

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – December 13, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, Todd Killen, Grady Wilson, Mike Correal, Jay Boyd, Rhonda Rubben, David Kimball, Kaye Cochran, Angela Phanner, Eddie Copete and Tammie Harris.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the November minutes was made by Todd Killen, John Liles second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of 11/30/17. The general fund at Capital One Bank has a balance of \$96,897.62. This includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,039.60) and Friends of Querbes (\$405.). The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies has a balance of \$31,610.14 and includes the FDDOC account (\$1,023.07).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his report from the past month:
 - a. The Bossier Open was held over the weekend of November 10 – 12. Head Pro, Todd Killen, reported a great turnout with 115 single players and 150 double teams competing. The weather was great until Sunday, but most of the play had been concluded.
 - b. We have signed contracts from our host hotels, Bossier Hilton and Homewood Suites, for our comped rooms for next years' state tournaments that we are hosting.
 - c. An article in the Shreveport Times about the SPAR budget for next year did include a picture of Querbes Tennis Facility along with a few comments from local players about the horrid condition of the tennis courts. Pro David Kimball will be taking over the management of Querbes in 2018, and hopefully he will have some positive news to report at our next meeting.
 - d. Rhonda Rubben and Jay Boyd have been working extremely hard re-vamping our by-laws. They could not find our original by-laws. Rhonda contacted the LTA and New Orleans CTA and obtained copies of their by-laws and worked from them. They have been looked at by a few lawyer friends and Rhonda will be sending them out at the end of this month for us to read and we will vote on them in January.
 - e. John Liles, Rhonda and Jay have also been working on our budget for 2018. Copies were handed out to all attendees. This budget is not set in stone but will give us perimeters to work with. Most important, starting in January 2018, expense reports will need to be filed with John or Rhonda. John Liles made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Jay Boyd second the motion. All were in favor.
 - f. The Bill Oliver Memorial Tournament will be our official kick-off tournament for 2018. It will be held at POTC on March 2-4 and is a non-sanctioned event. Sign up will be on tennislink and will cost \$60 per person for the first event, and \$25 for the second event. This is a fund raiser for our junior programs and Grady will see about having a junior exhibition with red, orange, green dot balls and maybe a red ball challenge. Another great promotion for the tournament is the if you are a current USTA Adult League Captain you

will receive one free entry fee. Just a little thank you for all the work a captain does for their team.

5. Another item presented was the Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association Mission Statement. It reads as follows, "To make a positive impact on the tennis community by providing support and resources in the development of programs, events, leagues and facilities; promoting tennis as a healthy lifetime sport within North Louisiana to all ages and all skill levels. The NWLaCTA will collaborate with the USTA and other association and programs in the pursuit of these goals." Jay Boyd motion that we approve the above mission statement for our CTA, Bob Patterson second the motion. All were in favor. The mission statement for the NWLaCTA is as stated above.
6. Bob wanted again to express his thanks to everyone who helped bring home so many awards from the annual LTA Awards Banquet back to Shreveport-Bossier. We are very fortunate to have many LTA and STA representatives here with our CTA.
7. The Captain's Meeting was held at North Bossier Tennis Complex on December 11. Women's Coordinator, Tammie Harris and Men's Coordinator, Bob Patterson reported a great meeting with some new faces in the crowd. Over all in Louisiana, league play in the spring had the biggest drop in numbers last year. Todd Killen and Bianca have been busy recruiting new teams. From the Tennis Apprentice programs, we have seen a few more 2.5 teams created.
8. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, gave her report:
 - a. Kaye has been working on JTT Workshops and considering having Junior Level 6 tournaments (formerly Junior Novice Tournaments).
 - b. Pro David Kimball will be taking over the Querbes Elementary and Middle School Team Tennis program this spring.
 - c. Net Generation has had two Red Ball Challenge Events at Bossier. This is a pilot program for junior players getting ready to play in Level 6 Tournaments.
 - d. The Jot Forms are really working out. Angela Phanner has been busy entering information. Kaye does need parents to enter all the information required.
9. Grant Committee head, John Liles, has applied for our CGPG Grant and we will know something around February. We are hoping for @\$5,200. The USTA Foundation gave FDDOC a grant worth \$7,500 for 2018.
10. Nomination Committee of Jay Boyd, Sue Allender and Phillip Campbell will finalize the nominations for the 2018 board and it will be posted 10 days prior to our January meeting for consideration.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 10, 2018
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