

**NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
***"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"***  
**Minutes – August 1, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rhonda Rubben.
2. Secretary, Sue Allender, proceeded with the roll call. Those in attendance include Grady Wilson, Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd, David Kimball, Todd Killen, Stevie Schmidt, Phillip Campbell, Brian Bernard, Joey Lawler, Willie Paz, Kaye Cochran, Nancy Harper, Rick Holland, Jimbo West, Sonia Killen and our guests Jeffrey Goodman and John Nicholson (City Councilman candidate for District C). We have a quorum.
3. Bob Patterson made a motion to waive the reading of the July minutes, Grady Wilson second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles was unable to attend the meeting but did send the bank balances as of July 31, 2018. The checking account in Capital One Bank has a balance of \$853.36. Please note that the main balance of our general fund has been withdrawn from Capital One Bank and deposited in Red River Bank. The General Account and Junior Tennis accounts at Red River Bank has a balance of \$143,769.15. Total assets as of July 31, 2018 totals \$144,622.51.
5. Past President Bob Patterson introduced our guest, John Nicholson, who will be running for City Councilman for District C which encompasses Querbes Tennis Center.
6. Jay Boyd reported on the Querbes Initiative Committee pre-meeting that was held before this meeting. (A Querbes meeting will be held tonight at Ki Mexico at 5:30 PM, all are welcome.) SPAR originally thought that if a fancy new clubhouse was built, players would come (original blue prints from the city). Not true, we need to get the courts fixed as well as make the clubhouse ADA compliant. Brian Bernard and Rick Holland are working on the lighting bids, and we do have a bid on the clay courts. Still need the fencing and curbing to be approved. Jimbo West is working on the grant from the USTA for tennis courts that is due in October. Hopefully the building and the clay courts will be ready by the first of the year. Rhonda did mention that we need courts not just for our local players, but also for State Tournaments (tourist dollars coming to Shreveport).
7. Vice-President Grady Wilson reported that a Southern Level 2 Junior tournament will be held at POTC and Southern Hills this coming weekend, the Walk-Ons Independence Bowl Junior Classic. So far, he has 190 players from all the Southern states entered. This tournament runs Friday through Monday and generates quite a few hotels stays and dining for the city of Shreveport. Board meetings for the LTA will be held in September. Jay Boyd also said they hope to vote on the tournament bids at this meeting. Rhonda and Tammie Harris are working on the bids for 2019-2020. A reminder that some of the state tournaments will be combining with one another, thus there will be fewer tournaments, but they will be larger.
8. Southern Trace Head Pro, Stevie Schmidt, wanted everyone to know that the St. Jude Tournament is open for entries. The tournament will be held September 14 – 16.
9. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran gave her report on Adult and Junior activities:
  - a. Level 6 Junior Tournaments were held at Southern Hills (14 participants) and Natchitoches (18 players) in July.
  - b. Cockrell Community Center Tennis Program is going strong on Mondays and Wednesday at Cockrell with 10 participants.
  - c. A Red Ball Event was held at Natchitoches with 12 junior players.

- d. Step Up League is being held at Querbes and Southern Hills. Note: The Men's 2.5 Team was 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sectionals, graduates of the Tennis Apprentice/Step Up League programs!
  - e. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of Tennis Apprentice is concluding at Querbes on August 1.
  - f. Bossier Ladies Tennis League (BLT) Playdays were held July 23 (16 players) and July 27 (24 players).
  - g. In August, we have the following programs/tournaments scheduled:
    - i. Caddo Teacher Tennis In Service – August 9
    - ii. Junior Level 6 Tournament at Querbes – August 11
    - iii. North Louisiana Men's Open Tournament (City Championship) at North Bossier Tennis Center – August 17 – 19
    - iv. BLT Play Days August 20 and 24.
10. League Coordinators reports:
- a. Rhonda Rubben reported that our Mixed League is up by 102 players and that Tri-level increased this year by 27 players. Our numbers have increased by 153 participants from last year as of this meeting.
  - b. Combo and Fall Flex Leagues are open for registration. For additional information, please check out our Facebook page or our website.
  - c. Long time coordinator, Karen Jantz, will be retiring as Combo Coordinator. We thank her so much for all the hours (and 18 years) she devoted to our leagues and players.
11. Jeffrey Goodman, along with Todd Killen and Rick Holland are working to relaunch "The City" Championship Tournament. Jeffrey reminisced about playing in The City held at Querbes Tennis Center and how the bleachers would be packed for the night matches. He and Rhonda have been placing photos and articles about The City on Facebook, many of the children of the players have commented. To kick-off the revitalization, a Men's Open Tournament for players from North Louisiana (above Alexandria) will be held at North Bossier on August 17 – 19. They are naming the event "The City Championship" with the idea that one Querbes completes its revitalization, they intend on holding the event twice a year, once at Bossier Tennis Center and once at Querbes. The goal is to get back to the original City format of all age divisions, boys, girls, father/son, mother/daughter, singles, doubles. Jeffrey, Todd and Rick were going to meet with the media on August 2 at the Querbes Golf Clubhouse and be on the Tim Fletcher Radio Show. We at the NWLaCTA are so very excited about this and will help in any capacity. Another great way to remind the City of Shreveport about what Querbes Tennis Center means to the history of tennis in Shreveport/Bossier.
12. As mentioned earlier, we will be meeting this afternoon at Ki Mexico at 5:30 regarding the Fall Tournament Fundraiser for Querbes Tennis Courts. To be held at POTC on November 9 – 11. Please plan to attend if you can.
13. Awards Committee Chairperson, Sonia Killen, wanted to remind everyone that nominations are due September 21<sup>st</sup>. A new award will be given, The Ace Award, and it will be for a local event, person, etc.
14. Reminder to send any information you would like posted for your tennis facility or tennis events to Angela by Friday, August 3. Be sure to friend us on Facebook!

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018  
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