

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – September 5, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rhonda Rubben.
2. Secretary, Sue Allender, proceeded with the roll call. Those in attendance include Rhonda Rubben, Mike Correal, Sue Allender, John Liles, Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd, Todd Killen, Eddie Copete, Phillip Campbell, Brian Bernard, Angela Pfanner, Tammie Harris, and Nancy Harper. We have a quorum.
3. Bob Patterson made a motion to waive the reading of the September minutes, Jay Boyd second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balance from Red River Bank as of 9/4/18. The general account has a balance of \$141,415.45. The checking account at Capital One Bank has a balance of \$853.36.
5. Past President, Bob Patterson, reported that the LTA will have a state meeting on September 22.
6. Member at Large, Jay Boyd, gave the latest news on the updating of Querbes Tennis Center. A meeting was held last week, and the ADA compliance and bathroom updates are ready to begin construction. Brian Bernard will follow-up on the lighting (bids are out with new LED lights, just checking on location of poles), Jay has been talking about having shade on the center clay courts (depending on cash availability), SPAR is working on the curbing and fencing. The Querbes Committee will meet on September 19 and Rick Holland is working on potential sponsors, while Jimbo West is working on the USTA Facility Grant.
 - a. Jay also had lunch with the Sports Commission and presented to their board our tournaments that we hope to be hosting on 2019. With the anticipation of larger tournaments and more out of town players, we would like to receive \$6,250 from the commission.
 - b. Volunteer Coordinator Nancy Harper talked with John Callum (USTA Southern) at the US Open who told her about the 'Build It Forward' grant from Southern. This is the grant Jimbo West is working on and we could receive \$10,000 to be used towards the clay courts (whose base is pretty good), but next year we can apply for the grant for \$20,000 for the hard courts that need major work.
7. Junior Coordinator, Angela Pfanner, reported that we have a lot of tennis events happening in September:
 - a. Natchitoches Facility Open House – Friday, Sept. 14 5 p.m.
 - b. St. Jude's Tournament at Southern Trace (September 14 – 16) Sold Out
 - c. Bossier Ladies Tennis (BLT) Sept – Nov at Bossier Tennis Center
 - d. SALT Tennis League Sept – Nov
 - e. Combo League Sept – Nov
 - f. Junior Grand Prix (L5) Natchitoches – Sept. 15 – 16
 - g. Kingston Elementary Tennis Clinic – Sept. 17
 - h. Junior Tournament (L6) Bossier – Sept. 22
8. Mixed League Coordinator, Tammie Harris, was excited to report that our 2.5 Team 18+ won State on August 31 – Sept. 3. Our numbers increased by 81 players from last year. It was a bit of a nightmare scheduling the Mixed League since 65% of the teams played out of either POTC or Bossier. She would like to meet with the pros after the October CTA meeting to discuss scheduling for 2019.

- a. The Fall Flex League play is beginning with 18 players signed up. Rhonda mentioned that we had six winners from the Spring Flex League and would like to get them something. Bob Patterson proposed to the board that we give each winner from Flex a \$25 gift certificate from Amazon, John Liles seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - b. A reminder to all, League rules and regulations are posted on our website. All Captains should print them out.
 - c. To date we have 953 players signed up for Combo League.
 - d. Rhonda also mentioned a deal for moisture wick baseball caps that could be used for Captain's gifts and players gifts for Combo. Everyone thought that was a great idea and they would be cheaper if bought in bulk.
9. Todd Killen reported on the City Championships (North Louisiana Open Championship). He had 29 single players sign up with 16 double teams competing. Jeffrey Goodman did a great job on Facebook posting old pictures and articles from previous City Championships (Media Award Nomination for the LTA Awards?). Todd, Jeffrey and Rick Holland are already thinking about next year. They hope to start the tournament on Monday and have a week-long event with evening matches for men and women doubles, open singles and doubles for Men and Women, Mother/Daughter, Father/Son doubles, etc. On October 17 an exhibition will be played at Southern Hills featuring Todd Killen/Anthony McMaster versus Dakota Bobo/Stafford Yerger. Todd hopes to have Food Trucks on site. Exhibitions like this will be held throughout the year in preparation for the 2019 City Championships.
10. Just a reminder that the NWLaCTA Fall Tennis Classic (a Querbes Tennis Fundraiser) is just around the corner (November 9 – 11). Juniors have been invited to play in the open divisions. On Thursday evening a Calcutta will be held along with a band, Friday evening, will have a Net Generation exhibition along with Pappa Murphys pizza. Rhonda will have the Querbes timeline beginning in 1964. If anyone has anything they would like to add to it, please contact Rhonda. Entries are now open on Tennislink. We are looking for sponsors. Magnets are available at all the tennis facilities with the original rendering of Querbes Tennis Center from the original blue prints on it (they may be purchased for a \$2 donation). Jay Boyd wanted to thank all the clubs that have helped to raise funds.
11. The 40+ Combo State Tournament in Shreveport/Bossier is November 2 – 4. To date we have food trucks (Counter Culture, Good Eats, Ki Mexico, Ono), player gifts (hats?), hotel rooms are blocked, and we estimate hosting 375 players.
12. Award Committee Chairperson, Sonia Killen, sent word that applications are coming in. The awards committee are reviewing them and will be submitted by the due date of September 15.
13. Rhonda gave her report;
- a. Karen Jantz is retiring as Coordinator (Mixed, Combo, etc.) after 18 years of service. Rhonda had a card for everyone to sign. Our thanks for everything you did Karen. We will miss you.
 - b. On the website, please make sure you communicate any changes, updates, etc.
 - c. Again, we need sponsors for the NWLaCTA Fall Classic, please help spread the word.
 - d. Newsletter goes out the beginning of the month. Please Pros send your information to Angela by the first Friday of the month.
 - e. Let's continue our likes on Facebook. If you have anything tennis related, please share it on the NWLaCTA page.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018
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