

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – July 6, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include Phillip Campbell, John Liles, Sue Allender, Willie Paz, Grady Wilson, Jay Boyd, Karen Jantz, Robert Verzaal, Kaye Cochran, and Angela Pfanner.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the June minutes was made by Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd second the motion. Secretary Sue Allender did note a correction to the minutes, in Item 6, it was recorded that Jay Boyd was a co-coordinator with Angela Pfanner for the 10 and Under program. This is incorrect, he is an advisor. With this change the minutes stand as corrected.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave his report on the bank balances. At the Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies, we have a balance of \$50,095.61. This does include the FDDOC account of \$91.43. The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$95,988.16 and includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,637.80) and Serve Love (\$425.00).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his report from the previous month:
 - a. Tri-level coordinator Tammie Harris sent word that the last day to complete matches for Tri-level is July 28.
 - b. The 18+ State Tournament that Shreveport-Bossier hosted on June 17 – 19 went smoothly. We congratulate our men's 3.5 team that won (Nathan Hensley, Captain) and will be going to sectionals in Mobile on July 22. Good luck!!!
 - c. Bob reported that our tennis council decided that we already had too much going on this year to commit to the Compass Draw that was presented at our meeting last month by Becky Lance. This might be a good format for Tennis Apprentice graduates.
 - d. State tournament bids are due August 1st. We will be applying for the 2017 – 2018 Adult 55+, a section of the Adult 18+, Adult 70+ and 18+ Combo tournaments. Bob has been working with the Shreveport/Bossier Sports Authority.
 - e. Bob was wondering if there was an interest for a 3 Day Adult Tennis Camp with a hosting Pro in partnership with our CTA. If any Pro is interested, please talk with Bob.
 - f. A Fun Day will be held at Lee Hedges Stadium (Captain Shreve High School) on Sunday, July 24 from 5 – 8 p.m. We need people to help with the tennis section. A small circuit with tennis stations will be in place.
5. Jay Boyd filled everyone in on the latest on the hiring of a new Pro at North Bossier Tennis Complex. Play Tennis Bossier has asked to meet with the City Council and all that has to be done is for the contract to be approved before it can be presented to

the new hire. Jay did point out that the city needs to retain the rights to work projects, such as names, addresses, websites and an advisory board is needed.

6. Grady Wilson reported that the LTA will meet on July 16. The big news in the state is the return of the Sugar Bowl Tournament, a National Level 2, and will be hosted by City Park in New Orleans.
7. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, has had four sessions of 10 and Under Tennis at Cockrell, Southern Hills and Town South. And has 62 new players!! They are getting ready for the next pathway and she is looking into getting tennis into the schools and hopefully increase our Junior Novice Tournament participation numbers.
8. 10 and Under Coordinator, Angela Pfanner, will be working with Kaye at the schools, hoping to get into 22 schools. We need to utilize Bill Phillips and Jeff Smith more for this program. Angela noted that we only had two Kids Tennis Clubs last year in the schools and we need to do more to connect the schools with the USTA. Kaye noted that if we can get into the schools we will need another 10 and under training session for the teachers and parents who help volunteer. Willie Paz in Natchitoches has been busy with his 10 and Unders and has included them on our Constant Contact marketing tool.
9. Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz, noted that we are down in numbers with 46 teams and 685 players. She does ask that Captains make sure their players are signed up before their matches.
10. Robert Verzaal at Querbes just finished a Tennis Apprentice and has in fact started another session on a Friday evening with 25 signees. He has 40 Tennis Apprentice graduates competing in an Intermediate League and they could be ready for USTA league play soon. He is also trying out a Junior Tennis Apprentice on July 16 at Querbes for 10 and under and 12 and under divisions. Kaye is looking at different giveaway items for Tennis Apprentice, such as pens, note pads and water bottles. We just have to make sure that they have our website on them.
11. Grady Wilson wanted to remind everyone that the National 16 Intersectionals will again be held at POTC and we will also be using the clay courts at North Bossier. He would like some TV coverage if anyone knows anyone and has enlisted Todd Walker to be the speaker at the welcome banquet for the players on Friday, July 8. Again, our thanks to all the hosting families and sponsors that make this event one of the best in the country.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016
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