

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – December 7, 2022

Call to Order – Rhonda Rubben

Attendance – Board members: Brian Bernard, Rhonda Rubben, Albert Hardison, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Phillip Campbell, Willie Paz, Matt Coerver. Others: Jill Zimmer, Ken Meyers, Marilyn Meyers, Gloria Smith, Dede Plette, Hassan Abbas, Judit Castillo, Kaye Cochran, Amy Dudley, Bianca Roge, Roderic Arterberry, Kathryn Arterberry, Rachel Morgan, Adam Brownlow, Leighann Evensky.

November minutes were approved. Motion by Albert Hardison, Seconded by Rhonda Rubben.

Presidents Report – Given by Rhonda Rubben

- Recognition to our local community coordinators, Kirita Windham, and Kaye Cochran for a job well done in 2022. A 6-month membership was given as an appreciation bonus to the club of their choice.
- CGPG funds increased from 2022 \$6k to 2023 \$7687.50.
- Cockrell NJTL Tennis Camp January 3 and 4th, please consider volunteering.

Treasurer – Given by Rhonda Rubben

- Assets: \$ 211,454, (\$12095, Support; \$10,000 Scholarship, \$2200 QTC restricted funds) including \$ 71,600 Merrill Lynch investments and \$2148 Player Gifts for 2023.
- Liabilities: \$ 5568.
- Income for November: \$ 11,231 unrestricted.
- Expenses for Nov: \$ 16,900.
- YTD Unrestricted Net Income: \$ 3044.
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

League Coordinator Report

Captains Meetings for Spring were held at BTC/POTC 5th & 6th of December. Registration will open in December 7th for all. Mentors/captains are needed, especially for 2.5 leagues. A new to league meeting will be held in January for all players.

2023 Budget – Brian Bernard

Recommend adding new line item in budget: \$1,000 – for 10 Junior level 7 tournaments and \$2,500 level 6 tournaments. Total \$3,500 for Junior Tennis Tournaments.

Requested that the proposed 2023 budget be approved with above addition, motion made by Grady Wilson, second by Albert Hardison, all approved.

Junior Tennis

Grady Wilson– Junior Tournaments (Grady presented two forms). We are last in standings for participation. Need to run more tournaments. 30/50 kids participated at POTC in last level 6 tournament.

Hassan Abbas – Level 7 is a ½ day tournament. Level 6 needs referees. 12 and under very low, easy to run round robins. Need to fill calendars with tournaments for 2023.

LeAnn Evensky asked about pricing – Hassan stated Level 7 typically costs \$45 for one day tournament and Level 6 \$65 for singles and \$80 singles/doubles. Players earn points toward ranking.

- Ways to Promote Junior Tennis:
- Match App – sends out notices when tournament is set up (mass distribution to USTA).
- Rachel Morgan recommended reaching new players in schools, reaching out to schools to promote, send out to all coaches in town.
- Hassan – Sharing each other’s facility events with each mail out.
- Rhonda Rubben– promote on USTA calendar & Facebook.

Club Updates:

Natchitoches – Willie Paz has a tournament at the end of the month for Adult WTN beginner players. Level 7 Junior tournament this following weekend, 10& under, and level 6

Rhonda requested photos of tournament winners.

Jill SHTC – Fall yellow / green ball program complete. Polar Bear scheduled in February 2023.

Ken – Winter Break Camp January Cockrell 3rd and 4th, 10-12pm.

Phillip/Grady reflected on the passing of Lance. Harriot’s article on Facebook, Ken’s personal tribute to Lance, Brian & Chris shared their thoughts.

New Business - None

Motion to adjourn – Brian Bernard, second by Albert Hardison. December Award and Volunteer Luncheon to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Dede Plette