

**Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
Minutes - June 3, 2009**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Verzaal. Those in attendance include Bill Oliver, Sue Allender, David Kimball, Jay Boyd, James Hunt, Phillip Campbell and Karen Jantz.
2. A motion by Sue Allender to waive the reading of the May minutes was made, Bill Oliver second the motion, all were in favor. David Kimball did want it noted that a correction should be made in item #7 from last month's minutes. The minutes stated that Elana Engleman offered to be the Tournament Director at the Super Senior State Tournament in October, when in fact, the title should read Tournament Chairman.
3. Treasurer John Liles was unable to attend the meeting but did send word that our balance at the end of May was \$29,917.01 (including \$2,553.20 from the Play Tennis Bossier account).
4. The first half of the Adult State tournament was held in New Orleans on May 22 - 25. The 4.0 Women's Day League from Shreveport, captained by Libby Hodge, lost in the finals to Baton Rouge.

Mixed Coordinator Karen Jantz reported that Shreveport-Bossier has 36 Adult teams (we had 38 last year) and 12, maybe 13 Senior Adult teams (8 Senior teams last year). Play has started around the tennis facilities. Adult Mixed State will be held in Mandeville-Covington on September 4 - 7, while Senior Mixed State will be held in Slidell on September 18 - 20.

5. Our CTA is getting ready to host the second session of Adult State on June 5 - 8. Site Directors will meet on Thursday evening at 6 P.M. at the host hotel, Holiday Inn Financial Plaza. Check-in for teams will begin at 5 P.M. on Thursday evening. It was mentioned that next year we need to have captains send in the T-shirt sizes they will be needing in advance to registration. We need to notify LTA so that it is on the notice sent to all captains competing at State.

Officials are confirmed, ice is to be delivered to all the facilities, and food will be delivered by 11 A.M. at all the sites. Sammie's Barbecue will feed us on Friday and Sunday, while SPAR is preparing us sandwiches for Saturday.

6. Greg Hearn was unable to report in Quickstart, but only 4 children were at the POTC session. This was the last session and we will need to regroup about offering this program in the Fall. As noted last month, almost all the area tennis facilities offer Quickstart programs for children.
7. Bill Oliver reported that the last session of Fun, Friends and Fitness is on May 23rd at POTC. Again, numbers were down from last year and we need to discuss how to get more 'newbys' involved on our sport of tennis.

8. The next Junior Novice Tournament will be May 23rd at Cockrell. Entries close the Wednesday night before, so there is time to get your child signed up and it is great practice for other junior tournaments.
9. The CTA City Circuit was held at North Bossier Tennis Complex. They had 118 players sign up, and were able to have a Men's and Mixed 5.0 division. We have heard that some participants were NOT USTA members and this will be deducted from the Pro's proceeds. **ALL CTA CITY CIRCUIT PARTICIPANTS MUST BE USTA MEMBERS.** Why you ask? It is because our CTA is funded by the USTA! Standings for the circuit are available at www.nwlacta.com. The next tournament will be held June 26-28 at Cockrell Tennis Center.
10. Our web page is getting better. Bill asked if the information of the 'Cancer Smash' be included on the site (Monday, May 22 at Southern Trace, a team format of 6 men, 6 women or 6 mixed to benefit the American Cancer Association). Richard did mention that we need to increase our e mail mailing list. David Kimball offered his staff to input e mail addresses from the CTA tournaments.
11. The raffle tickets are out and available at all the tennis facilities for \$10 a ticket. Drawing will be held at the CTA Southern Hills tournament on July 18. Five tickets will be drawn and from those five, one will win the two seats to the Presidents Box for the U.S. Open. Remember, this is a fund raiser for the NWLACTA. Richard will send out a reminder to everyone about the raffle tickets.
12. We have received our membership numbers from the USTA. Since 12/31/08 we are up in adult membership by 8 and for youth - 48. Let's try to get those numbers even higher!!
13. The fate of a Level 3 Junior tournament in Shreveport-Bossier is now in the hands of the LTA Executive Committee (who will be meeting later this month). Jay Boyd had a good idea about sending along to the meeting what we will offer to the players, as far as outside activities (hitting session prior to the start of the tournament, cookout, etc.). We will also see about providing housing for some of the ranked players.
14. The Southern Hills Junior Open will be held on June 13 - 15. Cockrell will also be holding an Adult tournament that weekend.
15. PTR testing will be held at Querbes on June 13 and 14.
16. Junior Southern Closed will be held on June 20 - 27. Sue Allender motioned that our CTA again give the parents of the junior players that compete at Southern Closed a stipend of \$100 per player. Bill Oliver second the motion, all were in favor. After the tournament, Richard will get the names and addresses of the junior players to Sue and John Liles.
17. Adult Team Tennis will be offered at North Bossier Tennis Complex on June 20.
18. It is time again for nominations for the LTA Annual Awards. ANYONE CAN SUBMIT A NOMINATION!!!! Nominations must be submitted by September 9,

2009. Either go to the LTA web site, or bring your nomination to our next CTA meeting (Wednesday, July 1 at Noon at POTC).

The categories are:

The Charles Turner Volunteer Service Award
Media Excellence in Broadcasting Award
League Coordinator of the Year Award
Adult Tournament of the Year Award
Charity Event of the Year Award
Community Tennis Association of the Year
Educational merit Award
Boy and Girl Junior Achievement Award
Junior League Coordinator of the Year Award
Junior Tournament of the Year
Media Excellence Award
Member Organization of the Year
Program of the Year
Provisional Official of the Year
Special Tennis Event of the Year
Team Tennis Event of the Year
Tennis Professional of the Year
The Beau Holton Tennis Official of the Year
The Mickey McNulty Family of the Year Award
USTA Facility Award

**NEXT MEETING JULY 1, 2009
NOON - POTC**