

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – August 2, 2023

Call to Order – Brian Bernard

Attendance – Board members: Brian Bernard, Steve Craig, Pam Haley, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Ken Myers, Rhonda Rubben. Others: Tammy Harris, Christie Cox, Amy Dudley, Marilyn Meyers, Hassan Abbas, Bob Patterson, Kaye Cochran, Bianca Roge, Selwyn Ellis.

June minutes were approved. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Steve Craig.

Executive Board Reports

NJTL Report – Rhonda Rubben

- USTA Foundation grant received for \$10,000.
- \$10,000 private donation.
- Summer camps were held at Cockrell, Southern Hills, and Querbes.
- AB Palmer event schedule Sept. 26, 4 – 6pm.
- Fall programs are being planned: camps for fall, holiday, winter breaks; Broadmoor VOA/SALT/CTA; Adaptive CPSB school year program, BAFB fall program.
- A stringer is needed for NJTL Program.
- BTC JTT 12 and under team won State and will compete in Sectionals. CTA gave \$ 200 stipend for expenses at State. Request \$ 500 stipend for expenses for Sectionals. Motion by Steve Craig, second by Brian Bernard. Motion was approved.

Treasurer Report – Steve Craig

- Assets: \$226,158, including \$146,845 checking/savings (\$26K restricted/grant funds), \$74,125 Reserved Funds-Merrill Lynch.
- Liabilities: \$2,759.
- Total 2023 income through July: \$146,307, including \$13,084 restricted, \$13,715 grants, \$47,658 fundraiser, and State tournaments.
- Total 2023 expenses through July: \$115,012, including \$24,231 general, \$38,755 tournaments, \$27,154 junior tennis, \$24,872 TA.
- Net Income YTD: \$31,295 including \$13,084 restricted.
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

USTA/STA/LTA – Grady Wilson

- Summer leadership meeting included discussion about new rules.
- Grady was appointed to a NSF (Network Support Funding) task force, money from nationals that filters through regional and state boards.
- Additional referees are needed for tournaments.

Rhonda Rubben suggested that CTA offer a “sign-on bonus” of \$ 500 to those who will complete referee training.

Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

POTC –

- New assistant manager at POTC.
- Renovation of Loser’s Buy in progress.

- The remaining LED lights will be installed this week.
- 76 players on July 4 mixer.
- Junior tournaments in June and July had 30-40 players.
- Summer camp ends this week.
- JD begins next week.
- Off-campus PE begins Aug. 14.
- St. Jude tournament is Sept. 15-17 (mixed doubles).

Cockrell –

- JTT tournament was successful and included players from Kenner, Fayetteville, and Houston. Thanks to the pros who assisted.
- Good response to summer camps in June and July.
- Ken Myers (and college teammate) won 55 and over division at ATA tournament.
- JTT tournament planned for October.

QTC –

- Summer camps ended last week.
- Off-campus PE begins mid-August.
- After-school programs begin the Monday after Labor Day.
- Fence repairs are to be completed today. No resolution to issues with peeling on courts.
- League play in progress.

BTC –

- Katy Build tournament raised \$70,000: 320 adult players, 26 junior players in the Junior Katy Build tournament. The date will be moved to earlier in the year.
- 72 players on July 4 mixer, with proceeds going to Bossier City Parks and Recreation.
- BLT mixer on Aug. 4, with proceeds going toward purchase of school supplies.

Rhonda Rubben requested that CTA contribute \$250 for BLT school supply funds. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Brian Bernard. Motion was approved.

- Todd Killen sent thanks to CTA for support for JTT.
- Resurfacing additional courts.

Natchitoches –

- Beginner adult league on Monday nights, 2.5 adult league on Tuesday nights.
- Step Up leagues are in progress.
- Summer junior programs ended, 43 participants.
- Fall junior program begins soon.
- Adult mixers are planned.
- Tennis apprentice Oct. 2 – 23 and Nov. 6 – 27.
- L7 Open Nov. 4.
- USTA 10 and under circuit Nov. 4.
- L6 Nov. 25-26.
- L6 Holiday Classic Dec. 9-10.

STCC –

- Created 2 new USTA teams out of 101 beginner classes, which is open to non-members.

- 24 in flex league.
- 20+/week in summer camps, with many transferring into Jr. programs.
- 12 Jr sessions available weekly.
- Taster tennis events planned for local schools.
- Founding members can sponsor team members who are not STCC members.
- Tennis board meeting in Aug.

Committee Reports – Rhonda Rubben

- Award nominations must be submitted by Aug. 15.
- About 240 players expected for 65 and Over State tournament, Sept. 22-24 at POTC (host), BTC, and QTC, if needed.
- The Executive Board will meet following regular meeting determine which State tournaments to bid on.
- Fall tennis fest in Oct. is for public facilities (or open to public) with 4 spots for CTA events and 4 for NJTL events.
- The NJTL committee will meet soon to discuss fall programs.

Local League Coordinator Reports – Rhonda Rubben, Tammie Harris

- Mixed league has 86 more players than in 2022 and increased at all levels except 55+.
- Combo league is growing, with 1216 players to date and 10 more teams than in 2022.
- Availability of courts influences the times matches are played.

Other New Business –

- Grady Wilson is working to bring back Jr tournament for Independence Bowl.
- Phillip Campbell recommended increasing referee pay from \$175/day to \$225/day because of a shortage of referees. Motion by Brian Bernard, second by Grady Wilson. Motion approved.
- Brian Bernard discussed Ex. Director position and the possibility of splitting the responsibilities among 2 or more people.
- Jerry Montgomery and the Harrison family will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Dec.
- 1768 Fb followers.
- Rhonda Rubben proposed giving \$25/Captain gift cards to local facilities redeemable for stringing, lessons, etc. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Brian Bernard. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Motion Rhonda Rubben, second by Grady Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary