

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – February 3, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, Grady Wilson, Richard Verzaal, Mike Correal, Kaye Cochran, Elana Engleman, Phillip Campbell, Tammie Harris, David Kimball, Robert Verzaal and guest, Que Brelyn Hill, from the Shreveport Sports Authority.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the January minutes was made by Richard Verzaal, John Liles second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written. Secretary Sue Allender did want everyone to know that the USTA approved our organization as a level 1 Chapter Community Tennis Association. We are not a NJTL organization since we do not offer after school tutoring; participate in the Arthur Ashe Essay Contest, etc. Richard Verzaal suggested we might get with Rhonda Ruben with the FDDOC and see if our CTA could assist her in anyway with afterschool programs.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported on the bank balances as of 1/31/16. The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$90,329.78. This includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,964.89). The 10 and Under Grant account in the Red River Bank has a balance of \$50,465.61. This includes the FDDOC account (\$792.33).
4. Bob Patterson gave his Presidents Reports:
 - a. Our new website is up and running. Please check it out ;
 - b. The CTA City Circuit will be using the USPTA One Day Tournament format. The hosting Pro will be in charge of the whole tournament and will keep the \$20 entry from which drinks etc. will be purchased. Bob proposed that we give someone a stipend to keep track of the points;
 - c. The kick-off tournament for the NWLaCTA will be held at POTC on March 4 – 6. The cost will be \$40 for the first event and \$55 for two events;
 - d. Jeffrey Goodman wants to start up the Shreveport City Tournament Championship. Bob will meet with Jeffrey to see how our CTA can assist. A tentative date for the tournament is August 4 – 7.
5. John Liles reported that those wishing to become a tennis official contact him. The USTA will no longer be holding referee/official classes, instead they will be on line. John will have further information as soon as it is released.
6. Shreveport-Bossier will be holding four State Tournaments. The 55+ Adult State on April 22 – 24, the 18+ (2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.0) Adult State on June 10 – 12, the 70+ Invitational on September 30 – October 2 and the 18+ Combo State on November 4 – 6. Bob wanted to make sure all host hotels are set. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, would like to have the player parties set (even though we are not required to have one). Elana Engleman will get with Horseshoe Casino about hosting the player parties (a great success last time). Que Brelyn Hill from the Sports Authority said she could get us the best hotel rates from the local Shreveport/Bossier hotels.

And if we are in need of sponsorship, to let her know and she will assist us. This will be a great help for our upcoming tournaments.

7. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, gave her report:
 - a. The Junior Novice Tournament information and dates are on our website. Forms have been placed at all the tennis facilities, now all we need are the players!!! The next tournament will be held at Querbes on February 13. Host Pro, Richard Verzaal, said that he would be having a Middle School and Elementary School Jamboree the week prior and will encourage students to play in the Junior Novice;
 - b. February will be a busy month for Tennis Apprentice. Winter sessions will be held at North Bossier (Monday mornings 2/8 – 3/7); Querbes (Tuesdays 2/9 – 3/1); North Bossier (Tuesdays 2/9 – 3/8); Mike Woods Park in Bossier (Wednesdays 2/10 – 3/7); Cockrell (Thursdays 2/18 – 3/10) and Southern Hills (Saturday mornings 2/10 – 3/12). For additional information please check out our website or the host facility or sign up at www.thetennisapprentice.com.

8. Women’s League Coordinator, Tammie Harris, said she and Bob Patterson (Men’s League Coordinator) have the schedules finished. The player numbers to date are :

	18+	40+	55+	65+
2015	605	366	193	34
2016	518	373	182	23

Overall we are have 102 less players this year than last, but players can still be added. Tammie did notice a big change that players are not playing 18+ but are playing 40+. Next month she will have updated numbers.

9. Richard Verzaal wanted the tennis community to know that Querbes Pro, Jorge Jimenez’s wife is battling cancer. On May 21, Querbes will be holding a fun tennis mixer (covered dish, silent auction) for Wilma. Bob Patterson motioned that our CTA donate \$200 to the fundraiser, John Liles second the motion, and all were in favor.

10. Mike Correal, Marketing, sent out two ideas for yard signs to promote tennis. We all liked “Discover Tennis”. It will cost \$6.50 per sign if we order 200 yard signs. It was mentioned that we should have the same design on our webpage so if someone does visit it, they will only have to click on to the design to get information. Tammie Harris had a great idea about giving Tennis Apprentice information to the parents at Junior Novice Tournaments, ditto to School Team Tennis.

11. Robert Verzaal mentioned that in March a new program will begin. Check it out at www.rallythefamily.com.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**