

**NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
***"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"***  
**Minutes – June 7, 2017**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, Phillip Campbell, Karen Jantz, Nancy Bushnell-Harper, Grady Wilson, Mike Correal, Kaye Cochran, Lucas Richardson, David Kimball, Bonnie Cox, Willie Paz, Tammie Harris, Robert Verzaal, Eddie Copete and Angela Phanner.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the May 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 the bank balances as of 5/31/17. The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies has a balance of \$39,649.96. This includes the FDDOC account (\$870.50). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$94,348.78. This includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,039.60).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his monthly overview:
  - a. The Louisiana Adult State Tournament for 3.0 and 4.0 players will be held this weekend in Shreveport-Bossier. Robert Verzaal will be the Tournament Director, with David Kimball the Tournament Referee. Check in will be held at North Bossier Tennis Complex. Courts will be used at North Bossier, Querbes (clay only), Southern Hills and Cockrell. As of now we will not be needing courts at POTC.
  - b. The Katy Build Tournament was held this past weekend (June 2 – 4). Angela Phanner reported that 35 teams competed (about 210 players). They had \$13,000 in sponsorships and she has not gotten all the numbers together, but thinks they raised about \$25,000!
  - c. Southern Hills hosted a Family Tennis Night on Friday, June 2. Pro David Kimball had 25 families participate, while over 30 families originally signed up for the event. Ron Chaffee from Southern was in attendance and with Kaye Cochran's help it was a great success. This event was for non-playing families and we were able to give free USTA 10 and under memberships and collect contact information for our players for the future.
  - d. POTC hosted a L5 NWLaCTA Jr. Future Tournament on June 2 – 3. Pro Grady Wilson had about 30 players compete. He had divisions for 10, 12, 14 and 18 year olds. The next Jr. Future L5 will be held at Southern Hills on July 8.
  - e. Bob wanted everyone to know that the St. Jude Tournament will be held on October 6 – 8 at Southern Trace Country Club.
  - f. Other tournament dates to make sure you have on your calendars is our NWLaCTA 10 and Under Fundraiser on October 13 – 14 (place TBD), and the Junior Red River Shootout L3 at Querbes on October 20 – 22.
  - g. Bob passed a copy of a letter he received from Texarkana College head pro and CTA contact for Arkansas Tennis Association, Jim Turley, regarding requesting a border city exemption for Texarkana, AR teams to play league tennis in Louisiana. The closest league they have is in Little Rock. They would use either North Bossier or Cockrell as their home court. He just wants to find a closer place for his adult teams to play. This would still have to be approved by the state league council.
5. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, gave her report from last month:
  - a. Play Days were held at North Bossier and Natchitoches. Had a great grand opening of the new courts with Pro Willie Paz in Natchitoches. 10 and Under Play Days are set for North Bossier and Stone Bridge in June.
  - b. Family Tennis Apprentice was held at East Ridge with Pro Eddie Copete, and he was able to start a beginner league with 20 adults from the course.
  - c. Still need to get information in the computer data base from Junior Team Tennis. Kaye wanted to remind all Pros that your Junior Development programs can be counted as Junior Team Tennis.

- d. Lucas Richardson and Pro Todd Killen have been busy with in school clinics.
  - e. We have approximately 50 new 10 and Under Memberships pending.
  - f. Tennis Apprentice is going strong at Querbes and ER/POTC. Pro Robert Verzaal is getting ready for his end of session party for his Tennis Apprentice program at Querbes. Bob Patterson was wondering about the number of participants from last year as compared to this year. Robert thought the number was lower and was not getting the added push from LTA. The good news is that more of our tennis facilities are offering Tennis Apprentice.
6. Mixed League Coordinator, Tammie Harris, has all the schedules completed except for the 55+. The 55+ 8.0 only has one team and is looking for another team to compete against. The numbers are down from last year, but players are still registering.
    - a. Tri-Level is up 113 players from last year. We hope to start the season even earlier next year as to avoid any court conflicts with Mixed. Rhonda Rubben will be the Tri-Level Coordinator next year.
    - b. Tammie did want to report that our numbers were up by 67 players from last year in the Adult League. Our congratulations to all the teams that are heading to State and hopefully Sectionals.
  7. Marketing Coordinator, Mike Correal, handed out Key Chains with our logo and website to everyone. We will give these to 10 and Under, Tennis Apprentice, etc. participants. Mike also presented a proof of the business card that he wishes to have printed up. The design looks great but discussion was made regarding informing everyone that we are a 501©3 nonprofit and this should be on the card. Mike suggested purchasing a Go phone. Bob Patterson motioned that we purchase 2,000 business cards and try the Go phone for 6 months, John Liles second the motion. All were in favor.
  8. Louisiana Junior Qualifying was held and Cotter Wilson won the 18's. Some of our other local juniors also had a great tournament. Congratulations to all.
  9. Pros Grady Wilson and Phillip Campbell have been working with STA Bill Phillips on the Net Generation program. They will have more information next month.
  10. Pro Robert Verzaal is looking for another professional to help with a program he will be having at Querbes for under privileged children. The program will last four weeks with 6 hours a week instruction. He already has three volunteers. For further information, please contact Robert at Querbes.
  11. Speaking of volunteers, Nancy Bushnell-Harper (this was her first of hopefully many CTA meetings) brought up the subject about how a volunteer can find a way to help. We may need the Pros to post 'volunteers needed' on our website.
  12. Phillip Campbell reminded everyone that the National 16 Intersectional will again be held at POTC beginning July 1. There are only five level 1's in the United States and we are very fortunate to be able to be a host site. Due to increased costs of putting on the tournament, Phillip asked our CTA if we could increase our donation from \$500 to \$1,000. President Bob Patterson made a motion that the NWLaCTA increase their donation to \$1,000 for the National 16 Intersectional Tournament, Sue Allender second the motion. All were in favor.
  13. It is not too early to start thinking about the annual LTA awards. Bonnie Cox reminded everyone that the award nominations run from October 2016 to September 2017. Nominations are due to the LTA on Monday, September 18.

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, JULY 5, 2017  
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