

## Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

### Board Minutes – October 6, 2021

**Call to Order** – Joey Lawler, President

**Attendance** – Board members: Joey Lawler, Rhonda Rubben, Pam Haley, Bob Patterson, Todd Killen, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Willie Paz, Albert Hardison. Others: Josh Alexander, Kaye Cochran, Tammie Harris, Matthew Coerver, Mark Roberts.

September minutes were approved. Motion by Rhonda Rubben, second by Albert Hardison.

#### **Executive Board Reports**

**Treasurer's Report** – Rhonda Rubben

John Liles' health is improving.

**Treasurer Report** – Rhonda Rubben

- Income: \$14663.37 income for September – Combo Income \$9755.00, Tennis Apprentice \$5100.00, total income YTD \$102,867.98.
- Main expenses for September: Combo Player Gifts \$2444.19, \$418 supplies for Creswell program, Coordinator Fees \$2867.25, total \$7807.37.
- Total checking/savings \$51354.37 and \$75725.39, scholarships, \$10001.82, RJ Investments \$70885.12. Total liabilities \$9863.68, credit card \$3497.29, Sports Commission \$4000 (Combo Tourn), Querbes \$2366.39

#### **Construction and Maintenance Updates on Public Facilities:**

- Querbes - Issues with lights have not been resolved. City contractor has responded to requests for service by indicating that work under warranty and some extra work has been completed, and the resolution of other things may depend on manufacturer. Contractor can send a crew to troubleshoot issues, but it will cost \$2000/day and should take 2 days. Ct. 6 is not usable at night. Communication is ongoing.
- Southern Hills & Cockrell - Most light replacement have been taken care of.

**President Report** – Joey Lawler

- On behalf of LTA and CTA, President Joey Lawler presented a check for \$2500 to Captain Mark Roberts, whose 55 & Over 6.0 team won Sectionals. They will compete in Nationals at USTA National Tennis Center in Orlando, FL the weekend of October 29-31.

**USTA/LTA/STA Reports** - Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell

- STA Jr Comp is finalizing tournament sanctions.
- NJCC call today to discuss sportsmanship and safety.

## Facilities/Pro Updates

### Natchitoches –

- Tennis Apprentice (TA) beginning next week, 4 weeks and a total of 6 hrs.
- After-school programs for elementary schools.
- Intro to tennis will be provided during PE classes at every school.
- Free lessons for kids and adults once a month.
- USTA sanctioned level 6 tournament Nov. 13-14.
- Planning to resurface 4 courts. Quote is about \$10000/court but exploring other options. City will match funds from fundraising activities.

### POTC –

- St. Jude tournament just completed and was a great success.
- Combo 18 & 55 & Over State tournament Nov. 5-8
- Several SALT teams.
- JRs regaining steam each week.
- May offer TA for spring.
- Pickleball going well.

### BTC –

- 40-50 in Junior Development
- 4 courts/week for mixed group formed out of Spring TA.
- Several SALT teams.
- Additional BLT team.
- Hosting Combo 18 & 55 & Over State Tournament Nov. 5-7
- Hard courts will be redone in 2022. Exploring partnership with neighborhood courts to have resurfacing completed in same time frame to save on cost.
- Planning to offer 5.0 and 6.0 winter mixed league as a bridge between combo and spring USTA leagues and provide more opportunities for adults.

### SHills –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Green/Yellow ball tournament Saturday and for 2 other Saturdays, balls provided, 3-4 matches, medals provided to flight winners, good for a 1 day tournament.
- Green/Yellow ball weekly match play, 30+ kids, one match, learn to play with different people.
- Calvary fundraiser tournament Oct. 22-24.
- Off-campus PE every day.

### STCC –

- JD in progress with 64 kids/week.
- 2 match play options/month with UTR.
- Clay courts are gone.
- In 20 days, should have one new hard court and 4 pickleballs courts.
- Waiting on new LED lights.

- St. Judes tournament went well.
- Bob Patterson – St. Jude tournament had 273 players and raised > \$58000.

#### Querbes –

- 70 players in 3 TA sessions.
- 100+ kids in afterschool program, M-Th. Volunteers are helping.
- On Mondays and Wednesday, 90+ players participate in lessons/clinics.
- 11 in Off-campus PE. Daniel is instructor.

#### Cockrell –

- Level 7 tournament Oct. 22.
- 8-12 in Kids Club participating in match play at SHills.
- Albert, Jackie, Kiritia, and Rhonda met with Kids Club parents to discuss possibility of more parental involvement to work within NJTL and apply for grants.
- 7 tennis bags have been donated as a result of CTA promotion and need about 5 more.
- Adults play regularly on T, Th, and Sat mornings.

#### BLT –

- Going well. 81 ladies plus subs. Many are also playing SALT.
- 2.5 and 3.5 on Mondays, 3.0 on Fridays. Would like to add 4.0 level if enough interest.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Awards –**

- LTA award nominations have been submitted. Some nominations were submitted to RSI magazine, which also sponsors awards.

#### **Community/Outreach -**

- See attached NWLA-CTA Coordinator's Report/Community Coordinators' Report: CTA Outreach Programs and Projects.
- Exploring the possibility of providing tennis to Community Renewal Friendship Houses.
- Diversity funds can be used to help Erik's kids with level 6 or 7 cost for tournaments or match play.
- Information for CGPG should include name of child, name of parents, and date of birth.
- SALT and BLT representatives met yesterday to plan for a donation center for adult men and women tennis clothing and accessories (cleaned, washed, on hangers, and tagged) with drop off sites at BTC and Querbes. Audrey Robinson will handle marketing promotions. Querbes will house donated items. Recommended \$ donations can be paid through Venmo to CTA, and funds will be used to support adult and junior programs.
- Newsletter is including junior information.

#### **State –**

- State Tournament information is on LTA website.

- Some South Louisiana teams may not be able or may not choose to travel because of after effects of hurricane. Local teams could possibly be added.

**Local League Coordinators' Report** - Rhonda Rubben

- 88 more players than in 2019.
- May offer 18 & over combo USTA day league in Fall 2022.
- Good result from day USTA ladies league (one level, 3 courts).
- Tad Peters' 6.0 40 & over mixed team won State and will go to Sectionals.
- Rhonda Rubben's 8.0 55 & over mixed team won State and will go to Sectionals.
- 2 wild card teams from POTC (8.0 18 & over and 8.0 40 & over) are invited to Sectionals.
- Several local teams are competing in 65 & Over State tournament this weekend.

**Community Coordinators' Report** – Kaye Cochran, Kirita Windham, Courtney Matheny

- 558 Juniors for CGPG (of October 1, 2021).
- Count juniors in November team challenges and include date of birth.
- See attached NWLA-CTA Coordinator's Report/Community Coordinator's Report.

**New Business**

- Pros should make sure that junior information is included on the CTA calendar, website, and Facebook page. Review 2019 and 2020 calendars for prior information and email event/program information to Rhonda.
- RFP for SHills pro is out, and deadline for applications is Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Check website to make sure information is correct and current.
- State bid results should be announced in November.
- Would like to include a flyer or similar form at front desk of each facility to remind people to complete jot form for volunteer data base.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Bob Patterson, second by Chris Dudley.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary