

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – January 4, 2023

Call to Order – Brian Bernard

Attendance – Board members: Brian Bernard, Steve Craig, Pam Haley, Albert Hardison, Stephanie Bass, Todd Killen, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Willie Paz, Matt Coeuer, Toni Goodin. Others: Hassan Abbas, Kaye Cochran, Bob Patterson, Rachel Morgan, Bianca Rogè, LeeAnn Evensky.

January minutes were approved. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Stephanie Bass.

Executive Board Reports

President Report – Brian Bernard

- Volunteers and food sponsors are needed for the B.O.L.D. (Bill Oliver/Lance Dryer) tournament.
- \$3500 Community Partner donations have been received to date. Community Partner Committee will meet soon.
- The Executive Board requests that the Board approve the use of \$3000 from Pro Support Funds to help several pros with specific needs. Motion by Steve Craig, second by Philip Campbell.
- High School Assistance and Senior Scholarship applications have been sent to school coaches and posted on social media. The board is encouraged to recruit qualified applicants.
- QTC lights are not repaired. When the project was implemented 2 yrs. ago, it was over budget and value-engineering modifications were made by the city. These were inadequate, so the city has purchased all the new lights that should be installed within the next month. Bubbles on courts at QTC and SHills caused by resurfacing will be handled with contractor.

Treasurer – Steve Craig

- Assets: \$ 208,807 including checking, Max savings, and \$ 72,038 Merrill Lynch investments.
- Liabilities: \$ 3,292.
- Income for Jan 2023: \$ 24,828.
- Expenses for Jan 2023: \$ 11,460.
- Jan 2023 Net Income: \$ 13,368 (including \$ 1,430 Pro Support).
 - Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.
- Executive Board approved transfer of \$5000 from Max savings account to Pro Support.
- Sports Commission approved 2023 state tournament funds requested. Required documents have been submitted.
- Update on Jorge: Dr. told him that he could return to the courts at the end of March.

USTA/STA/LTA – Grady Wilson

- USTA Annual Meeting will be Mar 2 in Phoenix.
- STA meeting was held in mid-January in a new venue. Over 500 committees met, and the Hall of Fame banquet was well attended.
- Grady has been working on LTA committee assignments and appreciates the volunteers from NWLACTA who agreed to serve.
- Changes will be made in the LTA Officials Committee.

Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

POTC –

- Level 6 tournament included 48 players, with some from Texas and Arkansas.
- LED lights for the remaining courts have been approved and should be completed by March.
- Judit Castilgo has left ERCC to join the professional pickleball tour, and Stevie Schmidt will replace her at ERCC.

STCC –

- 2 recent UTR tournaments were impacted by weather; players included some from Texas and Arkansas.
- A new pro will come in March.
- Level 7 tournaments are being planned.

QTC –

- After-school program begins Feb 27 and will run for 10 weeks.
- The Tennis Apprentice begins the week of Mar 20.
- A one-day Level 7 tournament is planned when the after-school program ends March 13.

Natchitoches -

- Resurfacing of courts has not begun because of weather.
- New programs are postponed until March.
- Level 7 tournament is scheduled in April: Level 6 in May.
- Collecting funds from local businesses to pay balance required to resurface courts.

Cockrell –

- Winter camp the first week of January included 40-60 kids each day.
- Tennis Apprentice dates are TBD.
- Would like to create 1-day/week leagues involving churches/organizations.

BTC –

- Off-campus PE has 25 participants and Junior development begins next month.
- Tennis Apprentice dates are TBD.
- Host site for the 100th year of The City Tournament July 26-Aug 1. Exploring ways to honor the history of the tournament.

BLT –

- Spring season begins on the week of Feb 6.

Committee Reports – Brian Bernard

Tournaments

- 70 and Over Multi State Invitational Tournament Mar 24-26 at BTC.

Outreach & Special Programs/Grants –

- JTT League Tournament scheduled for Apr 29-30. Registration will open Feb 12.
- Looking for a Junior Community Coordinator for Jr programs, interviews are in progress.
- Adaptive program at SHills is beginning soon.
- Broadmoor/VOA program begins in March. Volunteers are needed during the 8-week program.

Local League Coordinator Reports – Brian Bernard

- 1483 registered to date, with some league registration still in progress. 5 more teams than 2022.

Coordinators' Reports – Community Coordinators - Kaye Cochran

- Kirita, Kaye, and Rhonda met to discuss events and programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Toni Goodin, second by Bob Patterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary