

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – January 4, 2023

Call to Order – Brian Bernard

Attendance – Board members: Brian Bernard, Steve Craig, Pam Haley, Rhonda Rubben, Albert Hardison, Chris Dudley, Philip Campbell, Toni Goodin, Brian Ferqueron. Others: Hassan Abbas, Judit Castillo, Kaye Cochran, Amy Dudley, Bob Patterson, Eric Zimmer, Marilyn Myers.

December minutes were approved. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Rhonda Rubben.

Executive Board Reports

President Report – Brian Bernard

- The Nominating committee approved three new board members: Brian Ferqueron, Ken Myers, Jill Zimmer. Motion to approve by Albert Hardison, second by Toni Goodin, all approved.
- A copy of Board member responsibilities was distributed to the new members to be reviewed, signed, and returned.
- QTC Pro Jorge Jimenez was injured in a car accident in December. The board approved donation to Jorge of \$1000 from pro support account with fundraiser providing additional funds. Motion by Rhonda Rubben, second by Chris Dudley. Philip Campbell offered additional funds from the amount left over from the Lance account. The visitation at 10 and funeral at 11 for Lance will be Saturday, January 6th at BUMC. NWLACTA will send flowers in Lance's memory.

Treasurer – Steve Craig

- Assets: \$ 197,784, including \$ 72,038 Merrill Lynch investments.
- Liabilities: \$ 5,637.
- Income through Dec 2022: \$ 157,798 unrestricted.
- Expenses through Dec 2022 \$ 159,318.
- 2022 Unrestricted Net Income: \$ (1,091).
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

Rhonda Rubben-

- Received \$7300 cash and \$7000 intangibles from 2022 Community Partners.
- Anticipating receiving \$12,500 from the Sports Commission, applications have been submitted.
- Based on results from 2022 Tennis Apprentice participant survey, offer a TA phase 2 (league) beginning in Feb. or March with fees for admin and monitors, and consider ways to assimilate 2.5 players into other programs, lessons, leagues. TA is increasing participation in leagues.

USTA/STA/LTA – Philip Campbell

- Grady Wilson is new LTA President and brings pro and management prospective to LTA programs and events.

Rhonda Rubben/Hassan Abbas – Junior Tennis

- Pros received email from Grady asking about scheduling 1st Saturday of each month for Level 7/Jr Circuit Tournaments.
- LTA/USTA pushing JTT.
- Each facility is asked to participate in Junior Team Tennis for the weekend on April 29-30 with at least one team per age level.
- Nominal fee.
- Pros can designate someone to oversee.

- Winners will have an opportunity to go to the State tournament in June.
- Publicity will be provided by NWLACTA.

Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

BTC –

- Winter church league on Sunday afternoons had 150+ participants and required scheduling matches at 2 and 4 pm.
- Off-campus PE begins next week.

POTC –

- Will complete LED lighting soon.
- JD and off-campus PE begin the week of Jan. 9.
- Level 6 Dominant Duo event is Jan 21-22.

QTC –

- No communication from the city.
- There are bubbles on the courts.
- 4-week step-up league for TA began last night with 16 players.
- JR programs begin in February. May have a few Saturday play days.
- Off-campus PE begins next Monday.

Cockrell –

- Will check on the condition of courts and send photos.
- Concluding winter camp, with over 100 kids over two days.
- Working with churches to begin a church league.

SHills –

- Will check on the condition of courts and send photos.
- The end-of-fall tournament in Dec. had 16 junior players.
- Off-campus PE begins today.
- Team tennis begins next month.

Natchitoches –

- 25 JR players in Level 6 Winter Open on Dec. 17-18, with several Shreveport players finishing in 1st place.
- TA step-up league is continuing.
- Launching fundraiser for \$5000 to complete funds necessary to resurface courts.
- Daily programs begin Jan. 16.

ERCC –

- TA is beginning.
- Hoping to host some USTA teams.

STCC –

- UTR schedule Jan 27-28.

BLT –

- Spring session begins in February. Expect 80-100 players.
- Will plan food (\$18/person from tournament fees) and provide some volunteers for 70s tournament Mar. 24-26 at BTC.

Committee Reports – Rhonda Rubben

Community Partners –

- Seeking returns and additional 2023 Community Partners.
- Community Partners are recognized at the Bill Oliver tournament in March.

CTA Tournament –

- Working on format and other details.

Outreach & Special Programs/Grants –

- Outreach programs are going well.

Local League Coordinator Reports – Rhonda Rubben

- Registration for adult 55 has closed, with 14 W and 7 M teams. Other spring leagues have 5 more days to register.
- Facility report identifies the number of teams in each category and comparisons with 2022.

The meeting was adjourned. Motion by Brian Bernard, second by Rhonda Rubben.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary