

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – May 2, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Eddie Copete, Bill Oliver, Phillip Campbell, David Kimball, James Hunt, John Liles, Joe Thomas, Ruth Rowland, Sue Allender, Shelly Naisbitt, Grady Wilson, Elana Engleman, Sue Watts and John Thompson.
2. Sue Allender had a correction in the April minutes. Item #12 should read "Querbes will be hosting a PTR Training class for 10 and Under certification on April 15 and 16. The cost of the class is \$120. Membership to the PTR is required and along with certification costs \$145 (over and above the class cost). It was proposed by Richard Verzaal that the NWLaCTA pick up the cost of the training (\$120) with a ten hour commitment of teaching/volunteering (10 and Under CTA approved programs) in 2012, for anyone in our CTA area who takes this class. Bill Oliver seconded the motion, all were in favor. So passed. ". James Hunt motioned that we approve the corrected minutes and waive the reading, David Kimball seconded, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as corrected.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance \$108,052.76 as of May 1, 2012. This includes the accounts in the Red River Bank of \$38,093.14 (10 and Under Grant) and \$69,959.53 in the Capital One account, which includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,591.).
4. Ruth Rowland, our 10 and Under Coordinator, will be leaving our CTA. Her husbands' work has relocated to San Antonio and we will miss her greatly. She was able to find a storage unit for all the 10 and Under supplies which are currently at Querbes. The 10 by 10 unit is located at Shreve City Storage right off Clyde Fant Parkway. The cost of the unit is \$72 a month if paid in advance. Shelves will need to be put in and John Liles has a file cabinet that he will donate. Jay Boyd motioned that we rent this unit, Bill Oliver seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt will be in charge of the sign out sheet for the supplies until a new 10 and Under Coordinator is found.
 - a. Banners for our sponsors (Red Mango, Simple Church, Home Federal, All State and Red River Chevrolet, to date) will be placed at all of our tournaments and 10 and Under functions.
 - b. Ruth would like to see more information on our website for the 10 and Under, such as what is coming up at each of the clubs and maybe have an interclub 10 and Under competition during the summer.
 - c. P.E. teachers need to be contacted this month to see if they will be having a summer school enrichment program and if tennis could be added to this program.
 - d. Also, would like to see about having a 10 and Under workshop in August, mostly for the parent's involvement.

5. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her report. On the 10 and Under fundraising, Elana Engleman raised \$129 from the Pie-A-Pro contest and with the silent auction items (\$520) we have raised \$1,160 to date. We did not receive the Rotary Club Grant, but Whataburger is giving us \$250 to hand out coupons at each of the CTA City Circuit tournaments.
 - a. Valerie Quarles and Shelly has been busy with the Spring Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness. Twenty nine people have signed up, with 2 repeats from last session. Valerie will be unable to assist us in the future, so if anyone would like to help, please contact Shelly.
 - b. The Air Show/Smash Zone held April 21 and 22 at Barksdale Air Base could have been better. Signage was needed to direct the children to the tennis Smash Zone. Many children and adults did not realize that Smash Zone had anything to do with tennis. The location of the event was with all the other children events. Staffing was a problem, our volunteers were great. Shelly did hand out 3,000 free tennis lesson cards for Querbes and North Bossier; only 17 people took advantage of the free lesson.
 - c. On March 27 Shelly was able to paint two courts at Sunset Acres Elementary School.
 - d. Upcoming events include :
 - i. Special Olympians playing tennis at Cockrell on Saturdays
 - ii. CTA City Circuit at North Bossier June 8 – 10
 - iii. Junior Novice Tournament June 16 at POTC
 - iv. Junior USTA Tournament June 29th at Southern Hills
6. The PTR Certification for 10 and Under was a great success. Bill Oliver was very impressed with the instructor Steve Keller. Eight people from our CTA took advantage of the class; they include Richard Verzaal, Scott Lumpkin, Bill Oliver, Jay Boyd, Ruth Rowland, Kim Harper, Joe Ley and Willie Paas.
7. James Hunt wanted everyone to know that "Super Man" Blunt was coming to town. He will be at Independence Stadium, Wednesday, May 9. James will have two tennis courts lined on the field and Bonnie Cox will supply the players. Area schools will be sending their children for this field day and it will be a great way to introduce 10 and Under tennis to a large number of children.
8. We are pleased to welcome Gordy Ward as our interim Web Master. If anyone has any information they would like to have posted on the web, you can contact Gordy at gordon@ward.org. Things that need to be updated are the officer's page (Sue Allender will get the new information to Gordy). Area Pros are asked to check the accuracy on their pages, addresses, telephone numbers, etc. The USTA League Rules need to be updated from 2011 to 2012. Becky Berry and Sue Allender will continue to update the CTA City Circuit standings. All hosting Pros are asked to complete the draw on Tennislink and any changes in playing partners, please contact Sue or Becky. As Ruth mentioned earlier, we need to have events listed on the web for 10 and Under players and parents. Again, our thanks to Gordy for helping us.

9. Adult Committee Chairman Joe Thomas met with his committee. Those in attendance include Gordy Ward, Terri Bianca, Elana Engleman, Tom Guanella, Joe Thomas, Jay Boyd and Rebecca Mire.
 - a. The first topic involved the rescheduling of matches by Captains. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that "Matches may be re-scheduled for cause with the agreement of both Captains and with the permission of the League Coordinator for the new scheduled date. Penalty clause: Teams not following the re-scheduled date will result in forfeiture of one court for both teams if both Captains are responsible for not playing on re-scheduled date."
 - b. The second topic is late registration of teams. The Adult Tennis Committee made the following proposal, "Late registration for USTA league play will result in a one (1) court penalty for the first match played."
 - c. The final topic was weather related cancellations. "The facility Pro is responsible for weather related cancellations. However, in the absence of the Pro, it is suggested that the Pro authorize a qualified person from their staff to act on their behalf regarding cancellations due to weather."
 - d. The Adult Committee also recommends the following: "The Board of Directors of the CTA declares a resolution to Southern Section to have a bracket above age 55 and over for Mixed play. It is felt that the new schedule will eliminate many players from participation."
 Note: Jay Boyd followed up with Southern section and was advised that even though it was not listed in the recent Southern Magazine, there would be a Southern Section Champion for this bracket, just not National.
10. A session of Adult State will be held in Bossier-Shreveport on May 25 – 28. The Tournament Chairman will be David Kimball, John Liles will be the Referee. Check In will be held at North Bossier on Thursday, May 24. David is checking with Centenary College about the use of their hard courts. David will also get with Sue Watts in regards to volunteers. Good luck to everyone from our area at State.
11. Elana also wanted to remind everyone that flyers for the Senior Olympics are at all the tennis facilities.
12. The 2012 USTA Adult/Senior Mixed Doubles League is ready for you to sign-up. Play begins June 4. Registration is open from May 3 – 24. For additional information, please contact Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz at kkjantz50@aol.com.
13. We will be conducting a raffle to benefit the CTA. Details are :

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Two tickets to the USTA President's Box at the 2012 U.S. Open in New York on
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1. Invitations for two (2) for one day session during the first day of the U.S. Open
2. Seating in the USTA President's Courtside Box

3. Lunch in the USTA President's Dining Room
4. Hospitality in the USTA President's Suite during the session
5. Access to courtside seating in Louis Armstrong Stadium
6. Access to all other courts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
7. Access to U.S. Open bus transportation from the Grand Hyatt New York.

2nd Prize :

Paid entry fees for one (1) player for all the NWLaCTA City Circuit Tournaments in 2013 (max. \$360)

3rd Prize :

Paid league fees for one (1) player for all USTA leagues in 2013 (max. \$300)

4th Prize :

Racquet of your choice (max. \$200)

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012
EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - NOON**