

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – October 3, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by Member at Large Jay Boyd.
2. Secretary Sue Allender proceeded with the roll call. Those in attendance include Grady Wilson, Sue Allender, John Liles, Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd, David Kimball, Todd Killen, Phillip Campbell, Joey Lawler, Tracy Meehan, Willie Paz, Nancy Harper, Kaye Cochran and guests from the LTA Katilyn Simpson and Megan Preusch. We have a quorum.
3. Jay Boyd made a motion to waive the reading of the September minutes, David Kimball second the motion all were in favor. The September minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balance as of September 30, 2018. The general account in Red River Bank has a balance of \$142,699.83. The checking account in Capital One Bank has a balance of \$1,055.36.
5. Jay Boyd introduced our guests from the LTA, Katilyn Simpson (CTA) and Megan Preusch (Junior Tennis Coordinator). On November 11 in Lafayette the first annual Inter-club Junior Tournament will be held, LA Hot Shots Tournament. The format will be a team event with 6 players per team, boys' doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles. The age divisions will be 12s, 14s, 16s, and 18s. The cost will be \$35 per player with a 4-team limit per age division. Snacks and balls will be provided as well as a player gift. The LTA will be giving each Pro a \$50 incentive per team entered. This tournament is for beginner and intermediate players. For additional information, please contact Katilyn Simpson at (225) 769-0337.
6. Jay Boyd reported on the updates on the Querbes revitalization. The CTA Querbes Committee met with SPAR on September 20.
 - a. Lighting for the courts – Shelly with SPAR has moved forward with bids which includes lights between each court (as Bossier Tennis Center has).
 - b. The committee is looking into shade options over the benches
 - c. Curbing and fencing are included in the plan
 - d. The committee is following up on the USTA grant for facility improvements. The initial grant request will allocate \$10,000 to the Querbes project, but this will be awarded after the project is completed.
7. The Fall Tennis Fundraiser for Querbes Tennis Center is around the corner. The November 8 – 11 event at POTC is open for entering via Tennislink.
 - a. Jay Boyd handed out additional sponsorship forms. He restated Rhonda's request that every board member solicit donations/sponsorships for the tournament!
 - b. Volunteer committee head, Nancy Harper, said she will be out of town that weekend but passed a sheet around for people to sign up to assist in the various duties. Jennifer Gault and Sue Allender will help with the duties.
 - c. A Player Party will be held Thursday November 8 with an Open Calcutta and exhibition.
 - d. Friday from 4 – 5 pm a Net Generation Red/Orange/Green ball junior exhibition will be held.
8. The LTA held their meeting.
 - a. The Louisiana Tennis Hall of Fame inductions will be held during the yearly meeting in December.
 - b. Bill Phillips will be presenting a Cardio Tennis State Certification.
 - c. Northwest Louisiana will be well represented on the new LTA Board of Directors based on the slate being recommended by the nominating committee: Jay Boyd – Executive Vice-President, Grady Wilson Vice-President, , Bob Patterson – Northern Region

Representative and Past Presidents Phillip Campbell and John Liles. Our congratulations to all.

- d. The State Tournament bids for 2019-2020 are scheduled to be discussed and voted on by the League Council in three weeks. They will then be sent to the full LTA Board for approval.
 - e. Grady Wilson made a bid to host Louisiana Junior Qualifying (it has been in Lafayette for some time).
9. League Coordinators, Tammie Harris and Rhonda Rubben were unable to attend the meeting but did want to remind all players that league regulations are on the NWLaCTA website. The last day to add players for 18 and 55 and Up Combo is October 13 (the seasons ends 10/26). The last day to add players for 40 and Over Combo is October 6 (season ends 10/19).
10. Community Coordinators, Kaye Cochran, gave her and Angela Pfanner's report.
- a. Natchitoches Tennis Facility held an open house on September 14. Thanks to Pro Willie Paz, tennis has grown in Natchitoches, and so the Mayor of Natchitoches honored Willie with naming the clubhouse the Paz Pavilion. Around 50 players attended the dedication, and this was followed by a Red Ball Play Day with around 20 players participating.
 - b. Upcoming Junior Events in October include;
 - i. Level 6 Tournament – Southern Hills on October 27
 - ii. Novice High School League "Chemistry of Tennis" – a pathway from the 'Elements of Tennis' clinic held this summer at Bossier Tennis Center. This league will be held on Monday afternoons beginning October 22 – December 17 from 3 – 5 pm at Bossier Tennis Center.
 - iii. Middle School Fall League -October 22 – December 8 (Mondays and Wednesdays) at Southern Hills 4:30 – 6
 - c. Upcoming Adult Events in October:
 - i. Tennis Apprentice and Step Up Leagues – Querbes and Natchitoches
 - ii. Snoopy Open October 5 – 7 – East Ridge
 - iii. Lady Demons Tournament – October 19 – 21, Natchitoches
 - iv. SETT Tournament – October 25 – 28 at POTC
 - d. Ongoing Junior and Adult Projects;
 - i. Safe Play Registration Workshop for volunteers and parents. May see about having this at a school computer lab.
 - ii. Parent Tennis Clubs (PTC) at local clubs. We do need one parent from each tennis facility to meet twice a year.
 - iii. School Tennis Partnership: Net Generation, working with Ridgewood, Werner Park, North Highlands, Herndon, Alexander, Kingston, Mooringsport and Meadowview.
 - iv. CTA Storage Room workday. Maybe looking into purchasing a small building to keep at Querbes. Storage unit rent has increased.
11. We are hosting the Combo State Tournament on November 2nd – 5th. The check in site will be at Bossier Tennis Center. We will have food trucks available to the players (Counter Culture, Good Eats, Ki Mexico, Ono). Todd Killen had one of the player gift hats to pass around, very nice. We are looking to hosting 375 players.
12. A reminder from our President, Rhonda Rubben. Please make sure to communicate any changes or updates on our website. For the monthly newsletter, Pros please send your information to Angela by the first Friday of the month.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018
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