

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association

Board Minutes – October 4, 2023

Call to Order – Brian Bernard

Attendance – Board members: Brian Bernard, Steve Craig, Pam Haley, Albert Hardison, Stephanie Bass, Chris Dudley, Grady Wilson, Philip Campbell, Willie Paz, Matt Coerver, Rhonda Rubben. Others: Rachel Morgan, Hassan Abbas, Cotter Wilson, Kaye Cochran.

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

Executive Board Reports

NJTL Report – Rhonda Rubben

- \$ 23,077 in income for programs, \$ 24,184 expenses. An additional estimated \$4,500 needed for fees/supplies for the fall, will seek private donations if needed.
- Fall break camps are scheduled Oct 9,10,11 at Cockrell, Southern Hills, AB Palmer. Volunteers needed.
- Broadmoor VOA/SALT/CTA program is on Thursdays 4 – 5 pm.
- Adaptive CPSB program at Southern Hills rec center Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- Need a new or used stringer for NJTL programs.

Treasurer Report – Steve Craig

- Assets: \$ 226,916, including \$ 146,000 checking/savings, \$ 22,251 restricted funds, and \$ 74,622 Merrill Lynch.
- Liabilities: \$ 3,271, including \$ 1,064 credit card.
- Total income through Sept 2023: \$ 179,713, including \$ 12,777 restricted, \$ 14,435 state tournaments, \$ 73,958 projects.
- Total expenses through Sept 2023: \$ 148,172, including \$ 26,960 general, \$ 11,976 state tournaments, \$ 32,136 JTT, \$9,038 TA.
- Net Unrestricted Income YTD: \$ 16,214.
- Balance Sheet and P & L by MTH YTD available for review.

USTA/STA/LTA – Grady Wilson

- Louisiana junior team won bronze medal in Rome GA.
- State championship sites for 2024-26 approved.
- Annual LTA meeting in December.
- Pro workshop in Mandeville on Oct 27th with USPTA pro.

Public and Private Facilities – PRO Updates

BTC –

- USTA, BLT, SALT use most of the courts.
- JD began this week with 80+ juniors.
- Hosting Providence Christian Academy Fall Classic Oct. 20-21.
- Hosting 40 and over State combo Oct. 27-29th. Cockrell is the second site.
- 40 and over 9.0 team won sectionals in Mobile and will go to nationals in Surprise AZ Nov. 3-5.
 - Thank you, CTA, for the stipends.
- 65 and over 3.0 women's team and 3.5 men's team won state and will go to sectionals in Little Rock Nov. 10-12.
 - Thank you, CTA, for the stipends.
- BLT gave \$ 640 from play-day fundraiser, including \$ 250 from CTA to Plain Dealing High School for school supplies. Thank you, CTA, for you donation.

Natchitoches –

- Congratulations and thank you to Rhonda and Hassan for a successful JTT event last Saturday.
- TA in progress on Mondays.
- JD begins this week.
- Jr events scheduled in Nov. and Dec.: Level 6 and 7, 10 and under, JTT tournament.
- Lady Demon tournament weekend of Oct. 14th.

QTC –

- TA in progress with 25 on Monday nights and 20 on Tuesday mornings.
- 17 lights are partially or completely out. Waiting on SPAR for an update.
- Tennis House event is in Mandeville Oct. 27-28, with speaker Craig Jones from USTA national.
- 8.0 55 and over mixed team (Rhonda Rubben, Captain) will compete in sectionals in Little Rock this weekend.
- Students from Montessori and First Baptist schools come for tennis or pickleball 3 days/week.

Cockrell–

- 5 Fall Fest events planned, including a food drive for local food bank.
- Jrs. participated in the recent JTT tournament. Hosting final JTT Nov. 11.
- Home site for usta combo 2.5, 6.5 and 5.5 teams this fall.
- 22 participants in TA.
- Fall break event for Jrs. is Oct 9-11.
- Level 7 and Jr. circuit Oct. 7.

POTC –

- Hosted 65 and over State tournament with 175 players.
- Hosted St. Jude tournament with 250 players.
- Will host Shreveport Energy Tournament.
- Jr. level 5 and 6 events in November with 18-20 players.
- Hosting For the Love of Medicine mixer and Calvary HS tournament in November.
- JTT event next weekend.

STTC –

- 101 session begins today.
- Good turnout for UTR events. Another UTR planned for Oct.
- JD is going well, including clinics for 3 -5 year olds.

Committee Reports – Rhonda Rubben

- LTA sent 2 banners (one for BTC, one elsewhere) to advertise the Innovative Grant program.
- Need potential board members for new year. Let Brian or Rhonda know of any recommendations. Vote at January meeting.
- State tournament awarded for 2024-26: 70 and over invitational. Awarded for 2024-2026: 18 and over odd, 40 and over combo.
- 40 and over combo state tournament is Oct. 27-29, with BTC host and satellite at Cockrell. QTC on standby.
- A total of 77 in fall TA participants.

Local League Coordinator Reports – Rhonda Rubben, Tammie Harris

- 4636 league players in 2023, 419 players more than 2022. TA is an important part of growth.

Other New Business –

- Opportunity to bid on one sectional tournament in 2024, either 55 and over and Tri level. STA provides support, but NWLACTA would have to provide a sports trainer or medical technician at each site, lunch one day, and comp 9 rooms. Bid must be turned in by Oct. 9th. Discuss with pros after meeting today.

No further business the meeting was adjourned. Motion Rhonda Rubben, second by Grady Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haley, Secretary