

## Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

### Board Minutes October 7, 2020

**Call to Order** – Rhonda Rubben, President

**Attendance** – Board members: Rhonda Rubben, Joey Lawler, John Liles (by phone), Jay Boyd, Pam Haley, Bob Patterson, Chris Dudley, Erik Graves, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Brian Bernard, Albert Hardison. Others: Kaye Cochran, Tammie Harris, Dana Hicks.

September minutes were approved. Motion by Jay Boyd, second by Albert Hardison.

#### **Executive Board Reports**

**Treasurer Report** – John Liles (see attached detailed file)

- Current total assets are \$201,485.25: \$124,292.12 (checking/savings including PTB and QTC funds), \$75,401.79 (investments). ST loan check (\$1041.34) to CTA from CTS Sports zeros out all loans. Misc. income (\$2395.04) includes Southern Cares grant (\$2000) and checks not written (\$395.04) from grant for IT services. Project income (\$2961) is from league tennis.
- Current total liabilities are \$17,822.82 (credit card, Sports Commission, Team Tennis, Querbes).
- Primary expenses in September were website renewal (\$156.22) and Spring league winners' gifts (\$2,751.63).
- 2020 net income to date is \$20,765.04.

**President report** – Rhonda Rubben

- Car seat approved as Spring league winners' gifts.
- Querbes mixer this Friday, weather permitting, to benefit displaced Lake Charles Pro, Tom Chicoine. CTA will match amount from entry fees. Tom expressed gratitude to Mike and Donna Pierson, BLT, Todd Killen, Chris Dudley, and others in the CTA and tennis community for hospitality and financial support.
- 2020 calendar is a "live" document on the CTA website. Need updates/changes from pros.
- 2021 calendar is available for review/updates. Will be included on website in Dec. 2020.
- LTA Award nominations were submitted in several categories.
- Email information for NWLACTA Newsletter to Rhonda.
- SALT is sponsoring a racquet drive through Oct. 18th to benefit high school and junior programs or new players. Collection buckets are located at all facilities. CTA will buy grips. Racquets will be cleaned, regripped and possibly restrung, if needed.

**USTA/LTA/STA Reports:** John Liles/Jay Boyd/Grady Wilson/Philip Campbell

Jay Boyd –

- Seeking volunteers to serve on local committees and board. Posted on NWLACTA Fb page, website, and in newsletter, including a link to volunteer signup form.
- Jay is incoming LTA President. Let Jay know if interested in serving on LTA committee.
- Some high school students have signed up for tennis program. Contact tennis friends, groups, and area high schools to spread the word. SoHills program is set up.

**Facilities – Pro Updates:**

Bossier –

- Katy Build tournament drew 200+ players. A few matches were rained out but a successful fundraising effort.
- BLT plays on MF mornings.

- Several SALT and USTA leagues are being played out of BTC.
- 18 Red ball, 15-30 Orange and Yellow ball.

#### Cockrell –

- Junior programs are growing.
- TTh social league has been formed.
- Will offer a UTR adult and junior flex league.
- Promoting 1 on 1 doubles, with first event on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- African American Exhibition on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Natchitoches –

- NSU Lady Demon Classic, Oct. 9-10.
- Natchitoches Women's doubles tournament Nov. 7-8.

#### POTC

- 60 off campus PE students (including STCC), 70—75 JD, 40 Red Ball, 12 new beginner women, and a new 2.5 team.
- Pro tournament cancelled because of conflict with sectionals.

#### Querbes

- 70 afterschool students, with growth in Red, Orange, and Green ball programs.
- Growing pains with QLT programs – conflicts, a learning experience.

#### STCC

- New pro and manager are on site. Wife of pro is helping with ladies' groups.

#### SoHills

- Yellow and Green ball programs.
- If interested in getting certified as a pro through USPTA, do it quickly because additional standards will be implemented soon.
- Part-time help is needed – high school or college student.
- 4<sup>th</sup> annual Calvary Fun Tournament is Nov. 20-22. Adult and student partners permitted. Proceeds benefit Calvary tennis team. Flyers are posted at every facility.

#### **League Coordinator Reports:** Tammie Harris, Rhonda Rubben

- Adult league season ended Sept. 30. Down 85 from 2019. Refund given for 18 and over since they had just begun. No refunds for 40 and over and 55 and over since they were well into season.
- Mixed leagues play through Oct. 18. Down 171 from 2019. 8 levels, compared with 11 in 2019.
- State, sectional, national tournaments are planned for 2021, and 2020 State bids will stand except for Lake Charles.
- Combo schedules are published. Down 5 levels (15 instead of 20). 500+ are registered. 40 and over 7.5 did not make. Season will be played Oct. 19 – Dec. 17. Rainouts should be made up as soon as possible. Flexibility is encouraged.
- USTA required waivers are being received.

**Community Coordinators Report:** Kaye Cochran (see attached report)

- Schedule a one-hour Team Challenge at end of each junior program session (informal mini tournament, snacks, prizes) with help from community coordinators. Use to encourage continuing in programs. Community coordinators can document this on Serve Tennis.
- Considering a Hot Shots tournament in Nov. or Dec. for school tennis at their regularly scheduled time. Non-sanctioned, non-ranked to get them used to playing in tournaments.
- CTA diversity grant programs require a waiver and are connected to recreational centers. Team Challenge is not required but need permission from parents to enter into Serve Tennis system.

**New Business:**

Kaye Cochran –

- SALT is going well. 315 players.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year for BLT. 77 players, 17 subs. at 2.5, 3.0, and 3.5 levels. MF mornings at 10 am.
- Recreational men's league TF mornings.

Rhonda Rubben –

- CTA helped get SPAR facilities opened. Facilities are encouraged to work with SPAR to loosen restrictions concerning score cards, coolers for water, closing gates.
- Car seat covers will be given to spring players. Captains' gifts will be a large distressed beach towel with tennis logo. Beanies, long sleeved shirts, neck wraps (with embroidered design) are being considered for mixed and combo players.
- USTA STA virtual conference is Oct. 20-28, including 11 mandatory meetings. 1 person from CTA must attend each session to maintain eligibility for CGPG funds.

Philip Campbell –

- 68 member/guest teams registered for Mint Julep tournament on Oct. 15-18 at STCC.
- 248 players in St. Jude's tournament at POTC and STCC.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Chris Dudley.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary