

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – May 4, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include Grady Wilson, Kaye Cochran, Mike Correal, Mary Ellen Jayroe, Cindy Sweatt, David Kimball, Phillip Campbell, John Liles, Bonnie Cox, Elana Engleman, Sue Allender, Willie Paz, Robert Verzaal and guest Angela Pfanner (Katy Built Tournament).
2. A motion was made to waive the reading of the April minutes by Bob Patterson, Grady Wilson second the motion. Secretary Sue Allender did note that there were two mistakes; the monthly CTA meeting will be held NEXT month at POTC not this month and that the 55+ Adult State Tournament dates were April 15 – 17, not April 22 – 24. All were in favor of the changes and with these changes the minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave his report. The 10 and Under grant monies account at Red River Bank has a balance of \$50,465.61. This does include the account of FDDOC (\$91.43). The general account at Capital One Bank has a balance of \$89,699.68. This does include the accounts Loveserves (\$150) and Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his report from the past month:
 - a. Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz was unable to attend the meeting but did send word that the Captain's Meeting for the upcoming mixed season will be held Thursday, May 5 at 6 P.M. at East Ridge Country Club. League play will begin in June.
 - b. The 55+ Adult State Tournament that was held in Shreveport/Bossier on April 15 – 17 turned out great. Many thanks to Tournament Director Richard Verzaal and all the area Pros and local volunteers who made it a success. The 3.0 Women's team from Shreveport/Bossier was victorious and will be heading to Sectionals in September in Asheville, NC.
 - c. The Love Serves Tournament has been cancelled. The Junior Diabetes Tournament has been re-scheduled to November 12. Postponed due to rain is the Southern Trace Member/Guest (Mint Julep Tournament) and they hope to re-schedule in June. Bob asked Southern Trace Head Pro, Phillip Campbell, about the clay courts that had been under water. Southern Trace CC has decided that they will re-furbish the clay courts.
 - d. Bob introduced our guest, Angele Pfanner. She is with the Katy Built Tournament to be held at North Bossier Tennis Complex on May 20-22. This is the 2nd year for the tournament and money raised from the tournament goes to building houses in memory of the three Airline High School girls who were killed in an automobile accident. As of this meeting 13 teams had signed up and over \$6,700 in business sponsorships. Bob motioned the NWLaCTA

donate \$250 to the tournament, John Liles second the motion, all were in favor.

5. Grady Wilson reported on the Junior National Tournament bids for 2017. POTC has again secured the National 16 Intersectional Tournament (even though Mobile Tennis Center also had a bid on it). We did receive a Level 3 (18's – Boys/hard courts, Girls/clay courts).
6. In LTA news, Bob did report that we have two local players on the Louisiana Patrons Board, Vanessa Holman and Jerry Montgomery.
7. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, has been busy with the Southern Hills and Cockrell neighborhoods. With the help of Southern Hills Pro David Kimball, eight schools have been targeted in those areas to go in and teach tennis. This will be tied in with the 10 and Under program. As of this meeting, 11 children from Southern Hills and 14 from Cockrell have signed up for the 4 week program. A great job getting children interested in tennis from these areas.
8. Adult Coordinator, Tammie Harris, was unable to attend the meeting but did send the participation numbers for this year:

	Women	Men
18+	373 (2016) 361 (2015)	225 (2016) 244 (2015)
40+	282 (2016) 261 (2015)	141 (2016) 105 (2015)
55+	127 (2016) 118 (2015)	65 (2016) 75 (2015)

Total Adult League numbers for 2016 is 1,256, an increase of 58 players.

Tri-level has the following registered as of this meeting for the 2016 Summer Session:

	Women	Men
18+	107	7
40+	31	0
55+	21	0

A total of 166 thus far, way down from 2015 (337) but players can still register.

9. We are sad to be losing one of our main teaching Pros and a major friend of our CTA. North Bossier Head Pro, Elana Engleman, will be moving her tennis rackets to southeast Houston, her last day being May 31st. She hopes to be able to have all her employees stay and keep up the facility while they are searching for a replacement. John Liles said he would meet with the Bossier Mayor and discuss this. We wish Elana all the happiness and well wishes with her new job and she will be missed by our tennis community.
10. Cindy Sweatt gave us our Eddie Copete update. His pneumonia is gone and his counts are up. Things are still looking good. Please keep Eddie in your thoughts.
11. Tennis Apprentice is finishing up at Querbes, with another session getting ready to begin. Robert Verzaal reported that he has had to limit the sessions to 32 players. A Step Up League is in the works, and players are only allowed to repeat Tennis Apprentice once before they have to move up to Step Up. Natchitoches Pro, Willie Paz, had a great group for Tennis Apprentice. The highlight at the after party was having a representative from the LTA attend. It really made the players feel honored.

12. The first One Day CTA Tournament will be held at Querbes on Saturday, May 28. Robert said they are ready and will see about entry forms.
13. Marketing Committee Chairmen, Mike Correal, said the yard signs are working, as noted by the numbers at Southern Hills and Cockrell. He also mentioned that a new YMCA is being built adjacent to Clyde Fant Parkway off of Knight Street. Even though they will not have tennis courts, we do need to make sure they are aware of the tennis programs that are offered.
14. With High School graduations around the corner, a few of our junior players will be attending Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. We may want to look into the Tennis on Campus program for the Tech students.
15. FDDOC will be sponsoring tennis lessons for the Broadmore area at Querbes Tennis Center. Robert said that an eight week program will be offered this summer. John Liles asked Sue Allender to check into our CTA being recognized as a NJTL program since we are back working with FDDOC.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY JUNE 1ST
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