

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – November 2, 2022

Call to Order – Brian Bernard

Attendance – Board members: Brian Bernard, Stephanie Bass, Steve Craig, Pam Haley, Rhonda Rubben, Albert Hardison, Todd Killen, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Phillip Campbell, Willie Paz, Toni Goodin. Others: Hassan Abbas, Judit Castillo, Kaye Cochran, Amy Dudley, Ron Stamps, Bob Patterson, Roderic Arterberry, Kathryn Arterberry, Christie Cox, Rachel Morgan, Cotter Wilson.

October minutes were approved. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Chris Dudley.

Executive Board Reports

President Report – Brian Bernard

- Board is encouraged to attend the NJTL Chapter local tennis outreach programs: Cockrell Thanksgiving week junior camps 10-12, Monday and Tuesday, Broadmoor Middle School after-school program on Thursdays, 4-5pm, and Adaptive Program at Southern Hills Rec Center, Tuesday and Thursdays, 9-10:30am.
- Request for head tax increase to \$ 12 was approved for 2023.
- Stipend Increase for 2023 was discussed and approved for sectional and national tournaments (national and invitational programs): \$ 500 (18+), \$ 450 (40+), \$400 (55/Tri/combo) for sectionals. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Toni Goodin.
- Stipend increase for nationals from \$500 to \$1000 was discussed and voted to become effective immediately. Motion by Phillip Campbell, second by Rachel Morgan. Todd Killen's Mixed 40+ 9.0 team was issued a \$1000 check for Nationals this November. Motion by Rhonda Rubben, second by Grady Wilson.

Treasurer – Steve Craig

- Assets: \$ 280,000, (\$100,000 restricted funds) including \$ 75,000 Merrill Lynch investments.
- Liabilities: \$ 7,984.
- Income through Oct. 30th: \$ 146,000 unrestricted.
- Expenses through Oct: \$ 137,000.
- YTD Unrestricted Net Income: \$ 8,700.
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

USTA/STA/LTA – Grady Wilson

STA –

- Incoming STA President is Brett Schwartz. Grady will continue to serve as Vice Chair of Jr. Comp.

LTA -

- Annual meeting on Saturday, December 3rd in Baton Rouge. CTA workshops (9-3) and LTA Hall of Fame banquet that evening. Grady's wife will be inducted into the LTA Hall of Fame. LTA Awards are on Saturday.
- Incoming LTA President is Grady Wilson.
- Proposing Dec. 1st deadline to get tournament sanctions in for Jr. tournaments in first half of 2023; May 1st for second half of 2023.
- Mandatory zoom call tournament director workshop in December. Planning in-person workshop in 2023.
- Brian Bernard will replace Bob Patterson on 2023 LTA Board.

Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

BTC –

- Todd's Mixed 40+ 9.0 team will go to Nationals in Orlando.
- 40+ Combo State tournament last weekend with rainout Saturday. Local 8.5, 7.5, 5.5 combo teams won State tournament and will compete at sectionals in Mobile AL. 65+ 3.0 ladies and 3.5 men won State tournament and will compete at sectionals in Dothan AL.
- Hard courts have been resurfaced.

POTC –

- Hosted SETT with 164 players plus 40 social passes. Worked around weather. Good event.
- Two SETT mixer Friday night, including one For the Love of Medicine.
- Hired new Pro, Cotter Wilson, and Kevin Chang, who are helping with JD.
- Duo Junior tournament Nov. 5-6, with doubles and singles, Level 6 (22 players) plus orange ball, green ball players.
- 150+ in JD.
- Off-campus PE is busy.

QTC –

- 14 lights are out and 12 are half out. SPAR has assured they are working toward a permanent solution, but time has not been set.
- TA league play is continuing, but numbers decreased. A winter TA league is planned with format TBD.
- Mixed 55+ 8.0 team will compete at sectionals the weekend before Thanksgiving in Little Rock.
- 3rd year to partner with Salvation Army for angel tree.
- Working with leader for Boys' and Girls' Club on Greenwood Rd. and seeking expertise/help to renovate/repair two tennis courts on fairgrounds.
- 85 kids in JD that began this week.

Cockrell –

- Good attendance at Family and Friends night.
- Tennis drills and aerobics @ \$ 5 each on Saturday mornings, with 25-30 attending.
- Free clinics for tots.
- Women's' Collegiate Exposition this Friday, 9 – 3:30 followed by clinic for juniors. Attendees are asked to bring canned goods to donate to Northwest Louisiana Food Bank. CTA is donating prizes and incentives for clinic.
- Cockrell was also a site for the 40+ tournament, with weather challenges.
- Two local junior players competed in Little Rock Level 6 Tournament, Genesis Allen, placing 3rd and Zaria Curry, placing 1st.
- Thanksgiving week camps November 10-12 on Monday and Tuesday from 10-12.

Bob Patterson – Cockrell is immaculate and decorated (thanks especially to Marilyn Myers).

Rhonda Rubben – NJTL grant funding underwrites the expenses for the NJTL events and assists with some of the other Cockrell community events.

ERCC –

- Deck should be completed by Nov. 11th. Work will begin on clay courts and lights. Pickleball courts resurfaced a few months ago.
- Calvary tennis and pickleball tournament Nov. 11-12 at SHills and ERCC.
- Pickle Ball Tournament Dec. 9-11.

Natchitoches –

- The first TA Step-up league has begun and a 2nd TA session will begin next week.
- Level 6 JR tournament on Nov. 26-27.
- 10 and under and level 7 tournaments on Dec. 10.
- Junior programs are ongoing.
- Beginner TA-like tournament at the end of Dec. Would like to have at least 16 teams.
- Willie Paz received NSU Distinguished Educator award, including a \$12,000 scholarship endowment for education majors.

SHills –

- Pause for the Cause tennis and pickleball mixer this Saturday.

STCC –

- Many incoming new to tennis players.
- Hoping for at least one new 2.5 USTA spring team.
- UTR tournaments are going well and continuing.
- Member-guest tournament is planned for next April.

SALT –

- Donating \$1000 2023 to need-based scholarship program. SALT will review donation annually.
- Have been asked to help with Love Twice closet at QTC.

Committee Reports – Rhonda Rubben

LTA Awards –

- Four LTA awards: Katy Build Tournament (Charity Event), Querbes Tennis Center (Facility), NWLACTA NJTL Chapter (NJTL), Love for Lancey (Special Tennis Event).

State Tournaments –

- 40+ Combo – completed, but with challenging weather issues.

Outreach & Special Programs/Grants –

- NJTL grant requires a focus on 95% or more under resourced population, an educational component, which is accomplished with a partnership with other organizations that have education programs.
- NJTL grant provides travel stipends (about 50% of cost) for NJTL participants to junior tournaments, supplemental funds for high school players, and expenses for outreach programs and events.

CTA Tournament –

- May change tournament format to shorten or change to mixer. Additional discussions are planned.

Junior Tennis –

- Looking for Jr. coordinator to work with Hassan next year.

Local League Coordinator Reports – Rhonda Rubben, Tad Peters, Tammie Harris, Rhonda Terracciano, Kirita Windham

- 2022 exceeded 2021 by 725 additional players (including 65+).

- USTA Spring league season shortened by 2 weeks to give Tri-level 8 weeks, followed by mixed, then combo to minimize overlap. Match times @ 6 and 7:30. Considering Friday evenings for overflow. Need pro input.

New Business –

- Other CTAs are using our information to assist them.
- CTA calendar events role over to same weekends from last year as first choice and will be sent out in next couple of weeks for pros/facilities to review, edit, and approve.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Brian Bernard, second by Rhonda Rubben.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary