

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – April 5, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include Mike Correal, Eddie Copete, John Liles, Sue Allender, Phillip Campbell, Todd Killen, Grady Wilson, Lucas Richardson, Kaye Cochran, Rhonda Rubben, Rhonda Terracciano, Tammie Harris, Jay Boyd, Angela Pfanner, David Kimball and Robert Verzaal.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the March minutes was made by Bob Patterson, Mike Correal second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave his monthly bank statement account. The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under Grant has a balance of \$41,459.96 (this includes the FDDOC account \$845.53). The general account in Capital One Bank has a balance of \$96,476.65 and includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,039.60).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his report from last month:
 - a. The CTA Kick-off Tournament at POTC last month had a great turnout. 163 players competed and our thanks to everyone at POTC for being great hosts. Everyone had a great time and great food. Mother Nature was not very cooperative for the Sunday finals. We did raise some money for our CTA programs!
 - b. The NFL Foundation Tournament on March 18 – 19 at East Ridge had 53 entries. Pro Eddie Copete had the courts full and the music going.
 - c. Bob wanted to thanks Kaye and Angela for getting all the numbers down in jot form for the CGPG grant and getting it to LTA. Kaye will have the hard numbers to us at next months meeting.
 - d. A meeting was held at Querbes with SPAR in regards to the construction of the Querbes facility for ADA compliance. About 10 tennis players attended and plans were presented for the new clubhouse which will include an elevator for access to the second floors locker rooms. A new lighting configuration will be in place for the clay courts (and hopefully the hard courts). As far as surface repair, hopefully SPAR will have it in the budget or more teams will not be playing at the facility. Discussion was made at the meeting about increasing the head tax by \$.25 an hour and having that go to improvements. But that must go through council. Bob said he will contact Oliver Jenkins, our councilman for that area.
5. Vice-President Mike Correal has been busy writing job descriptions for each of the board members and also for volunteers. That way who ever takes over a position will know what to do!
 - a. Mike is going to print some generic business cards for our CTA. It will have our web address on it and will have them to hand out at next months meeting.
 - b. Yard signs are available for those facilities that will be hosting USTA/LTA programs this Spring.
6. Vice-President (Pro) Grady Wilson reported that the junior players that went down to be ball boys at the Wheelchair Cajun Classic in Baton Rouge had a great time and a true learning experience. Grady wanted to thank the NWLaCTA for their financial support.
 - a. At the LTA Board Meeting last Saturday (attended by Grady, Bob and Jay Boyd) a new junior program (for ages 5 – 18) was introduced. It is called Net

Generation Community and will be implemented by Southern. This program is based on participation not on membership numbers. Each Pro needs to get a NetGen account (netgeneration.com) as well as NJTL's and CTA's (also FDDOC). The first 1,000 NJTL's and CTA's that register a profile with Net Generation's online platform, enter their information into the Program Management Center and complete the face-to-face training will receive a free tablet, pre-loaded with Net Generation programs and tools.

7. Past President, Jay Boyd, reiterated the importance of getting the names of the players on tennislink that are competing in the Junior Team Tennis programs at Querbes and Southern Hills. Right now we are last in the state in Junior Team Tennis. He also did report that the LTA has targeted 10 – 12 facilities in our state that will be getting their support. In our area those facilities are ERCC/POTC and Querbes.
8. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, and 10 and Under Coordinator, Angela Pfanner, presented a new monthly report for all the activities/programs that our CTA will be associated with in the coming months as well participation numbers for 10 and Under memberships and JTT in Tennislink. Generic yard signs are available for those hosting Junior Tennis Apprentice (Cockrell: April 11 – May 16) and Family Tennis Apprentice (East Ridge: April 22 – May 13). Kaye asked that we use from now on, the jot form for all JTT and FDDOC participants.
 - a. We do have a few after school programs in the works besides FDDOC. Todd Killen has visited three elementary schools, as well as Lucas Richardson at University Elementary. Todd has had a few of the students sign up for his JD program.
 - b. We are also excited that North Bossier Tennis Center will be hosting the tennis Senior Olympics on May 10. For further information, please contact Pro Todd Killen at North Bossier.
9. Adult League Coordinator Tammie Harris gave the latest status on the spring adult leagues. The Adult 40+ deadline to finish all of their matches is April 21. The Adult 55+ State Championships will be held in Lake Charles on April 21 – 23. The Adult League participation numbers to date are as follows:

i. Adult 18+	2017	2016
ii. Women	374	374
iii. Men	224	224
iv. Adult 40+		
v. Women	327	282
vi. Men	156	141
vii. Adult 55+		
viii. Women	120	127
ix. Men	66	64
x. Adult 65+		
xi. Women	32	28
xii. Men	19	15
xiii. TOTAL	1,318	1,255

 - b. Tri-Level registration opens April 10 and closes May 8. Must have a minimum of 2 players at each level to register a team The season starts May 15 and ends July 28. The Tri-level State Tournament will be held August 11 – 14 in Baton Rouge, with the Sectional Invitational to be held in Jackson, MS on October 13 – 16. For more information, contact Tammie.
 - c. Karen Jantz has asked to step down as the Mixed League Coordinator (she will still be the Combo League Coordinator) and Tammie has offered to take her place. We truly appreciate everything all of our coordinators due for our tennis community.

- d. Since this will increase Tammie's responsibilities, she has asked to find a replacement to take over the Flex League and Tri-Level League for the future. Rhonda Rubben has offered her services and Tammie will show her the ropes.
 - e. Jay Boyd did want to remind everyone to start talking up the prospects of having a day league for Mixed League season. This does need to be approved by the League Council before it can be offered, and if we show enough interest we can get this done.
- 10. Angela Pfanner besides being the 10 and Under Coordinator is also running the Katy Built Tournament to be held at North Bossier on June 2 - 4. She had posters to hand out to all the tennis facilities. It is not too early to get your teams together.
 - 11. Southern Trace representative, Rhonda Terracciano, wanted everyone to know that a new assistant pro has been hired by Southern Trace, David Watt. We welcome him to our tennis community.
 - 12. Rhonda Rubben with FDDOC is in need of volunteers for the summer camp she will be holding at Oak Park Elementary on May 30 - June 15. It will run Monday through Thursday, 9 - 1. They will be 6 - 8 grade "at risk" minority children. Querbes Pro, Robert Verzaal has three people that would work. She also needs any used racquets, large or small, for her programs. These are used as incentive rewards for sportsmanship and participation. Christy Pylant and Steve Robicheaux are running this program and Steve will re-string the racquets. Rhonda also wanted to remind everyone that you cannot post pictures on social media of juniors without a parental signed form.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017
EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - NOON**