

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
“To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana”
Minutes – May 2, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rhonda Rubben.
2. Secretary Sue Allender proceeded with roll call. Those in attendance include Grady Wilson, Mike Correal, Sue Allender, John Liles, Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd, David Kimball, Todd Killen, Stevie Schmidt, Phillip Campbell, Brian Bernard, Joey Lawler, Willie Paz, Nancy Harper, Lance Dreyer, Kaye Cochran and Angela Pfanner. We have a quorum.
3. Jay Boyd motioned that we waive the reading of the April minutes. David Kimball second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles gave his report. The Capital One Bank general account has a balance of \$99,763.30. The Red River junior tennis account has a balance of \$42,735.12.
5. Member at Large, Jay Boyd, gave his report:
 - a. The LTA has a new form that it will handing out to players at the State tournaments. We hope to receive feedback, the positive and negative so we can improve our tournaments in Shreveport-Bossier.
 - b. The CTA’s Querbes Tennis Center committee met with SPAR representative Shelly Ragle (Director) and City Architect, Russel Delancy. The new plans for the building were scaled down but will satisfy the agreement with the Department of Justice (for ADA compliance) and there will still be funds available to address some of the court renovations that are critical. They hope to begin with the six soft courts as soon as possible. The committee advised SPAR that we had contacted the USTA Facility Assistance group and started the process to request technical and financial assistance with the court renovations. Mr. James West, on our committee, has agreed to be the point person for communications and follow-up with the USTA. The desire and plan of all parties is to renovate all courts, lighting, curbing, fencing as well as the building. Good news is the voters approved the tax renewals on the April 28 ballot that includes the renewals of Proposition 2 (Parks and Recreation/Community Centers). Bids are going out for the building.
6. President, Rhonda Rubben, gave her report:
 - a. The 18+ State Tournament will be here before we know it (June 8 – 11). Rhonda has secured Ki Mexico and Sweetport food trucks which will be serving lunch on Friday and Saturday at Bossier. SPAR will help supply tables and tents at Cockrell and Southern Hills. Still looking for more food trucks. Nancy Harper will help follow up on the trucks. We are still looking to allocate a \$5 coupon to be used towards lunch at the food trucks for each player at state. This will be from the initial \$5,000 from the Shreveport/Bossier Sports Commission. We have already purchased umbrellas for the courts from this allocation. Jay Boyd thought it would be a good idea to use the food voucher for this tournament instead of waiting for Combo State since the tournaments for 2019-2020 will be awarded prior to Combo and we want to put on a great tournament. There was talk about having a concierge at each site to assist out of towners with dinner plans, entertainments, etc. Also, the photobooth will be set up at Bossier. Always a favorite.
 - b. Please make sure you communicate any changes, additions or updates on our website.
 - c. All Pros, if you want your information sent out on our e mail blast, please forward your news to Angela by the first Friday of the month.
 - d. Another way to get your tennis club information out is Facebook. Invite your friends to join our Facebook page by going to NWLACTA page – scroll down-see community- invite friends.

- e. As of May 1, we have 28 teams registered for Tri-level (down by 1 from last year). We have 12 teams- North Bossier, 7 - POTC, 2 - Southern Trace, 1 – Cockrell, 3 – Querbes, and 2 – Southern Hills.
 - f. The Summer Flex League has 24 players as of 5/1. The deadline for Flex was extended to May 4.
 - g. Any new rules and/or regulations for Flex, Tri-level or any other adult leagues may be found on our website.
7. In LTA news, Jay Boyd reported that a new position for diversity is being added. Bob Patterson reported that the Louisiana Tennis Foundation has been put on hold, but this foundation will directly help the LTA budget.
8. Adult League Coordinator, Bob Patterson reported the final numbers for this year, 1,314 players, up from 1,260 last year. Our congratulations and thanks to Bob and Tammie Harris for all the hard work they did to make our Adult Men and Women’s Leagues a great success.
9. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran and Junior Coordinator, Angela Pfanner gave their reports from the past month:
- a. The Querbes Junior School tennis League had 137 sign up through jot form as of 3/26 (45 USTA Tennis link).
 - b. After school programs, FDDOC at Oak Park and Summer Grove has 225 sign up. 137 through USTA tennis link (77 10& under/ 60 12 & under).
 - c. The Level 6 tournament at Southern Hills was cancelled. Angela handed out to all the tennis facilities posters of the remaining level 6 junior novice tournaments for the remaining year. Please encourage your junior players who have never played a tournament to give this a try. It is a great pathway to bigger tournaments.
 - d. Kaye mentioned about forming parent clubs to help junior programs in schools.
 - e. Upcoming events in May and June are as follows:
 - i. Level 3 Junior Tournament – Red River Shoot Out at POTC May 12 – 13
 - ii. Level 6 Junior Novice Tournament – Natchitoches May 19
 - iii. Junior Qualifying – Lafayette May 26 – 30
 - iv. Katy Build Adult Tournament – Bossier June 1 - 3
 - v. Red Ball Challenge – North Bossier June 2
 - vi. “Elements of Tennis” – High School Novice event June 23
 - vii. 16’s National Intersectional at POTC June 30 – July 4
10. Grady Wilson asked if we track the numbers from Tennis Apprentice that participate in league play. Liz at the LTA does this. We do have to ask each participant in Tennis Apprentice if they would like to be added to our constant contact blasts.

**NEXT MEETING JUNE 6, 2018
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