first CTA City Circuit tournament will be held at North Bossier on March 9 – 11 as a fundraiser for the 10 and Under tennis program. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards this program. Elana has also scheduled a 10 and Under Festival for Saturday, March 10 from 1 – 4 p.m. Sue Watts will help get some volunteers for the festival and Elana already has two sponsors for the fundraiser. A silent auction will also be held. To date,

Elana, David Kimball, Eddie Copete, Grady Wilson, Richard Verzaal have donated one hour private lessons.

7. Women's USTA League Coordinator, Terri Bianca, has 32 teams signed up for Adult League play and 18 (up from 12) Senior teams. Men's League Coordinator, Bill Oliver, did not have his numbers yet, but did note that the 3.0 numbers are down. Both coordinators are going to check to make sure the CTA City Circuit tournaments do not conflict with league play. Jay Boyd did report that in 2014 Southern will include a 65 and Up age bracket for play. This was relayed during a conversation at the CTDW in New Orleans. Additional details will be sought. Remember that in 2013 the USTA is restructuring league play with 18 and over, 40 and over and 55 and over. With the addition of another level of play, we will need additional court time. Bill and Terri both suggested having the 2013 Captains Meeting in December of this year and begin the season in January 2013.
8. Richard Verzaal reported that he has spoken with the people at Smash Zone about bringing this event to Shreveport-Bossier. He has contact Barksdale Air Force Base to see if this could be held the same time as the annual air show (April 21 and 22). This event is for children that have never been exposed to tennis and is designed for large groups. The USTA has been working with the Nickelodeon Channel and will not be broadcasting for the entire day on March 5th, so children will go outside and hopefully play tennis.
9. The LTA CTA and Junior Team Tennis Workshops will be held in Lafayette on February 11 and 12.
10. The Officials Class, for new and returning tennis officials, will be held on February 25 beginning at 8 AM. Please note that we have changed the location to North Bossier Tennis Center. This does not cost anything and you do not need to be an experienced tennis player. If you are interested, please contact John Liles. You must take the open book test prior to attending.
11. Jay wanted to remind everyone that we need to be actively recruiting new volunteers and committee members. We are still in need of a webmaster and a 10 and Under Key Contact person. Also, Jay asks all the committees to decide what their goals will be for 2012, and any budget that you may need.
12. Reminder to all that the Jamboree for Junior Team Tennis will be held February 14 (Elementary Schools) and February 15 (Middle School players) at Querbes. If you know a child who has not signed up, it is not too late. Contact Richard at Querbes for additional information.
13. The Second Session of the Adult State Tournament will be held in Shreveport-Bossier on May 25 – 28. Richard will be the Tournament Chairman. The Hilton will be the host hotel. Since we will be unable to use the POTC courts, we need to come up with nine more hard courts. Richard is going to check with Todd Killen in regards to the 6 courts at Centenary College. It is not too early to begin planning.

14. John Liles is going to contact the people at the CenturyLink Center in regards to hosting a David Cup Tie. Since arena football and hockey are no longer held at the center, this should free up some dates.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**