

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – March 1, 2023

Call to Order – Brian Bernard

Attendance – Board members: Brian Bernard, Pam Haley, Albert Hardison, Chris Dudley, Philip Campbell, Willie Paz, Matt Coeuer, Rhonda Rubben, Brian Furqueron, Ken Meyers. Others: Katherine Arterberry, Rodric Arterberry, Rachel Morgan, Amy Dudley, Eric Zimmer, Hassan Abbas, Bob Patterson, Kaye Cochran, Lester Jackson.

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

Executive Board Reports

President Report – Brian Bernard

- BOLD Tournament is this weekend at POTC.
- CTA has received \$5700 to date from Community Partners.
- High School Assistance and High School Senior Scholarship applications have been sent to high school coaches and promoted on newsletter and social media. Two applications have been received to date.
- QTC lights should be working soon for the first time in 2.5 years. Bubbles and peeling on courts at several public facilities are ongoing issues.
- Adaptive program has begun at Southern Hills.
- Broadmoor/VOA program begins tomorrow for 8 weeks.
- NJTL/CTC/SPAR spring break camp is March 13-15 at Cockrell. Volunteers are needed.

Rhonda Rubben – Met with SPAR Athletic Director, Shalon Lewis, and will hire 4 part-time (avg 20 hrs/week) high school students to help with SPAR sports programs at several facilities, with primary focus on tennis. Lester Jackson, Huntington HS tennis coach, will also help with summer camps. SPAR employees will be given a discount on cost of Tennis Apprentice.

- Call for motion to donate \$1000 from CTA funds toward resurfacing project at Natchitoches Tennis Center. The total cost is \$29,050, and the amount raised to date is \$25,000. Motion by Albert Hardison, second by Rhonda Rubben.

Treasurer Report (Draft) – Rhonda Rubben

- Assets: \$210,800, including \$136,000 checking/savings, \$72,000 Merrill Lynch, \$2,148 State player gifts.
- Liabilities: \$3,219, including \$1,012 credit card.
- Income for Feb.: \$6,283 unrestricted, including \$1,600 Tennis Apprentice and \$2,438 Adult leagues.
- Expenses for Feb.: \$4,832, including \$1,000 for Pro Assistance (Jorge).
- Unrestricted Net Income for Feb.: \$ 2,000
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD are available for review.

USTA/STA/LTA – Hassan Abbas

- Grady Wilson, LTA President, is attending USTA Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

POTC –

- 192 players registered for BOLD tournament this weekend.
- Cotter Wilson is one of 32 coaches at the Brewer Cup in Mobile, Alabama.

- Level 6 tournament is April 1-2.
- Several junior players were winners at recent State tournaments.

QTC –

- 110 participants in Junior programs that begin this week, M-Th.
- Plan to resurface courts during Spring break, March 13-17.
- Need additional coaches.
- Jorge is back in a limited capacity.
- Tennis Apprentice to be March 20th, offering Monday Morning and Friday evening programs.

BTC –

- Tennis Apprentice begins March 28.
- Tennis Apprentice division will be added to the City Tournament.
- Level 7 junior tournaments will be April 29 and Dec. 16.
- Hosting 70s invitational tournament March 24-26.
- 98 participants in junior development program.

SHills –

- 165 players in pickleball or tennis for Polar Bear tournament.
- Several participants from Rec. Center registered to date for spring break camp.
- Green ball began this week with 65 participants.
- Want to have Level 6 and 7 tournaments.

Natchitoches –

- Junior programs began this week.
- High school invitational tournament is planned for March 20.
- Level 6 tournament is May 20-21, and level 7 in June, with 10 and under and orange ball on the same day.
- Tennis Apprentice begins the first week in May.

CTC –

- Tennis Apprentice begins March 20 for 8 wks.
- NJTL Spring break camp March 13-15. Need volunteers.
- Host for Grambling matches March 4 and 25.
- Host for Huntington, Evangel, and Capt. Shreve matches.
- Two junior players have done well at recent tournaments, including some in TX and ARK.

STTC –

- Courts are full, particularly at night.
- Pickleball is going well.
- A multisport spring break camp is planned and open to non-members.
- A demonstration for HEAD tennis and pickleball racquets and Swing Vision for phone with analytics will be held on March 25th. Flyers are being distributed to area facilities.
- A third pro will be joining the staff soon.

BLT –

- Began Feb. 6. First rain-out last Friday.

Committee Reports – Rhonda Rubben

Tournaments –

- The BOLD tournament begins Friday with a junior exhibition match at 4 pm.
- Karaoke night will feature Lil' CD the Song Machine (Chris Dudley).
- Seeking additional donations for drawing and hit for prizes.
- Jennifer West created a art piece that will be used on the logo for BOLD.
- 70 and Over tournament is Mar 24-26 at BTC. Bingo Thursday night: tournament begins Friday am. The CTA has partnered with the BLT ladies and are paying them to make all arrangements for food and to oversee.
- 100th year for City Tournament. Motion for CTA to donate \$1000 to tournament by Brian Bernard, second by Phillip Campbell.
- Motion by Phillip Campbell to donate \$500 to Katy Build Tournament in June. Second by Albert Hardison.
- Motion by Brian Bernard to donate \$500 to NFL Foundation Tournament in March. Second by Phillip Campbell.

Outreach & Special Programs/Grants –

- 2023 registration was approved for NJTL chapter this past week. All grant funds were spent, benefiting 500+ kids.
- Another grant should be coming up soon for 2023.
 - Motion to continue to apply for grants by Albert Hardison, second by Rachel Morgan.

Junior Team Tennis –

- Registration begins soon for the league tournament to be held April 15-16 for one-day tournaments. A nominal entry fee of \$20 will be charged.
- Hassan moved for the Level 7 and 6 tournaments to be a uniform price for each level locally.

Local League Coordinator Reports – Rhonda Rubben

- 75% of CTA income comes from USTA funding sources. Therefore, non-USTA events such as UTR should be reviewed closely before promotion.
- 1575 registered to date for adult leagues.
- Tri Level registration information has been promoted on social media and flyers distributed to facilities. The captains' meeting for is 6 pm April 3 at BTC.

Phillip attended a memorial service for Lance, and his family was ecstatic that his name was included in the BOLD tournament title.

The meeting was adjourned. Motion by Brian Bernard, second by Chris Dudley.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary