

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Elana Engleman. Those in attendance include Shelly Naisbitt, James Hunt, Sue Allender, Phillip Campbell, Eddie Copete, Bob Patterson, Tammie Harris, David Kimball, Dan Beedle and Dakota Meshell.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the August minutes was made by Bob Patterson. James Hunt seconds the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles was unable to attend but did forward the ending balances for August. The Red River Bank account (10 and under grant monies) has a balance of \$52,473.77. This does include the North Bossier Ten and Under account (\$2,002.02). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$81,601.10. This includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$ 1,064.89).
4. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her report for the month of August:
 - a. New NWLaCTA banners are being ordered. Eddie Copete with East Ridge Country Club would like one, as would Southern Trace and North Bossier Tennis Complex. Shelly will get 10 and see if she can get a price cut. As of now, the cost will be \$110. each.
 - b. Congratulations to two teams that won at Mixed State. The 55 and Up 8.0 Mixed team (Mark Kohlbacher, Capt.) and the 18 and up 7.0 team (Tammie Harris, Capt.).
 - c. If you want anything put on our website and/or newsletter and/or face book, please email Shelly at dsnaisbitt@yahoo.com.
 - d. 10 and Under tennis –
 - i. Three play days were held in August – Bellaire Elementary, Legacy Elementary and Southern Trace Country Club. Pro Phillip Campbell wanted to commend Shelly and Bill Phillips on the great job they did at the 10 and Under carnival held at Southern Trace. Around 32 children participated.
 - ii. A Junior Novice tournament is scheduled for September 7 at East Ridge Country Club.
 - iii. Worldwide Play Days are scheduled for Sept. 14 at Southern Hills and Sept. 28 at North Bossier.
 - e. Four Bossier elementary schools received matching equipment grants: Legacy, Bellaire, Benton and WT Lewis.
 - f. Junior Team Tennis will have five leagues this Fall: Legacy, WT Lewis, Bellaire, FDDOC and a High School league that will meet at Southern Hills on Sundays at 3 PM beginning Sept. 29 for four weeks.
 - g. Fun, Friends and Fitness will start again on Sept. 28 at 10 AM at Querbes Tennis Center. For \$45 you will receive five (5) 90 minute lessons from five different Pros at 5 different facilities and an USTA Membership. Note: We are still looking for someone to take over F F & F from Shelly. If interested, please contact Jay Boyd.

- h. Reminder to all that nominations for LTA Awards are due Sept. 18. Nomination blanks are available on the LTA website.
5. Tammie Harris, Tri-Level Coordinator, reported that Sectionals will be held in September. Tammie is also in charge of the Flex League. Fall Flex League registration will be open until September 15. So far, forty-three players have sign up.
6. Combo Coordinator Karen Jantz, sent word that 76 teams have registered. She would like feedback about the scheduling conflicts she has encountered. With only 8 weeks to play in the season, playing anymore than twice is tough for some of the divisions (not to mention rain outs). We may need to look into playing on Wednesdays or move the season up, which could overlap Mixed.
7. State Tournaments:
 - a. The 70 and Up tournament on October 4 – 6 will be held at North Bossier Tennis Complex. Tournament Chairman Elana Engelmann has everything on go.
 - b. The 18 and Up Combo State Tournament will be held November 8 – 11. We need to know how many courts each facility will be able to offer. Southern Trace asks that their courts serve as a back-up in case of weather. Hard and soft courts will be needed. Todd Killen has an ATLAS Tournament scheduled for the same weekend at POTC so he will not be able to reserve any courts for us. The Tournament Chairman will be Elana Engleman; Tournament Referee will be David Kimball. Elana asks that each tennis facility have a sign up sheet for volunteers for their club.
8. Reminder that the CTDW will be held in Denver on October 31 – November 3. Candidates (an active board member in 2014) who wish to attend may apply for scholarships. If interested, please contact Jay Boyd.
9. The next CTA City Circuit tournament will be held at Cockrell on September 7-8. James Hunt just has one division that has made (Men's 8.0). James also suggested about the cost of \$100 per hosting facility (or Pro) to put the CTA City Circuit tournament on Tennislink. David Kimball motioned that our CTA pay for this cost in the future. James Hunt seconds the motion. All were in favor. David also suggested that one person input the data for the CTA tournaments in Tennislink at the beginning of the season.
10. Speaking of the CTA tournaments, Elana revisiting some of the recommendations for revamping our city circuit:
 - a. Move the tournaments to the Fall/Winter. The first will be held on November 1 – 3. Dan Beedle will check with Richard Verzaal about the availability of Querbes Tennis Center. (The only problem is that this is the weekend right before Combo State). Other dates will be December 13 – 15 (North Bossier) and January 17 – 19 (Southern Hills).
 - b. Starting in November, instead of awarding team points, the point systems will be for individuals. This will encourage players to play even if their regular partner cannot play.

- c. Make the tournaments more social again with music. We will look into getting a music system for our CTA. This could also be used for Fun, Friends and Fitness and 10 and Under events. Shelly said our storage unit has plenty of space to keep it. See about availability of beer and better food.
 - d. Have a couple of theme tournaments including a 55 and up, etc.
11. James Hunt will be hosting (along with SPAR and Scott Wells of Wounded Warriors/Independence Regained) a Paralympics Sports Club at Cockrell on October 19 from 9 – 4. The Paralympics Experience is for youth, adults and military veterans with disabilities, as well as, educators and therapists. Admission is FREE (if you sign up by October 8) and lunch will be provided. All are invited and if you know anyone who is in a wheelchair who would like to participate in tennis and/or hand cycling, please contact James so he can get a head count for lunch.

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2013
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