

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – June 1, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, Jay Boyd, Kaye Cochran, Grady Wilson, Phillip Campbell, Mike Correal, Angela Pfanner, Karen Jantz, Willie Paz, David Kimball, Chris Long, Becky Lance and Bonnie Cox.
2. A motion was made to waive the reading of the May minutes by Bob Patterson, David Kimball second the motion. Grady Wilson did note that a correction should be made from last month's minutes. The Level Three Junior Tournament that we have been granted in our area for 2017 is a **National** Level Three not a Sectional. All were in favor with this change and the minutes stand as corrected.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of May 31, 2016. The 10 and Under grant monies in the Red River Bank account has a balance of \$50,465.61. This does include the FDDOC account (\$91.43). The general account in Capital One Bank has a balance of \$98,420.00. This does include the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89), Loveserves (\$425.00) and 10 and Under Southern Hills/Cockrell (\$320.00).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his report from last month and upcoming events:
 - a. Our USTA Adult Mixed League season began officially May 31.
 - b. We are hosting a section of the 18 and Up Adult State Tournament on June 10 – 12. The playing sites will be North Bossier, Southern Hills, Querbes and Cockrell. David Kimball will be the Referee and Richard Verzaal will be the Tournament Director. David did suggest we have someone learn the responsibilities of being a tournament director for upcoming state tournaments that are hosted in Shreveport/Bossier, what with Richard spending more time in Florida and Elana Engleman moving to Texas.
 - c. The Katy Built Tournament was GREAT. The food, volunteers and weather could not have been better. Maybe a Thursday start next year to accommodate the large draw to play 2 out of three sets? Angela Pfanner reported that 17 teams competed and they met their goal of raising \$20,000. Jay Boyd suggested that we nominate this tournament for a LTA year end award.
 - d. Bob has spoken with Rhonda Rubben and that the FDDOC grant has not come in yet, but things are looking good for our partnership in some projects this Fall.
 - e. Bob met with Kelly Focht, Nancy Bushnell Harper and David Kimball to begin the state bid applications for 2017 and 2018. They are looking for any new ideas, possible a 40+ Mixed Tournament. If anyone has any ideas, please contact one of the above.
5. Community Coordinator Kaye Cochran gave her report:

- a. Kaye has been looking at promotional items for gifts or giveaways. Karen Jantz said it was great at the High School State Tournament that each coach received a gift pack. We just have to make sure our web address is front and center.
 - b. Our web designer/master, Chris Long, will look into separating tournaments/lessons/camps into Junior and Adult categories. Future sponsors/advertisers may be able to see how many visits they have received. If you have a camp or an event this Summer, Pros please contact Chris so it can be added to our web site.
 - c. The Junior Novice Tournament on June 4 at North Bossier will be cancelled due to the Pro change.
 - d. The 10 and Under programs (thanks to David Kimball and Angela Pfanner) had 9 students at Southern Hills and 15 at Cockrell. The children signed up for a four lesson session and upon completion will receive a tennis racket. David also has follow up classes scheduled for the evenings at Cockrell. Future sites may be Towne South and places in Bossier City.
 - e. Kaye is also looking at partnering with schools and having an in-service program.
6. 10 and Under Coordinators, Jay Boyd and Angela Pfanner reported the following:
 - a. All tennis facilities, please submit your Play Days and if you are hosting a 10 and Under Tournament. We do need to document our junior players who are receiving free memberships/rackets.
 - b. Even though we have had a few 10 and Under Certified Training classes in the past, do we need to hold another?
 - c. If you are planning a 10 and under program, let Jay or Angela know so they can get the rackets and nets to you.
7. Becky Lance presented a program to our CTA, a Summer Compass Draw Tennis Tournament. It will begin July 1 and you play one match every two weeks. The cost is \$25 per player for singles and \$20 per player for doubles. You are guaranteed at least 5 matches and prizes will be given to the main and consolation bracket. An automated email system reminds the players that you need to play. This could be good for Tennis Apprentice graduates and could be used for 10 and under and Junior Novice players. It will take about 2 months to complete. Bob will take this idea to our League Council, since it does run at the same time as Flex and Mixed Doubles League play.
8. Karen Jantz wanted to thank the NWLaCTA for their donation for the High School State Tournament Regionals. Byrd, Caddo Magnet and Evangel hosted over 300 tennis players.
9. Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz, reported that our numbers are down from last year (46 teams in 2016, 57 in 2015). The good news is that we do have some new Captains this year. You do not have to be an active team player to be a Captain. You do need to contact the Coordinator so they can give you a team number. The numbers are also down for Tri-Level (19 teams in 2016, 26 in 2015).
10. It is not too early to be thinking about the Combo season. A Captains meeting will be held on August 9. More information on time and place to follow.
11. Tennis Apprentice programs are still going strong at Querbes.

12. Jay Boyd reported on the hiring of a new pro at North Bossier Tennis Complex. Applications will be taken until June 10 and then the hiring committee will meet on June 14. Jeff Smith and Bill Phillips are on the committee. Jay is hoping someone from Play Tennis Bossier will also be on this selection committee. He doesn't think that a new Pro will be in position until mid-August at the earliest.

13. Bonnie Cox wanted to remind everyone that it is not too early to think about the LTA Award nominations. Last year they were due around the beginning of October. We want everyone in the state to know we have a great group of tennis enthusiasts in Northwest Louisiana!!!

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016
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