

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – September 7, 2022

Call to Order – Rhonda Rubben

Attendance – Board members: Stephanie Bass, Pam Haley, Rhonda Rubben, Albert Hardison, Todd Killen, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Willie Paz. Others: Jill Zimmer, Amy Dudley, Eric Zimmer, Hassan Abbas, Judit Castillo, Kaye Cochran, Bob Patterson, Marilyn Myers, Rodrick Arterberry, Kathryn Arterberry, Christie Cox, Rachel Morgan.

August minutes were approved online. Motion by Stephanie Bass, second by Steve Craig.

Executive Board Reports

President Report – Rhonda Rubben for Brian Bernard

- NWLACTA 2022 Strategic Plan, sent electronically to Board Members for review, was presented. Motion to approve by Albert Hardison, second by Todd Killen.
- Recommended an increase in league fees (18+ and 40+ increase from \$27 to \$30, 55+ increase from \$22 to \$23). If they won't allow two separate increases all levels will increased by \$3. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Albert Hardison. Will submit to LTA for final review and approval.

Treasurer Report – Rhonda Rubben

- Total Current Assets: \$ 290,000+, including \$ 61185 checking/\$75909 max savings, \$ 70,298 investments, Restricted accounts \$8,006 scholarship, \$72039 Support, \$2206 QTC, \$1039 BTC.
- YTD Unrestricted Income: \$117,391, including \$49,000 project income (\$10,584 August combo & TA), \$41,286 fundraiser/state tournaments, \$2,080 Love Twice, \$12,596 other income, \$11,378 grants.
- YTD Expenses: \$ 97,513, including \$ 19,312 general, \$ 33,624 fundraiser/state tournaments, \$ 15,408 JTT, \$ 29,167 adult tennis and TA.
- YTD unrestricted net income: \$ 19,879.
- Request to move \$2000 from Love Twice to Scholarship fund. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Todd Killen. High School Assistance information will be sent to area high school tennis coaches and counselors.
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

USTA/STA/LTA – Grady Wilson

- No report.

Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

BTC –

- JD begins soon with online registration. Amy Dudley assisted with set-up for online registration.
- 250+ players expected for 65 & Over State Tournament Sept. 24-26th.
- Area was well represented at 40 & Over Mixed State Tournament and State winners.

BLT –

- Fall season begins Sept. 12th with 13 teams, including 3 new 2.5 teams.
- BLT products (t-shirts, visors, caps, pullovers) are available for purchase.

Cockrell –

- Labor Day Labor of Love tennis fun day included 15+ kids and 25+ adults and was well attended.
- Tennis Apprentice begins next week. Step Up league will follow.
- Ongoing Saturday Tennis Aerobics and Tiny Tots programs.
- The inaugural Alberta Jackson Myers HPCU Tennis Tournament will be held Nov. 4 – 5. Akeem Williams, LSUS tennis coach, will chair the event; Ken Myers will co-chair.

ERCC –

- Hard courts are being repaired.
- Men's teams and mixed doubles teams play on Wed. nights.
- Men's teams play on Thursdays.
- Hosting SALT matches.
- Hope to create more USTA teams.

Natchitoches –

- NSU fundraiser on Monday nights; play with NSU lady tennis player.
- Collegiate tournament next weekend with 6 teams.
- Tennis Apprentice and JD to begin first week of Oct.
- Level 6 JTT tournament, level 7, and USTA Jr. circuit (10 and under) scheduled in next few months.

POTC –

- 180 registered for JD.
- St. Jude Tournament Sept. 9-11.
- 75 registered for Club championship tournament (members only).
- NFL Tournament is scheduled for end of Sept.
- USTA JTT begins Oct. 1st. Hassan is available to help other pros create teams, if needed.
- Hosted Level 7 tournament a few weeks ago, with 40+ players.

QTC –

- After-school program begins Monday, with 60 participants. Volunteer help is needed.
- 3 sessions of TA are scheduled with 72 participants, sold out.
- Querbes Cup one-day tournament will be held in October.
- Dudleys, Zimmer's and Hassan Abbas will attend the USPTA World Conference in New Orleans.

SALT –

- Fall season has begun.
- New BC teams formed from TA participants.

SHills –

- Labor Day social was well attended.
- 4 events planned for next few weeks.
- Fall TA has 10 participants.
- 20+ Calvary HS students in off-campus PE.

STCC –

- St. Jude tournament is this weekend.
- UTR tournaments will continue (2/month) for rest of year.
- Club championship tournament (member only) coming up.
- Member/guest pickleball tournament is scheduled for end of October.

Committee Reports – Rhonda Rubben

Adults –

- Because of growth in adult leagues, current information will be analyzed before spring season.
- Spring season may be shorter and with possible changes in some nights of play.
- After discussions with pros, plan will be sent to local league council for approval.

Awards –

- LTA award nominations have been submitted.

Outreach/Special Programs –

- CTA/VOA/SALT program will be at Broadmoor Elem.
- LSU Med program with Stoner Hill students begins Friday at Caddo Magnet; 90 participants last year.
- SHills/Rec Center adaptive program begins in Oct.
- BAFB program is planned with a few adjustments.
- Fall programs are planned at Cockrell, with NJTL funding.

State Tournaments –

- 65+ State Tournament in Sept. 23-25.
- 40+ Combo State Tournament last weekend in Oct.

Local League Coordinator Reports – Rhonda Rubben

- Combo league includes 1328 players to date, 275 more than 2021.
- For 2022, 4237 players to date, 720 more than 2021.
- 15 new combo teams, total of 96 teams, 20 more than 2021.

New Business

- 1513 Facebook followers.
- Newsletter included bios on Ken Myers, Jill Zimmer, and Judit Castillo.
- 2023 budget work will begin next month.
- QTC needs volunteers for after-school programs, 4-5 MW.
- Meeting this afternoon to discuss Foundation Tennis updates. USTA and LTA are pushing the use of Serve Tennis platform.
- \$250 available for fall fest programs with at least 10 participants; additional \$250 if programs are run through Serve Tennis.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Stephanie Bass.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Haley, Secretary