

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Mike Correal, Tammie Harris, Sue Allender, Kaye Cochran, Angela Pfanner, Todd Killen, Grady Wilson, Willie Paz, Phillip Campbell, David Kimball, Jay Boyd, Cindy Sweatt and Robert Verzaal.
2. Secretary, Sue Allender, had a correction from last month's minutes. On Item 4 d. it should read that Jay Boyd will be at the League Coordinator meeting as he is on the LTA's Executive Committee as a liaison with the League Coordinator. It was motioned by Grady Wilson to waive the reading of the August minutes with this correction, Bob Patterson second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as corrected.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave his report. The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies has a balance of \$46,860.61 This does include the FDDOC account (\$91.47). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$87,772.38. This includes the account of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,464.80) and Serve Love (\$90).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his report from the last month:
 - a. First he wanted to introduce and welcome Todd Killen as the new head pro at the North Bossier Tennis Complex. Todd wanted to invite everyone to a Bossier Tennis Festival Day on Saturday, September 24. Activities will include a Junior Novice Tournament beginning at 9; A FREE 10 and Under clinic from 11 - 12; and an adult mixer (cost \$5 each and bring your favorite dish to share). For more information please call 213-2108.
 - b. Adult Mixed State tournaments are coming up. The 18+ Mixed was September 2 - 4 in Mandeville. David Kimball's team came in 2nd and is hoping for a wild card. The 40+ Adult Mixed will be in New Orleans on September 9 - 11, and the 55+ Adult Mixed will compete in Slidell on September 23 - 25. Good luck to all our teams heading South.
 - c. State Tournament bids have been sent for 2017-18. They will be decided on October 8 at the next LTA Executive Board Meeting and during the Local League Coordinators meeting. As mentioned earlier Jay Boyd will be attending as well as Robert Verzaal, who will discuss his success with the Tennis Apprentice program and Step Up League.
 - d. Reminder that the LTA will be holding their annual CTA workshop on December 2 (Friday morning) in conjunction with the LTA Awards the following day.
 - e. The annual Lady Demon (NSU) tournament in Natchitoches was fun and a we had good turnout of Shreveport/Bossier tennis players.
 - f. Diana Beauregard, with the LTA, will be hosting a lunch next Wednesday, September 14, at East Ridge Country Club to discuss the 10 and Under Youth Progression Pathway program.
 - g. The last weekend in September will be a busy one for our tennis community:

- i. The 70+ State Invitational will be held at North Bossier. Todd Killen has everything in order; he just needs to contact BJ at the LTA to tie up a few items.
 - ii. The Snoopy Open (a Loyola Prep fundraiser) is scheduled for September 30 – October 2. Bob had posters to hand out for our tennis facilities.
 - iii. Finally we have a booth at the Red River Revel and are in need of volunteers to work 3 hour shifts for Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2. We need to update our CTA brochure to hand out. Also we will have info on USTA memberships and tennis events that we will be having in our area. If you want to help, please contact Angela Pfanner or Kaye Cochran.
 - h. Bob wanted to thank Danny Roemer and the grievance committee for their timely solutions on problems that arise during the past season.
5. Marketing Chairman, Mike Correal, will be putting together a flyer on everything that we are doing in our tennis community that can be handed out at the Red River Revel.
6. Discussion was had on the cancellation of the Tri Level State tournament on August 12 – 14 due to the flooding in Baton Rouge. The tournament was not cancelled until Saturday after many people had already traveled and spent the night in Baton Rouge on Friday. A new weather policy will be on the agenda at the LTA meeting on October 8. Phillip Campbell also heard complaints on how the winners were decided by doing a draw.
7. Grady Wilson encouraged all local pros and any volunteers to attend the 10 and Under on-court workshop at POTC on Friday, September 23 from 4 until 7:30. The cost is \$15 and will include a meal. John Liles recommended that our CTA cover the admission cost for volunteers attending the workshop. All agreed. If you are interested, please check out our website or contact Grady at POTC.
8. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran gave her report from last month:
 - a. Kaye met with Rhonda Rubben and Christy Pylant with FDDOC Winner's Circle at Summer Grove Elementary. They have a large space where lines for 36' and 60' courts can be painted. Kaye is checking with the Caddo Parish School maintenance in regards to getting this done. Just to remind everyone about FDDOC Winner's Circle, since 2011 through their 21st Century grant, they have partnered with the NWLaCTA. Together this partnership has provided tennis training, racquets, balls, nets and team t-shirts to students in at-risk schools. The students choose tennis as their enrichment. The program allows them to be exposed to a fun sport that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. FDDOC offers a quality after school tutoring program designed to improve academic achievement. While the emphasis is on reading and math, the addition of tennis and other enrichment classes have greatly enhanced this program. The program is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:30 and follows the Caddo Parish school schedule. If you are interested in helping, and this does pay \$15 an hour, you may contact Rhonda at 318-423-3259.

- b. Kaye was able to add 30 new USTA memberships with the 10 and under programs at Southern Hills, Cockrell, North Bossier, Towne South and Natchitoches. Hope to visit the Stockwell and A C Steere neighborhoods soon.
 - c. Checking with area Elementary schools about bringing tennis into the schools i.e.: Turner Elementary.
 - d. Next Junior Novice Tournaments will be at North Bossier (September 24) and Southern Hills (October 22). With the Junior Novice City Championship scheduled for November 12 at Querbes.
9. 10 and Under Coordinator, Angela Pfanner, has also had a busy month and has been working with Kaye on many of the above projects:
 - a. Tennis Play Days were held at Natchitoches Tennis Center, North Bossier and Southern Hills in August. A Play Day is scheduled for October 1 at Querbes from 10 – Noon.
 - b. Again, we do need volunteers for the Red River Revel booth. The more the merrier.
 - c. Also, please plan to attend the 10 and Under workshop at POTC on September 23. We need 20 participants to make this workshop happen.
 - d. The goal for this years' new USTA 10 and Under memberships is a lofty one, 570. To date we have 165 new members, but still have to input the FDDOC players. Pros, if you have any 10 and unders who would like to join the USTA, please contact Angela.
10. Robert Verzaal reported that his Tennis Apprentice session for this Fall has been small. Others have seen smaller numbers in the 10 and Under programs. A lot of this has to do with starting school, etc.
11. Awards Chairwoman, Bonnie Cox, was unable to attend but did send word to remind everyone that the LTA Awards deadline is September 23. All the awards nominations are done electronically, so get your writing skills ready. The NWLaCTA has done a lot this year and we are very proud of all our accomplishments and would like the whole state to know about them!!
12. Flex League Coordinator, Tammie Harris, had flyers to hand out promoting the Fall Flex Single League. Registration opened September 1st and ends September 28th. The cost is \$25 for USTA members and \$35 for non-members. The season runs October 3 through December 31st. For additional information, please contact Tammie at 318-426-6327.
13. Combo Coordinator, Karen Jantz, sent word that as of now we have 890 people signed up for Combo, down from 1,024 in 2015. If you have players looking for a team, please contact Karen. This is the same for all league sign-ups. Contact the league coordinators and they will help find a team for your player. And again, try to get players to become co-captains so they can learn about being a captain. Tammie Harris offered to hold a beginner level captain clinic. We may have this for the 2017 Adult League season
14. Cindy gave a report on our favorite Pro, Eddie Copete. He needs to go to M.D. Anderson on his birthday (September 19), but so far so good. he is feeling much

better, but his immune systems is still pretty weak. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with Eddie.

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - NOON**