

NWLACTA Minutes February 5, 2020

Joey Lawler, John Liles, Rhonda Rubben, Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd, Phillip Campbell, Albert Hardison, Grady Wilson. We have a quorum. CTA guest are Sue Allendar, Dana Hicks, Kaye Cochran Lance Dyer, Louis Gerin and Richard LeGendre.

January Minutes were approved by Albert Hardison and seconded by Jay Boyd.

New pros are here and according to our bylaws any facility that has 10 or more courts sits on the NWLACTA board. Rhonda requested a motion to add Chris Dudley with Querbes Tennis Center and Erik Graves with Cockrell Tennis Center. Motion made by John Liles and seconded by Albert Hardison, a vote was called and passed.

Rhonda invited the new pros to introduce themselves and give there background.

\$250 contribution was made by the CTA to Gingerbread House and supplies from the tennis participants were given at the Polar Bear Tennis Tournament Southern Hills.

Treasurer Report given by John Liles. January finances \$28,000 in Red River checking account, \$75,000 in Red River Money Market account, and \$72,000 in Raymond James investment account for a total of \$176,500.

President Rhonda Rubben reports- committee printouts and committee volunteer forms were handed out and all board members are encouraged to choose which committee they are willing to serve on. Pros are automatically assigned to the tennis events that come to town; if the pro is not willing or unable to serve on the committee, a representative is requested to serve in the pros place.

The NWLACTA was been awarded from the funds we requested from the S'port/Bossier Sports Commission \$8500. They are supportive of our efforts and recognize the value and benefits of tennis in our community.

2020 annual calendar is live on the website, pros are encouraged to check their events.

2020 team tennis begins on Monday there are 100 children registered and we will yellow and orange ball at Southern Hills and green ball at Querbes. Louis, Richard, Valerie and the new pros will be heading up this program. The parents have been notified of the upcoming orange ball tournament at POTC.

Annual Bill Oliver tournament is going to a part of The Querbes Park Games Opening. 5 sport event is being planned to include tennis, fun run, golf, pickle ball and ping pong. The event is taking place on March 11-15.

Interviews are continuing to find a pro for Southern Hills.

Past President Bob Patterson reports Contracts for the hotel have been completed for tournaments in 2020. Bob reiterates that the Sports Commission funds are based on the overnight stays by tennis players coming for tennis tournaments. Which is why we keep such complete records of where the players are staying, which is turned into the Sports Commission. Pros are encouraged to request funds for their tournament in which they will have out of town players present.

Board Member Jay Boyd updates on Querbes. 2/27/2020 at 5:00pm will be the ribbon cutting and grand opening of Querbes Tennis Center. Dignitaries from the LTA office will be present. Mayor Perkins

will be present. Packets for upcoming bids for state tournaments are being compiled for the following 2 or 3 years cycle. A mixed sectionals bid will be included.

Board Member Joey Lawler reports on the community partnerships. All board members are encouraged to take a packet and reach out to local businesses to become a community partner at any level.

LTA has been updated.

Kaye Cochran Coordinators report is attached. Highlighted the Huntington High School event with the new pros and it went very well. Middle school tennis league is beginning this spring.

League Coordinator Tammie Harris reports- Thanks all pros on their help in establishing teams. 104 players down at the present times, however registration continues to be open. Tammie anticipates the numbers to be close to last year's players. Waiting on nationals on approval for changes on 40+ court changes, hoping they will come out this week.

Reminder to continue to support tennis on social media.

Meeting adjourned 12:20pm!

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Bushnell Harper

Secretary