

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
“Promoting and developing tennis programs and activities in Northwest Louisiana.”
Minutes – June 2, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball (Southern Hills). Those in attendance include John Liles (POTC), Richard Verzaal (Querbes), Bill Oliver (LTA Rep.), Sue Allender (At Large), Sue Watts (Indoors), Robin Lucius (East Ridge), Jay Boyd (North Bossier), Matt Sawrie (Stonebridge), Dianne Mason, Karen Jantz, Jeff Smith, Elizabeth Craft, and Elana Engleman. Representatives were not present from Cockrell, Southern Trace, SALT and Natchitoches.
2. The reading of the May minutes was waived. Sue Allender reported on a correction to be made to item #11 in regards to suggestions on how to recruit more players on becoming a league captain. The incentive ideas should be sent to Jay Boyd, not Bill Oliver. All approved of the minutes with this correction.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$45,376.50 as of 5/31/10. This includes the accounts of Friends of Southern Hills (\$1212.) and Play Tennis Bossier (\$2,464.02).
4. The Stonebridge Country Club representative, Matt Sawrie, was introduced. Matt told everyone that the tennis and swim club are now under the direction of the homeowners association (318 households) and they have hired the Elana Engleman Management Co. to supervise the tennis facility.
5. The 2nd session of the Louisiana Adult League Championship will be played here on June 4- 7. Local Tournament Coordinator, Richard Verzaal, had his check list complete. The host hotel, Holiday Inn-Financial Plaza will have the tournament room where captains will pick up T-shirts, etc. Site Directors will meet there on Thursday at 6 P.M. An Economic Impact Survey will be at each site, and Richard asks that the Site Directors have the players fill them out for us. The ice machines will be delivered to all facilities, since the weather will be in the mid 90's. Sandwiches will be coming from Sammie's on Friday and Sunday, and the Sports Authority will have sandwiches for us on Saturday. Richard will have them delivered to the different site beginning at 11.
 - Sue Watts has volunteers ready for each site. She has the bananas, granola bars, muffins and crackers ready for each site to pick up. Our thanks to everyone who will be helping.
6. Elana Engleman reported on the CTA City Circuit tournament she hosted at North Bossier last weekend. She had 180 players this year as opposed to 142 in 2009. An increase even though the tournament fell on Memorial Day weekend and between the two sessions of Adult State. She did have a few players enter who were NOT USTA members and had to be turned away or else join the USTA (they said they had played in the previous tournaments). Again, hosting Pros, please make sure that ALL players are USTA members.
 - Discussion on the draw, i.e.: tennislink, etc. Bill Oliver said that teamopolis.com has draw formats. We may look into this and avoid the hassle of tennislink.
 - The next CTA City Circuit will be held at Cockrell Tennis Center on June 25 - 27.
7. In Adult League news, we are losing our Women's Coordinator, Dianne Mason. She thanked everyone for all their help and we in turn thanked her for all of her time and effort. We are pleased to announce Terry Bianca will be filling her shoes for the 2011 Season. Dianne will get with Terri and help her learn the ins and outs of coordinating the senior and adult ladies leagues. Again, our thanks to Dianne.
 - Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz, reported a small drop off in numbers for the upcoming Adult Mixed League. This year we have 36 teams, down from 37. In the Senior division, we have 9 teams, down from 13 in 2009. She feels that the new ratings may have affected our numbers.
 - A few weeks are left in the Spring Flex league. The Fall Flex League will begin after Combo sign-up.
8. Community Coordinator, Elizabeth Craft, has the Summer Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness beginning June 19th at Querbes. Junior Team Tennis will also begin that day from 1 - 2:30, also at Querbes.
 - The 6 week Summer Junior Team Tennis will be divided into Quickstart (ages 8 & under and 10 & under on Friday afternoons at 6 PM beginning at June 18th) and Juniors (14 & under and 18 & under on Saturday afternoons at 1 PM beginning June 19th). Junior Team Tennis is for beginner and intermediate players.
9. Discussion was made in regards to court lines for 60' courts for 2011. Sanctioned tournaments must have the correct dimensions for the 8 & under and 10 & under courts. Bill Oliver made mention of the lines being a shade lighter than the existing court color. Assistance money is out there on a first come first serve basis.
 - Bill also noted his dismay with the Junior Team Tennis State Tournament on May 14 and 15. He had his teams ready but had to cancel due to lack of entries at the last minute. This did not sit well with the players or the parents
 - The Junior Novice tournaments have had increased entries this year. The next Junior Novice will be held at POTC on June 19.
 - Congratulations to all of our juniors who will be competing at the upcoming Southern Closed Tournament.
10. Save July 1 - 4 on your calendars for the Rally for the Cure benefit tournament. This event to be held at Southern Hills and North Bossier includes mixed doubles, men's, women's and parent/child events. Additional information will be coming soon.
11. Jay Boyd has enlisted a great board of directors. Next meeting we will be discussing the different committees that we require and who will head them, along with any volunteers for those committees.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 – POTC at NOON