

## Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes June 3, 2020

Rhonda Rubben called the meeting to order.

Board Members present: Rhonda Rubben, John Liles, Jay Boyd, Joey Lawler, Grady Wilson, Phillip Campbell, Albert Hardison, Lisa French, Chris Dudley, Bob Patterson and Tyler Semmes,. We have a quorum. CTA Members present Kaye Cochran, Rhonda Terraccino, Tammie Harris, Sue Allender, Amy Dudley, Lynae Jackson, and Gail Lowery.

April Minutes approved. Motion made by Albert Hardison and seconded by Bob Patterson.

**Treasurer John Liles reported:** please see the attached treasure's report document for details. Total income for 2019 \$36,694 with a net income of \$20,015 vs 2020 income \$65,302 with a net income of \$31,014. (\*Note Querbes income/expenses was moved to the balance sheet under other current liabilities)

- 1) All State Tournaments have been cancelled for 2020.
  - a) We received \$7500 from Sports Commission for tournaments in 2020. The Commission was notified that the all state tournaments were cancelled due to CoVid restrictions. The Commission allowed us to keep the income if we are approved for the tournaments in 2021. Rhonda requests that all pros continue to schedule all tournaments that were on the 2020 for the 2021 schedule. Jay Boyd adds that a board recommendation has been made for this to the LACTA, however it has not approved yet.
- 2) Team Tennis, Querbes, and Sports Commission Income was moved to other current liabilities on the Balance Sheet. The CTA was overseeing Team Tennis during the pro search, these monies will be disbursed to the appropriate facility/pro as used. The remaining Querbes income will also be disbursed as expenses arise. The Sports Commission money will be moved back to income for 2021.
- 3) The additional expense of \$5600 was the CTA/LTA distribution of funds to tennis pros in our area that had a need during the CoVid crisis. LTA and CTA's statewide distributed approximately \$100,000 to pros in Louisiana. Very heartening that many pros declined the funds so that others that were in greater need could access the funds. \$3500-\$5,000 was given by the Southern and National to reopen the courts which could be used for equipment.
- 4) Lastly, the CTA paid Querbes for the court fees that were lost from Bill Oliver tournament cancellation.

### **President Rhonda Rubben reports:**

Introduces Tyler Semmes the new pro at Southern Hills. He states that pickle ball is being played at Southern Hills now and is doing well.

Several private schools are looking for non-contact sports. They have reached out and asked if tennis programs would available this fall instead of the spring since football and basketball may not be available. Chris Kennedy from Southfield School has reached out to all private schools and will get back to us soon. Caddo Parish will also be contacted.

Public courts are looking at using the app Play Tennis Contact, a demonstration will be held after the board meeting. Grady Wilson reports that the USTA is working on a new platform that will replace TDM to assist in managing scheduling and organizing tennis.

Rhonda states that she has had 3 requests from players for a refund from the Bill Oliver Tournament that was cancelled in March due to CoVid. She asks the board if a refund should be given to all registered players. The other option is to hold the Bill Oliver Tournament in the fall. Discussion was held

and it was decided to wait until XGlosive gives a date to return to the area and reschedule the tournament at that time.

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is opening Phase 2 on the courts opening side by side play on public courts and 15 minute check in stagger time, 100% capacity.

Pros please update your events on the web calendar.

**Vice President Joey Lawler reports on Community Partnership:** All sponsorships but two have been paid and he will follow up with them. If anyone knows of someone or business to contact, please let Joey know.

**USTA LTA Southern Report-Jay Boyd reports.** All tournaments have been cancelled. League play is encouraged to resume and complete the Adult spring leagues. League play is 40% of LTA budget and important to keep the USTA brand in the public. A statewide survey showed that the interest was in completing the Adult league, not state tournaments.

**League Coordinator Tammie Harris reports** survey results. The majority of responders said they wanted to complete Adult league and start local leagues even though the players knew there was not going be a state tournament.

The survey results showed the players wanted to complete the Adult, Mixed, and Combo leagues. Local league council makes the recommendation to complete the Adult, Mixed, and Combo but not Tri Level due to complications of setting the schedule. The completion dates for the leagues are as follows: Adults 9/30/2020. Mixed 10/31/2020, Combo 12/18/2020. No state tournaments will be held.

A motion to accept the League committee's recommendation was made by Lisa French and second by Grady Wilson. Motion passed.

A requirement for all players is they must sign a CoVid waiver to play in leagues.

If a team is not comfortable playing, they will be removed from the standing and will be moved to the next league or a refund at the end of the year if they request one.

**Coordinators Report-Community Coordinators:** Kaye Cockran, Ann Allred, Kirta Windham

- Adaptive Children's tennis grant working with Bossier Schools to establish start dates for program in the fall of 2020. Caddo reports that they will not do the first semester in the fall but hoping to have a program in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2020. CoVid numbers will be a factor in whether the program is able to take place.
- Adult Adaptive tennis program is in the initial stages of development with a partnership between the CTA and YMCA.
- Hope to have a Wheelchair program reestablished with the help of David Burroughs, Terry Antee, and Eric Graves.

Courtside connections is being encouraged to recruit new members to help the facilities.

All board members are encouraged to educate and promote the CTA.

Meeting adjourned-

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bushnell-Harper  
Secretary