

## **NWLACTA Board Minutes August 7, 2019**

Present for the meeting Rhonda Rubben, John Lyles, Grady Wilson, Joey Lawler, Bob Patterson, Phillip Campbell, Stevie Schmidt, Jay Boyd and Nancy Bushnell Harper. We have a quorum. CTA members present Kaye Cochran, Willie Paz and Louis Gerin

Minutes from the June 2019 meeting were approved without correction. Jay Boyd moved to approve the minutes with a second Jay Boyd.

**Treasurer John Lyles reported:** \$118,299 bank balance. Investment account at Raymond James is 71,607.80, Red River 50,175. Net income of 41,662.

**President Rhonda Rubben reported:**

Nominations for LTA awards 2019 are due September 13, the nomination committee is completing the forms and will meet the deadline. John Lyles was submitted for the LTA Hall of Fame Nomination for 2019.

2 Donation requests have been made to the CTA to support both the players and tournaments, St. Jude's \$500 and The City tournament \$500. Motion made to approve the requests by Jay Boyd and Bob Patterson, motion passed.

SPF Grant is set up at Southern Hills Gym working with Richard Legendra and Korita Windman who is over the adaptive PE program. Objective is the last session to play on the courts at Southern Hills.

Umbrellas that were bought by Ellis were substandard quality and were returned to the Sports Commission. A recommendation to purchase 15 umbrellas for League play and Adult and Junior Tournaments at \$50 each (plus logo fee). Motion was made by Jay Boyd and Joey Lawler, motion passed.

A recommendation was made to consider having a float in the Highland Parade for Mardi Gras in the future. Discussion of the positive aspects of this for advertising the CTA ensued. Project is tabled with no action taken at this time.

Willie Paz was invited by the BBT to attend the first Southern Hispanic Tennis Outreach Conference in Atlanta GA, as the representative from LA. The object of the conference was to reach out to the Hispanic population by the coaches utilizing Net Generation to reach out to this under represented population. Willie said the conference was excellent and he is looking forward to working with the group. Willie requested assistance from the CTA for his airfare to the conference \$437.00. Motion was made to cover the full airfare, by Jay Boyd and Bob Patterson, motion passed.

Member Jay Boyd brought up the diversity problem that exists in our tennis community and asked for ideas on how to increase our diversity on the board, and at the clubs. Discussion ensued and all agreed to continue our efforts with SPAR, Net Generation.

CTA member Mike Corral has moved to GA. We are appreciative of his work with the CTA and thank him for his efforts. He will be missed.

Court Connections is a new committee of volunteers from each city facility has been created to help with the needs at the courts such as tournaments that are held. Members include Dana Hicks-Querbes, Gina Bilhm & Denise Gordon-Southern Hills, Rhonda Facine-Cockrell. The members are recruiting members for each of their individual committees.

Fall CTA tournament will be a doubles and mix format, with regular, 55+, open, and tennis apprentice divisions. Juniors will be allowed to play upon approval from Todd Killen as to level they would need to play. October 18-20<sup>th</sup> at Bossier Tennis Center.

**Past President Bob Patterson reported:** State tournament in June 19 rooms at the Hilton and 28 at Homeward Suites in Bossier City. November Combo tournament hotel rooms are reserved.

**Board member Jay Boyd:** reported on Mixed State Tournament has been granted a waiver to Mandeville to use the courts in Slidell. This will impact players who are playing on 2-3 levels. Jay asked for any feedback on the cost of tournament entry fee, Mixed Doubles tournament and wanted to pass those along to LTA.

Querbes update is that all work is on schedule and on target. RFP's (guidelines to send out for the bids for work) are being sent out after Mayor Perkins signs them, separately for Querbes and Southern Hills/Cockrell. Monthly meeting with the city is taking place on 8/7/2019. Awaiting information on shade structures.

**USAT/LTA/STA Reports: none**

Rhonda Rubben asked for approval to pay Bossier Tennis Center not to exceed \$320, for the court facility fees for the income loss when a facility is blocked for a tournament but not used due to weather. Current fees are \$20 per court per day. Motion made by Bob Patterson and seconded by Phillip Campbell, motion passed. John Liles will get with Todd for exact amount due.

**Combo Coordinator Rhonda Rubben reported:** that the 2.5 40+ Men's team do not want to play because they are paying to play local leagues and winning, however there is not a state level for them to play. Discussion was focused suggestions on how to recognize these players. Motion was made to allow them to play at CTA tournament in the fall without a fee by Jay Boyd and Bob Patterson second, motion passed.

CTA Fall Tournament: A recommendation was made to recognize the efforts by the captains by reducing the \$40 player entry fee to \$20 for the Captains. Motion Jay Boyd second John Lyles, motion passed.

A decrease of 10 teams in Combo. Reminder that registration is early.

**Community Coordinator Kaye Cochran Report: attached.**

**Board Member Phillip Campbell reported:** Walk ON Tournament and Intersectional tournament both went well. 20 college coaches attended. Concern is our lack of local officials.

Adjourned 1:05pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Bushnell Harper

# Coordinator's Report for Sept. 2019 Board Meeting

## Community Coordinator: Kaye Cochran

### Recap of Junior Events in August

- Net Generation Team Challenge Event at Bossier-Aug. 1 (20)
- Net Generation Team Challenge Event at Squire Creek-Aug. 2 (7)
- Walk On's Independence Bowl Junior Tennis Classic-Aug. 2-5-Pierremont
- Net Generation Team Challenge Event at Pierremont-Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> (8)
- Net Generation Team Challenge Event at Southern Hills-Aug. 10 (12)
- Net Generation Team Challenge Event at Natchitoches-TBA
- LA Hot Shots Team Tournament- Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>-Southern Hills  
18s: 2 teams (Bossier and Monroe), 14's and 12's did not have enough teams for a division  
(Did put together a 3 person boy's competition-two teams)
- **Note: We have met our CGPG JTT membership goal for this year. Needed 303 and have 333.  
FDDOC 170 participants and 163 Team Challenge participants.  
A BIG thanks to our tennis pros, volunteers, parents and the facilities for reaching these goals!**

### Recap of Adult Events August

- Combo Leagues in progress
- Flex League Registration Begins-Aug.5<sup>th</sup>
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- Tri Level State-Aug. 16-18
- Combo league play begins-Aug. 19
- City Championships-Aug. 12-18-At Bossier
- Pierremont Oaks Member/Guest-Aug. 23-25
- Mixed State (18s, 40s, 55s) Aug. 30-Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

### Upcoming Junior Events for Sept.

- Level 6 Singles Tournament-Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>-Southern Hills
- Adaptive Tennis Program (Caddo Schools)-Site: Southern Hills
- FDDOC School Programs-Summer Grove, Mooretown, Oak Park

### Upcoming Adult Events for Sept.

- Adult Sectionals- Sept. 13-16
- St. Judes Classic- Sept. 19-22 at Southern Trace/POTC
- Natchitoches Classic Tournament-Sept. 27-29
- 65 and Over State Tournament-Sept. 27-30-Lafayette

### **October & November:**

- Snoopy Open-Oct. 4-6 at East Ridge
- CTA Fall Captain & Player Appreciation Tournament-Oct. 18-20 at Bossier
- Combo 40 and Over State Tournament-Nov. 1-4 in Lafayette
- Combo 18 & 55 & Over State Tournament-Nov. 8-11 in Shreveport/Bossier
- Calvary Family Fun Tournament-Nov. 16 at Southern Hills

### Ongoing Junior and Adult Tennis Projects

- Safe Play Registration for Volunteer and Parents- reminded several coaches
- SPAR After school programs at tennis centers (Cockrell)
- Will contact schools to encourage school year partnerships with Net Gen