

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To Promote and Develop Tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – October 2, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include John Liles, Bonnie Cox, Sue Allender, Elana Engleman, Shelly Naisbitt, David Kimball, Eddie Copete, Tammie Harris, Grady Madden and Phillip Campbell.
2. Secretary Sue Allender noted two changes in the September minutes. Item 3: In the treasurers report, the balance for the account of Play Tennis Bossier should be \$1,964.89 not \$1,064.89. Item 5: Tri-level was a 'Regional' tournament, not "Sectional". Elana Engleman moved that we make the above changes to the September minutes, David Kimball second the motion and all were in favor. A motion to waive the reading of the September minutes was made by David Kimball, Eddie Copete second the motion. All were in favor, the minutes stand as corrected.
3. Treasurer John Liles has some outstanding checks, primarily from the junior player stipend. He then gave the balances of our bank accounts for the end of September. The general fund at Capital One Bank has a balance of \$83,748.58; this does include the Play Tennis Bossier account of \$1,964.89. The Red River Bank account for the 10 and under grant funds has a balance of \$51,115.09. This account also includes monies from the North Bossier 10 and Under balance of \$73.34.
4. Community Coordinator, Shelly Naisbitt, gave her report for September:
 - a. Sunset Acres Elementary School got off the states academically unacceptable list this year, due in part to students playing tennis twice a week after school. Last year Stoner and Creswell were also on the list but were able to come off (they are also on our tennis program). It was noted that children that play tennis improve their math scores 50%.
 - b. Four Play Days were held in September (Bellaire Elementary, Legacy Elementary, Southern Hills Tennis and North Bossier Tennis. We were able to sign up 21 new USTA memberships.
 - c. A Junior Novice Tournament is scheduled for October 12 at Querbes Tennis Center.
 - d. The Junior Team Tennis Fall program has 6 leagues: Legacy, WT Lewis, Bellaire, Sun City, FDDOC and a High School League. The High School League will meet at Southern Hills on Sundays at 3 P.M. beginning October 6. Bellaire is already in Tennislink with 22 players and 3 matches inputted. FDDOC has 59 players and will begin play on October 5.
 - e. The Fall session of Fun, Friends and Fitness started September 28th and has 11 participants. The next class will be held at POTC October 5. Jay Boyd did reiterate that we do need someone to take over Fun, Friends and Fitness from Shelly. Shelly said that you do not need to teach, the Pros do that, just to coordinate with the clubs, organize the participants when they get to the club and hand out lots of flyers

before the start of the session to encourage enrollment. The Spring session is usually held in March/April. If you are interested, please contact Jay or Shelly.

- f. The new NWLaCTA banners are here. Everyone should have one, if not, please contact Shelly and display them proudly!!!
 - g. Anyone needing volunteer hours (high schools students, etc.)? Do we have opportunities for you! All take place at Cockrell Tennis Center on Pines Road on Saturdays. FDDOC Play Days: 10/5, 10/12, 10/26, 11/2 at 2 P.M. need help monitoring the matches; and Special Olympics: 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 at 4 P.M. to play tennis with a special partner. Shelly will be there to sign off on any paper work.
 - h. Reminder to all about the Paralympic Experience to be held at Cockrell on Saturday, October 19 from 9 to 4. This is a day long celebration to show individuals with physical disabilities how participation in sports and living a healthy, active lifestyle can have a profoundly positive impact on their lives. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. To sign up contact James Hunt at Cockrell.
5. We are still in need of a 10 and Under Coordinator. Bonnie Cox has contacted Centenary College, LSU-S, Barksdale Air Force Base and BPCC about the position.
 6. David Kimball wanted to update everyone on the bond situation for Shreveport. The City Council needs to agree on a Financial Advisor before the funds may be released. Once the funds are released, we hopefully can get our city tennis courts repaired and resurfaced.
 7. The CTA City Circuit Masters is on the same weekend (October 12 and 13) as the Sectional Mixed Doubles Tournament. (FYI we did schedule our tournaments before LTA and STA released their dates.) Becky Berry sent out invitations to all the players who qualified. Elana Engleman knows that some of the players will be attending sectionals. Elana will have someone call the players to see if they will be willing to reschedule their matches for a later date.
 8. Tri-level Coordinator, Tammie Harris, reported that the 55 and up ladies won the Regional Tournament, while the 40 and Up ladies placed second. Our congratulations to everyone who played.
 9. Tammie is also the Flex League Coordinator and has 68 players signed up for the Fall Flex League. The 2.5 and 3.0 women's divisions' numbers are up. Always a great sign.
 10. Combo Coordinator, Karen Jantz, sent word that we have 77 teams and 842 players signed up for the 2013 season of Combo tennis. That is one team higher, but four players lower than last years numbers. She is looking for another 55 and up 7.5 team to compete with the one team that has signed up. Elana is looking into putting this team together.
 11. With 2014 just around the corner, Jay wanted everyone to think about our goals for the coming year. John Liles stated that the CDLM grant does give us goals to work towards. We need to think about increasing numbers for Fun, Friends and Fitness, Junior Team Tennis, etc.

12. The 70+ Invitational will be held on October 4 – 6. Elana said the LTA has around 70 players signed up and they will be playing two rounds a day.
13. The 18+ Combo State Tournament will be held in Shreveport/Bossier on November 8 – 11. Centenary College has agreed to let us use their tennis courts (6). The Sports commission does have a list of volunteers and has donated \$3,000 to help with the cost of the tournament. Food was discussed (even though we are not responsible for feeding the players, we will have food available as a courtesy). Phillip Campbell mentioned the food trucks that are available in our area (he used one for Southern Traces' member/guest tournament). Elana also asked that each facility used for play be responsible for their own volunteer sign up sheet.
14. The LTA Awards and Tournament Directors Meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on December 6th. Go to the LTA website for further information. This is also the same date as the Ryan Harrison/Wounded Warriors Fundraiser.
15. The CTDW meeting will be held in Denver October 31 to November 3. Elana will be attending from our CTA and two people from Monroe have shown an interest to attend. Since Monroe is still under our CTA umbrella Jay Boyd motioned that the NWLaCTA provide a stipend of \$500 each for the Monroe people to attend the CTDW. Elana Engleman second the motion, all were in favor.
16. Jay Boyd brought up the subject of a social get together for USTA players with a training element for USTA league captains and perspective captains. League Coordinator Tammie Harris said that she plans to hold the captains meeting for 2014 USTA league play in mid December. The holidays will make it tough to find a time for the social, maybe on a Friday evening.
17. On November 16 and 17 the North Bossier Tennis Complex will be holding a fundraiser for the Shreveport/Bossier Rescue Mission. We will have more information on this event at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
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