

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – December 8, 2021

Call to Order – Joey Lawler, President

Attendance – Board members: Joey Lawler, Rhonda Rubben, John Liles, Brian Bernard, Pam Haley, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Albert Hardison, Todd Killen, Willie Paz. Others: Kaye Cochran, Jill Zimmer, Katherine Knicely, Bonnie Cox, Courtney Matheny, Sue Allendar, Amy Dudley. Guest: Joe Mero, SPAR AD.

November minutes were approved. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Grady Wilson.

Executive Board Reports

Treasurer – Rhonda Rubben

- Income: \$16602 combo state; \$1000 community partner donation from Lawler Law Firm; \$6.45 from Amazon Smile, investments <\$214>, transfer \$4000 from Shreveport/Bossier Tourism. Total income for November \$21,407.
- Main expenses for October: insurance \$600, Love Twice expenses \$241, \$13565 on Combo Tourney (\$5000 profit), \$635 coordinator fees including adaptive PE program at SHills, TA and Flex league expenses \$2224, incentive and Captains' gifts \$4781, \$900 for 3 teams going to sectionals. Total expenses of \$23355 <\$1948> YTD \$25527
- Total checking/savings \$ 38050 checking, scholarships \$10002.65, savings \$75776, Querbes \$2206, RJ Investments \$70437. \$196474 YTD total assets

President– Joey Lawler

- Joey read a note from Bill Allred, member of the 6.0 55 & Over team that went to Nationals, thanking the board for the financial support.

Past President – Rhonda Rubben

- A parent and some players from the Jr. Turkey Trot went to SHills to hit and sent a letter of appreciation to City and CTA.
- Four tournaments have been awarded to our area: Adult Even (June 10), Adult 40 & Over Even (May 6), Adult 65 & Over (Sept 23), and Combo 40 & Over (Oct. 28-31). Bid for 70s has not been awarded yet.

Facilities/Pro Updates

Renewal notices for Querbes and Cockrell will go out first week of January. RFP for Southern Hills will be out soon.

Querbes –

- According to Shelley Ragle (SPAR Director), resurfacing should be mid-January 2022.
- Except for one light fixture, all lights should be installed before Christmas.
- Resurfacing costs will be responsibility of Vesco.
- SHills resurfacing is in the budget for next year.

SHills –

- Dates for Polar Bear events will be decided soon.

POTC –

- SB area was well represented at LTA Awards banquet.
- Three inductees were recognized at Hall of Fame Dinner.
- USTA President Mike McNulty will be inducted into the STA Hall of Fame.
- Winter activities are in progress.

SALT –

- Afterschool tennis at Creswell in partnership with CTA and Lighthouse is going very well and will continue next season. SALT hopes to grow this program. Volunteers are needed.
- SALT emphasis is “play with a purpose.”
- Toy drive at Christmas mixer benefitted VOA.
- SALT has been recognized as Member Organization of the Year by STA.

BLT –

- Christmas Mixer Dec. 6th honored the memory of KK Birmingham and raised \$800 for a scholarship fund.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach –

- LSU MED students, Caddo Magnet High, and Stoner Hill partnership provided tennis program the first week of every month at Caddo Magnet courts. CTA will become a partner in early 2022, providing equipment and incentives.
- Christmas Mixer at Cockrell is scheduled Dec. 27th, with NJTL parents and others invited. SPAR will be a partner in this event.

Community Coordinators’ Report – Kaye Cochran

- Jr participation is increasing.
- JD, tournaments, diversity, outreach programs included 1200+ juniors.

New Business

- Rhonda introduced Jonas Brobeck, NSU head tennis coach.
- Board slate has been filled except for one spot.
- Slate of officers and budget will be ready in January to vote.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Rhonda Rubben, second by Chris Dudley.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary

