

## Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

### Board Minutes – June 7, 2023

**Call to Order** – Brian Bernard

**Attendance** – Board members: Brian Bernard, Steve Craig, Pam Haley, Todd Killen, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Rhonda Rubben, Brian Ferqueron. Others: Amy Dudley, Marilyn Meyers, Cotter Wilson, Kaye Cochran, Angela May, Jay Boyd, Jeff Smith, Bill Phillips.

May minutes were approved. Motion by Grady Wilson, second by Rhonda Rubben.

#### **Executive Board Reports**

**President Report** – Brian Bernard

- Welcomed Jay Boyd, Jeff Smith, Bill Phillips, and Angela May, new NWLACTA Community Coordinator.
- \$7200 in Community Partners to date. Seeking additional CPs to support programs.
- High school scholarship awards program today after meeting, with 6 recipients. SALT contributed \$1000 to the scholarship fund.

Rhonda Rubben – USTA Foundation awarded grant for \$10,000. Summer programs offered at Cockrell, Querbes, SHills, AB Palmer, and will reach an estimated 1650 kids. BAFB summer program will reach about 30 kids. Total cost for summer programs \$15,070. Need about \$8,000 to complete all programs for the year to include Fall, holiday, and winter camps that are planned and other fall programs. NJTL committee approved summer programs. Motion for CTA to approve programs by Grady Wilson, second by Chris Dudley. NJTL committee will meet to discuss fall programs. Friendship house program is Thursday. Some equipment has been purchased for SHills, Cockrell, Querbes, and AB Palmer.

**Treasurer Report** – Steve Craig

- Assets: \$229,556, including \$145,940 checking/savings, \$73,509 Merrill Lynch.
- Liabilities: \$6,392, including \$8,500 Sports Commission.
- Total 2023 income through May: \$118,452, including \$ 13,084 restricted, \$13,715 grants.
- Total 2023 expenses through May: \$83,108, including \$4,500 scholarships, \$ 31,104 adult leagues and TA.
- Net Income YTD: \$35,344 including \$13,084 restricted.
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

**USTA/STA/LTA** – Grady Wilson

Bill Phillips – Interviewing pro for Ruston this afternoon. NWLACTA does a lot to maintain and grow league participation and junior programs. Acadiana is the only other CTA in LA that has access to “outside” funding. Emphasis and slogan used in training coaches: “No laps, no lines, no lectures.” Curricula are available through Tennis 101, Play and Stay, NET GEN, Learn to Rally and Play.

- LTA summer leadership meeting is soon.

Rhonda Rubben – 3 local JTT teams going to Baton Rouge for State. CTA provided \$200 stipend per team going June 18th.

## **Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates**

### **BTC –**

- Hosted City Tournament May 22 – 28 with 320 players and many divisions. The Hall of Fame ceremony was well attended. TA division included 30 players. Thanks to CTA for sponsoring and for volunteers.
- Satellite facility for State 18 Even tournament this weekend.
- Host for Katy Build tournament June 16-18.
- Summer kids camp is in progress.

### **POTC –**

- Host for State 18 Even tournament this weekend with 376 registered players.
- Clay courts have been resurfaced.
- 80 kids in summer camps that include 3 hrs. of tennis, lunch, swimming.
- Summer JD program with 30-50 kids begins this week.
- 30-50 registered for Level 7 tournament June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Maybe having WTN in July.

### **QTC –**

- Summer camp this week M-Th. Isabelle, Steve Floyd, and some high school players are assisting.
- Hosted a 1-day Level 7 tournament in May. Thanks to Grady, Hassan, and Todd for assistance.
- QTC Rec. Center is bringing 30 kids on Fridays in June for 45 minutes of tennis.
- Held 4 National Tennis Month events: orange ball triple extravaganza, Sunday funday, and read stories about Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe at Shreve Island.

### **Cockrell –**

- Completed first SPAR/CTA summer camp with 150+ kids total for 2 days.
- Held 4 National Tennis Month events: story time with Coach Ken, other events on courts.
- Hosting Level 7 tournament July 1.

### **Natchitoches –**

- Hosted Level 7 tournament last weekend.
- TA Step Up league began Monday.
- Hosted Level 6 tournament May 20-21.
- Junior summer camp is this week.
- Hosted event to celebrate the resurfacing of courts.

### **SHills –**

- Summer camp being held June 12<sup>th</sup> week with anticipated 125 kids from SHills Rec. center plus walk-ins.
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## **Committee Reports** – Rhonda Rubben

- The Awards Committee will meet Thursday at noon. If anyone has recommendations, please send names of potential nominations for awards categories.
- 257 players in State 40 Even tournament May 6-9.
- The State 18 Even tournament is this weekend, with POTC as host.

## **Local League Coordinator Reports** – Rhonda Rubben, Tammie Harris, Kirita Windham

- Tri-level league has 206 more players this year than in 2022.
- Mixed league has 780 players to date compared to 786 total last year.
- Southern and LTA have updated State championship tournament regulations.
  - Players may play on only 1 team during the same weekend beginning July 1.
  - LTA will require a \$300 “deposit” by credit card from the captain of each team that commits to going as they do with Sectional Tournaments now. The amount will be refunded if the team completes the tournament or payable (part or all) if the team does not complete the tournament.
  - Document on website with full details.

**Other New Business –**

- Please promote NWLACTA events, programs, etc., verbally, by email, share the newsletter and like and comment on Facebook.

The meeting was adjourned. Motion by Brian Bernard, second by Todd Killen.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary