

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – September 6, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Phillip Campbell, Sue Allender, Grady Wilson, Todd Killen, Bonnie Cox, Kaye Cochran, Willie Paz, Rhonda Rubben, Tammie Harris, Lucas Richardson, David Kimball, Robert Verzaal, Eddie Copete, Mike Correal, Angela Phanner, and Katie Cochran (Ruston League Coordinator).
2. A motion to waive the reading of the August minutes was made by Bob Patterson, Todd Killen second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of August 31, 2017. The 10 and Under grant monies in the Red River Bank has a balance of \$39,329.20. This does include the FDDOC account (\$5,029.32). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$99,673.83. This includes the Friends of Querbes account (\$405.00) and Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,039.60). John mentioned that he has given Rhonda Rubben the thumb drive to assist her in planning our budget for 2018. John also mentioned that in previous years our CTA has donated to the St. Jude Classic Tennis Tournament. Bonnie Cox motioned that we once again donate \$500 to this worthy cause. Sue Allender second the motion. All were in favor. The St. Jude Classic will be play at Southern Trace on October 6 – 8, 2017.
4. President Bob Patterson gave his report:
 - a. We are pleased to announce that two combo teams (Men's 7.5 and 6.5) will be joining our league USTA league play from Texarkana, AR. Their matches will begin at 7 p.m. to allow for travel time. Please welcome them to our league.
 - b. The 70+ State Tournament will be held at North Bossier on September 29 – October 1. Pro Todd Killen has everything under control.
 - c. The Snoopy Open will also be held that weekend at East Ridge Country Club. Bob has posters for the tennis facilities to display. This is a fundraiser for Loyola College Prep.
 - d. Budgets do need to be in by October so we as a CTA may make plans for 2018.
 - e. Bob also wanted to congratulate the teams from Bossier that won the state mixed doubles in Mandeville over Labor Day weekend. They are "Baseline Volleyers" captained by Michael Lauseng (7.0) and the "Bossier Bombers" captained by Todd Killen (9.0).
5. FDDOC coordinator Rhonda Rubben was pleased to announce that FDDOC partnership with the NWLaCTA will extend through 2018 and this will make our CTA eligible for NJTL funding. Rhonda also had a few other items to announce:
 - a. The USTA has changed the way to enter 10 and under memberships, you must be a parent or guardian to apply for the child. In the past, we could do this, but no longer. She has parents that would be unable to apply for memberships. She has talked to Bill Phillips, who is in New York, about changing this rule. This will affect membership numbers drastically.

- b. Rhonda asked if there is any way that our CTA would be able to pay for incentives (pizza, trophies, etc.) for her students/players. The FDDOC is not allowed to use grant monies for food, but all money is being used for rackets, balls, instruction (court and classroom). Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran will consider putting incentive costs for the FDDOC in her budget for 2018.
 - c. Tennis court lines are needed at Mooretown Elementary parking lot, they do not have a true tennis court layout. Michael LeJeune is teaching tennis this Fall but she will need someone this Spring. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda.
 - d. As mentioned earlier, due to working with the FDDOC in 2018, our CTA will be eligible for NJTL. Rhonda mentioned that any after school Junior Development at our tennis facilities could receive at NJTL grant if tutoring is also offered. You could work with other school about having bus drop children off at the courts from school.
6. Bob asked Pro Coordinator, Grady Wilson and Phillip Campbell is they had heard anything about a planned LTA Retreat on September 29. To date nothing has been sent out.
7. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, was thrilled to announce that as of August 31, we have met our goal of having 215 players register for Junior Team Tennis! She wanted to thank everyone of our area Pros, all helped us reach this goal. This was quite the accomplishment since last year we had zero players registered for JTT. She still has not heard anything about the Net Generation program. Hopefully after the U.S. Open, she will receive some sort of guidelines from the USTA/LTA.
 - a. A Middle School Fall Tennis Program will be held throughout September and October at Southern Hills. Pro David Kimball will be running this coed league for middle school students. It will be held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 – 7 p.m. beginning September 12. Students will receive tennis instruction and at the end have a player party and competition against one another. To cost is \$40 per player and register at <https://form.jotformpro.com/61325233902952>
 - b. David and Lucas Richardson will also be visiting Walnut Hill Middle/Elementary Schools today for an in-school clinic.
 - c. Listed below are a few things that are happening this month:
 - i. Junior Grand Prix (level 5) at Querbes, September 15 – 17
 - ii. NWLaCTA Junior Novice Tournament at Bossier, September 23
 - iii. Adult 70+ State Championship at Bossier, September 29 – October 1.
 - iv. Snoopy Open at East Ridge, September 30 – October 1
8. Adult League Mixed Coordinator, Tammie Harris, reported that the league is up and playing.
9. Flex League Coordinator, Rhonda Rubben, reported Flex singles registration ends September 22. Play will begin October 2 and run till December 31st. The cost is \$25 for USTA members and \$35 for non-USTA members. Go to www.ustaflex.com to register. Rhonda has written a step by step program for new players on how to register for a team. If you are interested in having a copy, please contact her. Bob asked about posting this on our website.

10. We were pleased to welcome Katie Cochran to our meeting. Katie is the League Coordinator for Ruston and has a Women's Combo League (5.5) running. She is sure more leagues will form with the help of the new Pro, Dan Beedle (formerly of Querbes) at Squire Creek.
11. Mike Correal, Marketing Coordinator, has a new USTA Membership from the business cards he has handed out! He asks everyone to give cards to existing players (so they know where to find tournaments, instruction, etc. on our web) and to perspective players. If you need more cards, he has them. He has been busy writing up job descriptions as Vice-President and would like the VP's duties include updating and coordinating the tennis calendar. Just touching base to see how everything is progressing for our tennis events.
12. Robert Verzaal, Pro at Querbes, has not heard from SPAR about the beginning date for construction to begin on the new clubhouse and refurbishing of the tennis courts and lights. Hopefully it will begin the end of this month.
13. 10 and Under Coordinator, Angela Phanner, wanted to remind everyone about the fundraiser for the 10 and Under program, The Bill Oliver Tournament at Southern Trace on October 20 – 22. This will be a non-sanctioned tennis event and entry will be available on tennis link. All proceeds will go to the junior programs and we are needing sponsors. The cost will be \$60 per person for the first event, and \$20 for the 2nd event. They hope to have Men's and Women's matches compete on Friday and Saturday and the Mixed matches played on Sunday.
14. Nomination Chairperson, Bonnie Cox wanted to remind everyone that we are almost at the deadline for the LTA awards. Nominations are due Monday, September 18. If you have any questions, please contact her, she will be glad to proof read and help in anyway. This is the time for our CTA to shine!!!
15. Bob wanted to announce that the State Junior Development Coordinator will be attending our meeting next month, so plan to attend. We should have lots of new news to report.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017
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