

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – October 5, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Elana Engleman, Bill Oliver, Bill Phillips, John Liles, Sue Allender, Jay Boyd, Stevie Schmidt, Gay Greer, Richard Verzaal, Bob Patterson, James Hunt, Beth Edens, Sue Watts, Becky Berry and Terri Bianca.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the September minutes was made by Sue Watts, Terri Bianca seconds the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of as of 9/30/11 of \$65,919.95. Again, this does include the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier and Friends of Southern Hills.
4. Jay Boyd reported that all area courts on his list have been lined for 10 and Under. Elana Engleman asked if the courts at Shed Road and Patricia Park in Bossier City could be lined. Natchitoches has five courts that need to be lined. The courts at Cockrell will be lined after they are re-surfaced. Jay also asked about courts being lined at area schools (in the parking lot) for schools that have a 10 and under program. Bill Phillips suggested that we could do the school courts ourselves. All requests need to go to Gay Greer (10 and under coordinator) with a copy sent to Jay Boyd.
5. 10 and under coordinator, Gay Greer, gave her report.
 - a. Play Days were held at Southern Hills on September 24th (3 children) and Cockrell on October 1st (21 children). Each child was charged \$5 each for the 2 hour event, half going to the NWLaCTA and half to the host site. Additional Play Days are being planned in Shreveport and Bossier. The goal is to have 2 Play Days a month through December 2011. Bossier has a Team Tennis Day scheduled for October 29th and an upcoming Jamboree for new schools to the Bossier Tennis Program.
 - b. The Caddo Parish School Board sponsored a Back to School Celebration funded by Title I on September 23rd at Turner. Equipment was borrowed from Cockrell and set up in the auxiliary gym where students of all ages played tennis while their parents attended a workshop. Information about 10 and Under Tennis was included in each of the parent packets.
 - c. Gay has visited some of the after school programs and plans to get around to the rest during the next few weeks as well as revisit the others. Danny Martin and Nancy Bushnell Harper have expressed interest in substituting at the sites as needed. Gay is also speaking to a few more individuals.
 - d. Gay has been busy networking with several different schools and individuals about starting tennis clubs at their location. Turner is getting the necessary equipment to get their children playing tennis within the P.E. classes and the most interested students for club tennis. Ms. Arceneaux at Queensborough Elementary has contact Jay

- in regards to starting tennis at her school. Gay met with Jimmy Windham, CPSB P.E. Supervisor, on October 4th and is supportive about bringing additional tennis into the schools.
- e. A Face Book page for teens is in the works regarding tennis opportunities. If anyone is interested in helping Gay with any of the 10 and Under projects, please contact her at greer@sta.usta.com or at (318) 518-7878.
6. We want to thank the Marketing Committee for the great commercial that ran during the U.S. Open. We are getting positive feedback and hope to see the results on the courts.
 7. Community Coordinator, Valerie Quarles, was unable to attend but did send the following information:
 - a. The first class of the Fall Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness will be held at Querbes on October 8 at 10. So far 20 people have signed up. New this year is that a person can only be referred once to the program to receive the stipend. Val has sent the new policies, lesson plans and facility responsibilities to all the hosting Pros. She will be at each site with a hard copy for the Pro prior to class. The schedule after Querbes is as follows: Bossier Tennis Center (10/15), East Ridge (10/22), Southern Hills (10/29), Cockrell (11/5) and POTC (11/12).
 - b. The Fall League of Junior Team Tennis is ready to begin. Thirty players have signed up and will be put into three divisions, 8 and Under; 9 and 10 year olds; and 11 and over. Players will be put into two large groups each week and play as teams. Players will receive individual points since each week you may be on a different team and play with someone different.
 - c. The yard signs that Karen Jantz handed out to everyone for the Flex League sign-up was a big hit. Everyone agreed each facility should have a yard sign for the NWLaCTA with interchangeable information below (ie: Fun, Friends, Fitness; Junior Team Tennis; Adult League and Flex League Sign-up dates, etc.).
 8. Becky Berry and Bob Patterson are looking to update our web page. They have gotten a few quotes on the cost. Richard Verzaal gave them a few contacts on the web that might help.
 9. The Adult Leagues for 2012 are just around the corner. Coordinators Bills Oliver and Terri Bianca made the motion that "The Adult USTA Leagues have set nights for play in 2012. No matches may begin prior to 6 P.M... The night of play for each division will be determined by the Coordinators. The Senior Adult League will play on the weekends and will set their own schedule". Elana Engleman seconds the motion, all were in favor, and the motion stands as written.
 10. Flex League Coordinator Karen Jantz was unable to attend, but did send word that we have about 70 players signed up for the Fall Flex League, the number is down just a bit from last year.
 11. The Junior Novice Tournament for this month will be held at Indoors.

12. The State Super Senior tournament will be held at North Bossier on October 7 – 10, with additional courts at Querbes. All play will be held on clay courts. Just to remind host sites, for 1 – 10 courts you will need 1 Site Director and 1 Volunteer, for 11 – 20 courts you will need 1 Site Director and 2 Volunteers.
13. John Liles wanted to remind everyone the CDLM Grant is due November 1. Also, John will NOT be organizing the Officials Meeting this January, so someone needs to schedule it, please. He also noted, and we all concur, that we did drop the ball in regards to the LTA awards. Next year, the Nominating Committee (Phillip Campbell, David Kimball and Danny Martin) will be in charge of nominating our area for the annual LTA awards.
14. Questions have been raised about the USTA League restructuring to take place in 2013. Sue Allender looked into this and this is what she found :
 - a. The new structure is for the 2013 National Championships (only): The Adult Division will be broken down into 18 and Over (2-singles, 3-doubles for 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 / 1-single and 2-doubles 2.5 and 5.0), 40 and Over (2-singles, 3-doubles for 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5), 55 and Over (3-doubles). State and Sectional competition will be available for 65 and Over, again with 3-double courts.
15. Vice-President Jay Boyd stated that we do need to work on our committees and especially a business plan for 2012.

**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 2
NOON – POTC
ALL ARE WELCOME**