

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – June 6, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Gordy Ward, Jay Meyers, Richard Verzaal, Bill Oliver, John Liles, Sue Allender, Elana Engleman, Sue Watts, Bonnie Cox, James Hunt, Shelly Naisbitt, David Kimball, Karen and Ken Jantz.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the May minutes was made by Richard Verzaal, David Kimball seconds the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported that we have a balance of \$89,716.14 as of 5/31/12. This includes the grant monies for the 10 and Under program in the Red River Bank (\$26,616.20) and the Capital One Bank account (\$63,099.94) which includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,591.). Our net income from the Adult State tournament was \$5,174.86.
4. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her report.
 - a. The raffle/fundraiser for the US Open President's Box tickets ends this Sunday (6/10). Shelly has sold 77 tickets and would like each facility to sell 10 tickets before this date. The drawing will be held at the CTA City Circuit tournament at North Bossier on the 10th.
 - b. The Summer Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness begins Saturday, June 9 at Querbes. Eleven people have signed up so far, with 3 repeats from last session. Comments were made about getting these new players into the league system. Shelly will get a list of the Fun, Friends and Fitness players to the different Pros so they may be contacted in regards to league play. Shelly is also working on putting together a packet for the new players with information on USTA membership, our NWLaCTA and area tennis facilities. Shelly will contact David Kimball (Southern Hills) and James Hunt (Cockrell) about having courts available for free play for the F, F & F players on Wednesdays at 6:30.
 - c. The Fit For Life program on May 9 was a big hit with over 8,000 5th graders going to Independence Stadium. Bonnie Cox had a few of her FDDOC students from Stoner Hill playing tennis in the North end zone of the stadium. Shelly and James Hunt set the courts up.
 - d. The storage shed is almost full with inventory from Querbes. We are still in need of shelving. If you have any to donate, please contact Shelly.
 - e. Jr. Team Tennis Scholarships are available for the 2012 USTA Tennis Teachers Conference held in New York on August 24 – 27. To qualify you must be a current instructor for at least 2 years; served for at least 2 years as Jr. Team tennis coach; have not received this scholarship in the last 5 years. The deadline is June 15. If you are interested, please contact Shelly.

5. 10 and Under Interim Coordinator, Bonnie Cox, still is looking for a coordinator. She will get with Gordy Ward in regards to a mass e mail.
 - a. The Minden Tennis Center would like 10 and Under lines for their courts. Bill Oliver is working with them and will send them information in regards to joining the USTA as a Member Organization. Bonnie will contact Van Almonds about the 10 and Under program.
 - b. Bonnie will contact Willie Paas in Natchitoches and Van in Minden about numbers of 10 and Under players so they may be added to the monthly metric report.
6. Mixed Coordinator Karen Jantz has 44 teams signed up for the Adult Mixed League. To date, she has 13 Senior teams. Next month, she will have the complete numbers for us.
7. The next CTA City Circuit will be held at North Bossier on June 8 – 10, followed by the Southern Hills CTA tournament on July 13 – 15. Gordy Ward inquired that on tennislinc a non-sanctioned tournament does not require players to be USTA members. Since the NWLaCTA is affiliated with the USTA, all agreed that players MUST be USTA members to play in any of the CTA City Circuit tournaments. This will need to be spelled out in the individual tournament rules.
8. We are pleased to announce Ken Jantz will be our new webmaster. Gordy Ward will be working with Ken. If you have anything you would like published on our web page, please contact Gordy at gordon@ward.org. The articles must be written exactly how you want them to look on the web page. All Microsoft Word documents and other word processors documents must be converted to a PDF file. Ken and Gordy are cleaning up our site (we do have a lot of 2011 information) and they do ask all the Pros to check for accuracy as far as web address, names, phone numbers, etc.
9. David Kimball wanted to recap the 2012 Adult State tournament session held in Shreveport-Bossier. We had 423 players compete (100 less than last year). Horseshoe Casino supplied water and the Shreveport-Bossier Visitors Center supplied sports drinks, our thanks to them. Everything went well. If anyone can think of ways to improve our tournaments, please jot them down for reference in the future.
10. Jay Meyers, the head fundraiser with Biomed, met with Jay Boyd, John Liles and Richard Verzaal prior to our meeting in regards to short and long term goals for our CTA. Jay would like to have a day long planning session and will be sending out information in regards to dates.
11. We still need to get word out on what we are doing and what is happening in our tennis community. Gordy will be sending out twice a month newsletters on upcoming events. We do have 1,716 on our e mail list and this is a great tool to get our information out.

**NEXT MEETING TBA IN JULY
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