

## Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

### Board Minutes – June 1, 2022

#### Call to Order – Brian Bernard

**Attendance** – Board members: Brian Bernard, Stephanie Bass, Steve Craig, Pam Haley, Albert Hardison, Todd Killen, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Rhonda Rubben. Others: Jill Zimmer, Eric Zimmer, Kaye Cochran, Tammie Harris, Judit Castillo, Bob Patterson, Amy Dudley, Rachel Morgan, Audrey Robinson, DeDe Plette, Bianca Schulz, Katheryn Arterberry, Kenneth Myers, Harriet Penrod, Brian Furqueron.

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

#### Executive Board Reports

##### Treasurer Report – Steve Craig/Rhonda Rubben

- Assets: \$ 278,484.27, including \$ 136,155.08 check/sav, \$ 70,603.30 RJ Investments, \$8,004.70 scholarship account (restricted), \$ 62,014.41 support account (restricted).
- Liabilities: \$ 10,488.70, including \$ 281.92 credit card, \$ 10,206.78 other liabilities.
- Income for May: \$ 46,842.43, including \$ 25,663.74 support account(restricted), \$7,560 project income, \$12,895 State tournaments (LTA and Sports Commission), \$ 565.41 Love Twice.
- Expenses for May: \$ 25,017.32, including \$ 2,777.78 (ED Feb-May), \$ 1,500 Lance D, City, St. Jude tournament donations, \$4,622.80 tournaments, \$2000 scholarships, \$9448.93 projects.
- Net Income for May 2022: \$ 21,825.11
- YTD net income: \$76,637.81, including support (restricted).
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

##### President Report – Brian Bernard

- Facilities and courts updates
  - Southern Hills' resurfacing completed. Outside Lights are done. Working on inside lights currently.
  - QTC courts and fencing should be completed by end of the week. Lights repairs in process.
- Todd Killen – City Tournament included 274 players. May add several new divisions next year and add junior players to co-ed division. Lee Hedges and Lance Dryer were inducted in City Tournament Hall of Fame. Good news articles written about the tournament. Survey about 2023 date will be sent.

##### USTA/STA/LTA – Grady Wilson, Chris Dudley

- STA board meeting cancelled. Zoom call to be scheduled.
- LTA Pro Relations Committee sponsoring a workshop to be held in Lafayette later this month. Lunch and presentations by Lafayette CTA and Mike Barrell. Additional workshops will be scheduled at other locations.

#### Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

Rhonda Rubben – Jill Zimmer (SHills) and Kenneth Myers (Cockrell) have been notified of their selection as tennis directors. Congratulations to both.

##### SHills –

- Courts are amazing. Lights done, working on the inside.
- Increase in the number of mixed teams.
- Pickleball is going well.
- Meeting with Rec center staff to plan things for kids signed up for summer camps.

Cockrell –

- Getting kids programs started to introduce more to tennis.

Rhonda Rubben - \$12,500 from USTA Foundation for the NJTL Chapter will be used to support Cockrell and other NJTL qualified programs.

Natchitoches –

- Step-Up League and adult leagues in progress.
- Finished spring JD program.
- Free lessons to kids and adults during National Tennis Month.
- Adult mixer was held May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Preparing for summer junior camps and level 7 tournament.

QTC –

- Summer camps began May 6<sup>th</sup>, M-Th, 8-11.30.
- Hard courts almost done. Fences being worked on.
- Will offer something for QTC Rec Center kids in cooperation with the CTA NJTL Chapter.
- Isabelle Rocher will run summer programs. Would like to hire her full time in future.

POTC –

- Jr. qualifying last 2 weeks.
- Completed first season of JTT with 58 players. Players party a success. Some teams going to State.
- Mixed doubles, tri-level leagues beginning.
- Summer camps began yesterday, 9-12, with lunch and afternoon swimming.
- Spring JD ended last Thursday. Summer JD will begin in a few weeks.
- National junior level 7 tournament June 18<sup>th</sup>.

STCC -

- Summer camps beginning, M-F from 9-3, including lunch and a variety of sports.
- Two open UTR tournaments are June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Two are scheduled each month.
- Fundraiser, Drysdale Pro Exhibition, scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Open to everyone.

BTC –

- Katy Build Tournament June 24-26<sup>th</sup>.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Step-Up league, with up to 60 players.
- Jr Development begins again next week.
- Summer camps for Red Ball, M-F from 9-11.

**Committee Reports** – Rhonda Rubben

**Awards -**

- Committee will begin working next month.
  - Look for email about nominations and categories.

**Grants -**

- \$12,500 NJTL grant, primarily for Cockrell programs but will encompass other programs such as the Adaptive and Creswell program planned again for the fall.
- 2 BAFB programs with play days and field trips planned in partnership with BLT.

## **State Tournaments -**

- 18 & Over Even State tournament June 10-13 at BTC and POTC. Site coordinator meeting next Thursday, 6 pm.
- 65 & Over State tournament Sept. 23-26, with POTC and BTC.
- 40 Combo State tournament Oct. 28-31, with BTC and Cockrell, Southern Hills and Querbes.
- Our area has less state participation than South LA areas.

## **Community Partner/Fundraising –**

- Largest 2022 Community Partner is Valveworks.
  - Brian Furqueron introduced and thanked for supporting NWLACTA.

## **Junior Tennis –**

- JTT going well.
- Cockrell team, coached by Katheryn Arterberry, won in 14U category and will go to State.
  - CTA NJTL funds will reimburse entry fee and provide travel stipend and t-shirts and goody bags.
- Cockrell team has traveled to several tournaments and is doing very well.

## **Marketing –**

- Send information to Rhonda for newsletter.

## **Outreach/Special Programs –**

- Creswell, LSU med student program, and adaptive programs begin again in the fall.

## **Local League Coordinator Reports – Rhonda Rubben**

- Mixed leagues have increase by 60 players and 9 teams.

## **Coordinator's Reports-Community Coordinators – Kaye Cochran**

- Current CGPG number is 82.
  - Information and numbers are needed for grants.
- Report is available for review.

Grady Wilson – Requesting \$500 from CTA to support Team Louisiana, top junior players in the State invited to play together several times each year in different locations. LTA contributed \$5000. Other pros asking their CTAs to contribute to fully fund the program. Motion by Brian Bernard, second by Rhonda Rubben.

## **Other New Business**

Rhonda introduced Harriet Penrod, writer for Shreveport-Bossier Journal. A well-known tennis player, Harriet wrote a good article about City Tournament. The Journal is a M-F free online source for all local sports and expanding to include community lifestyle. During football season, Journal will be available 7 days/week,.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Albert Hardison.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary