

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
“To Promote and Develop Tennis in Northwest Louisiana”
Minutes – July 2, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order by President Kaye Cochran. Those in attendance include Bob Patterson, Sue Allender, John Liles, Grady Wilson, James Hunt, Jay Boyd, Phillip Campbell, Karen Jantz, Becky Berry, Elana Engleman, Dan Beedle and our special guest’s councilmen Ron Webb and Jeff Everson.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the June minutes was made by Bob Patterson, Phillip Campbell second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave the balances of the following accounts: In the Red River Bank account (10 and under grant monies) we have a balance of \$51,942.60. This also includes the accounts of Bossier Tennis Center 10 and under (\$73.34) and FDDOC (\$792.33). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$72,161.80 and includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Team Louisiana (\$50).
 - a. The numbers are in for the Adult 18 and Up State Tournament that we hosted. After expenses our estimated net income is \$2,554.35. The economic impact for Shreveport/Bossier should be close to ½ million. Adult Coordinator, Bob Patterson, did mention that two of our local teams won at this tournament and will be heading to sectionals. Congratulations to the 3.5 and 4.0 Men’s teams.
 - b. The SBCS series has ended for the season. The Bill Oliver Memorial/Fundraiser was the largest tournament in the series with 144 entries. Elana Engleman said she would get with her committee in regards to this year’s series, what worked, what didn’t and report to us next month. John Liles motioned that we move the SBCS to the Fall months beginning in September. Jay Boyd seconds the motion. All were in favor. Elana will look at the calendar (especially LSU football games) to see what weekends are available.
4. John Liles also passed out the 2014 USTA League participation numbers as of July 2, 2014. The Adult 18 and Over total was 540 players; Adult 40 and Up, 351 players; Adult 55 and Up, 179 players; Adult 65 and Up, 32 players; Mixed 18 and Over, 519 players; Mixed 40 and Over, 199 players; Mixed Other, 118 players; Tri-Level 18 and Over, 257 players; Tri-Level 40 and Over, 69 players; Tri-Level 55 and Over, 39 players. Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz, did allow that teams may still add players, so those numbers are not set in stone and that we are already up by 166 players from last year’s numbers.
5. Our guest, Councilman Ron Webb, from the Southern Hills area told our group that bids are out for the re-surfacing of the Southern Hills tennis courts and they should hear something within 30 days. We did impress Mr. Webb and Councilman Jeff Everson from District 8, how important it is that our city tennis courts be in great shape. Not just for our local player, but also for our ability to secure bids to hold state tournaments in Shreveport-Bossier. Remember that it takes longer to drive North to Shreveport than it does to drive South to Baton Rouge or Mandeville/Covington. Karen Jantz, who is the Coach of the Byrd High School Tennis Team, said she had 55 players on her team last year and it was difficult to find practice courts for her team. We asked the councilmen to keep us informed about the bond monies for the repairs to the city tennis courts (Querbes, Southern Hills and Cockrell) and if they need any tennis players to be at a meeting to just give us a time and place.
6. Jay Boyd reported that we do have access to \$43,000 in grant monies from the 10 and Under Grant that was not used last year, but it will need to be earmarked for marketing. Again, we are still in need of a 10 and Under Coordinator, please ask your

friends and fellow tennis players if they are interested. If so, please contact Jay or Kaye.

- a. Jay mentioned that he sent Willie Paz in Natchitoches the information for 10 and Under lines for his courts.
7. Fun, Friends and Fitness Coordinator, Connie Bodenheimer, was out of town, but has the Summer Session up and running. The Summer Session began June 21 at Querbes, followed by Saturday lessons/play at POTC (6/28), Southern Hills (7/5), TBD (7/12), and Querbes (7/19). Remember you can still join the fun and the cost is only \$45 (includes a USTA membership!).
8. Elana Engleman has Tennis Apprentice up and running at North Bossier Tennis Complex. She has 12 players registered so far for the LTA program. This program will feed into 'Sets in the City' this Fall and may be hosted by any public tennis facility.
9. Becky Berry is kindly helping out with our webpage. If you have any information, please contact her at becky.berry@shreveportla.gov
10. John Liles wanted to remind everyone that the National Intersectional 16's will be in Shreveport July 5 – 9. Play will be held at POTC, Querbes and East Ridge.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014
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