

## Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

### Board Minutes – May 4, 2022

**Call to Order** – Brian Bernard. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Rhonda Rubben.

**Attendance** – Board members: Brian Bernard, Stephanie Bass, Pam Haley, Albert Hardison, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Willie Paz, Toni Goodin, Rhonda Rubben. Others: Jill Zimmer, Hassan Abbas, Kaye Cochran, Kirita Windham, Tammie Harris, Tad Peters, Audrey Robinson, Rodrick Arterberry, Katheryn Arterberry, Kenneth Myers.

April minutes were approved. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Chris Dudley.

#### Executive Board Reports

**Treasurer Report** – Rhonda Rubben

- Assets: \$ 260,231, including \$ 190,127 cash, \$ 70,603 RJ Investments, \$10,004 scholarship account, \$36,350 support account (new/restricted).
- Liabilities: \$ 14,059, including \$ 852 credit card, \$ 13,206 other liabilities.
- Income for April: \$ 41,108, including \$ 864 project income, \$ 5,105 Tennis Apprentice, \$ 458 Love Twice, \$1,000 JTT grant, -\$168.68 interest income.
- Expenses for April: \$ 6,508, including \$ 4,835 State player gifts, \$ 1,409 project expenses, \$ 263 general expenses.
- Net Income as of April 2022: \$ 34,600
- YTD net income: \$53,432, including support account
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

**President Report** – Brian Bernard

- Facilities and courts updates
  - QTC still having problems with fences and lighting.
  - Onsite meeting is scheduled at QTC.
  - SHills resurfacing should be finished soon, and QTC will be next.
  - Water stands on some courts at Cockrell. Chris will document with pictures.
- CTA usually makes donations of \$500 each to City Championship, St. Jude's, and fall NFL tournament. Motion to approve by Chris Dudley, second by Rhonda Rubben.

**Executive Director Report** – Rhonda Rubben

- Support account (restricted)
  - Requires revision of mission statement, purpose, and by-laws.
  - Changes will be made to be voted in June meeting.
  - May be used to support tennis players within the community who meet specific guidelines.
- Interviews for pros at SHills and Cockrell should be next week, with final recommendations to SPAR the following week so that pros can be in place by June.

- Scholarship recipients
  - Two different scholarship applications were available, including 1 renewable need-based, and 1 one-time merit-based.
  - There were 3 applicants for merit-based scholarship – Raelee Craft, Zach Haley, Zach Hicks.
  - Unanimous vote by scholarship committee was to award \$1000 scholarship to Raelee Craft.
  - Recommend awarding \$ 500 each to the other two applicants. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Brian Bernard. Awardees will be notified by email.
  - First scholarships are given in honor of Errol Sims, so Rhonda will contact his family to see if they can be present when scholarship checks are given to recipients.
- May is National Tennis Month
  - Chris Dudley submitted 4 events to receive \$250 each.
  - Willie Paz submitted 3 events to receive \$250 each.
  - Audrey Robinson will help Rhonda promote National Tennis Month.
- LTA will meet with CTA presidents next week to find out CGPG requirements.
- Send names and information about events and players to be promoted in newsletter. Sports editor with Shreveport Journal will include tennis events.
- Harriet Penrod will attend CTA meeting next month and publicize events in the newspaper.

#### **USTA/STA/LTA – Grady Wilson**

- No report.

#### **Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates**

##### SHills –

- Courts are looking good.
- Pickleball players are happy.

##### POTC –

- 70 in off-campus PE.
- 125 in JD, which concludes at the end of May.
- Summer program is beginning. Non-members may participate if space is available.
- Two more weeks for JTT, with a party planned for May 21.
- Two POTC juniors, Knox Stinson and Catherine Elbersen have been invited to a Team LA practice in Lafayette on May 7. The top 8 players in each age division practice together for one day.
- POTC will host 40 & Over Even State Tournament on May 13-15. About 400 players expected.

##### QTC –

- National Tennis Month events are planned.
  - May 21: play and pizza for kids from 1-4pm, and adult mixer from 4-7pm.
  - May 27: multigenerational event with adults and kids from JD program.
  - May 28: high school/adult can try tennis and golf.
  - All flyers will include a QR code for sign-up and USTA National Tennis Month logo.
  - Summer tennis camp sign-up and golf/tennis camp sign-up have begun.

- First 4 weeks of play for Tennis Apprentice Step Up begins tonight. Court monitors will help with scoring, where to stand, etc.
- Querbes Cup tournament is postponed until fall.
- As Chairman of LTA Pro Relations Committee, Chris will begin meeting with pros around the State in June.
- Centenary courts will be used while QTC hard courts are being surfaced.

Cockrell –

- Arterberrys are busy working with young players.
- Hosted LSUA vs. LSUS last week. LSUA is ranked in top 10.
- Hosting high school events.
- Dwayne continues to give lessons and coach Evangel team.

Natchitoches –

- 12 participants total in Tennis Apprentice were joined by 5 from fall Step Up league.
- Tennis Apprentice party will be held after one remaining lesson.
- National Tennis Month events are planned.
  - May 13: free play day for kids.
  - May 20: free lessons for adults.
  - May 28: adult mixer.
- JD ongoing.
- Tennis Camps are scheduled for July.

STCC –

- Open UTR tournaments will be twice a month on Fridays beginning May 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm.
- Mint Julep was a success.
- Open pickleball tournament is May 14-15.
- Registration for summer camp is on STCC website.

BTC –

- 82 in Tennis Apprentice, and 62 attended party on April 28.
- Step-up league begins tomorrow night.
- Weekly Red Ball summer camps begin June 1, M-Th, and continue through July.
- BLT luncheon was April 24.
- Informal “bridge” leagues have been organized between USTA league seasons.
- City Championship Tournament is May 23-29, with 202 currently registered.
- Katy Build Charity Tournament is June 24-26.
- BTC is a site for 40 & Over Even tournament.
- One men’s 3.5 team and one 3.0 ladies’ team went to 70s Multistate tournament in Hot Springs, ARK.

**Committee Reports** – Rhonda Rubben

**Awards –**

Committee will begin working on award nominations in June. Seeking potential nominees and additional committee members.

**Grants -**

- NJTL grant should be awarded in May, with program beginning at Cockrell in June. Volunteers are needed.

**State Tournaments -**

- 40 & Over Even tournament is May 13-15 with POTC as host site.

**Outreach & Special Programs –**

- Recaps of 3 programs were sent by email.
- Additional programs are planned.

**Marketing – Audrey Robinson**

- Will reach out to individual pros and send press releases to newspapers.

**Local League Coordinator Reports – Tammie Harris, Kirita Windham**

- Mixed league registration is open until May 13. There are 40 teams, 3 less than 2021.
- Tammy and Chris will work on creating additional 6.0 & 7.0 teams.
- 3 more tri-level teams than in 2021.

Rhonda Rubben – Spring season could be shortened to better accommodate mixed and tri-level. An 18-combo day team may begin in fall, with registration beginning in July.

**Coordinator's Reports-Community Coordinators' – Kaye Cochran, Kirita Windham**

- Creswell students were bussed to QTC on the last day of their program and got a tour of a “real” tennis facility. SALT volunteers, QTC staff, and middle-school JD players worked with 30 kids.
- Adaptive program included a visit to Southern Hills Tennis Center for participants to play and hit for prizes.
- Report is available for review.

**Other New Business**

- “Like” NWLACTA Facebook page. Goal is 1500.
- Rhonda will reach out to new 2.5 players for feedback on their experience in league play.
- 80+ teams participated in Love for Lance tournament and raised about \$ 70,000. Lance and Lee Hedges will be inducted into Hall of Fame at the City Championship Tournament.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary