

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – July 6, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, John Liles, Sue Allender, Karen Jantz, Richard Verzaal, Becky Berry, Bob Patterson, James Hunt, Eddie Copete, Sue Watts and Bill Oliver.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the June minutes was made by James Hunt, Sue Allender seconds the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$69,861.43 as of June 30. The NWLaCTA made a profit of around \$5,000 from the Adult State tournament in May and this will be applied to the 10 and Under Program.
Gordy Ward has asked about getting non-sanctioned tournaments on Tennislink, and John is glad to report that this has finally come to fruition. Non-sanctioned tournaments can now be uploaded on Tennislink at a cost of \$100 and a webinar will be held in the future to assist anyone planning on using Tennislink for their tournament.
4. Committee Reports :
 - a. Marketing – Bob Patterson reports that the brochures for our CTA are at the printers. We will have 500 printed and these will be handed out to prospective sponsors and future tennis players.
 - b. Volunteers – Sue Watts has been having a hard time recruiting new volunteers. She plans to talk to the new SALT President, Kristin Wayda, to see if that organization has any willing new helpers.
 - c. CTA City Circuit – Sue Allender reported that the numbers were about the same for the Bossier CTA tournament (held 6/3-5) and down from last year for the Cockrell CTA tournament (held 6/24-26). With the heat and humidity in the Summer, not to mention family vacations, suggestions were made about not playing in June and July, or have the tournaments only on clay. During the Pros scheduling meeting in December, we will look into starting the circuit in February. During the cooler fall months we run into college football.
 - d. Adult Mixed League – Mixed Coordinator Karen Jantz reported that the numbers are up from last year, with 674 players competing. Just a reminder that Adult Mixed State will be September 2 – 4 in Mandeville and Senior Adult Mixed State will be September 16 – 18 in Slidell.
 - e. Flex League – Coordinator Karen Jantz said that the play-off were to start next week. Sign up for the fall league of Flex will be the first week of September, with play to begin during the third week of September.
 - f. Tri-Level League – Coordinator Richard Verzaal reported that the inaugural season of Tri-Level has 11 teams. The Women's 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 has 2 teams, while the Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0; Men's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 each have three teams. The schedule will be posted on Tennislink.
Richard stated that a question arose in regards to changing a match location after it was scheduled. After discussion, John Liles made a motion to move that in our local league by-laws should state that "scheduled matches stay at the scheduled location unless said courts are unplayable." Jay Boyd seconds the motion, all present agreed. The motion stands.
5. Acting Community Coordinator Richard Verzaal reported on the status of Summer Junior Team Tennis. He has 13 Quickstart players signed up, 6 Elementary and 18 Middle/High School players. Instead of assigning each player a team (many will be unable to play at certain times because of vacations, camps, etc.) Richard will assign them to a team when the children arrive for the match. Each player will keep their own points and will play someone different each week. Play is held on Fridays from 2 – 3 PM, using 6 regular courts and 6 Quickstart courts.
Fun, Friends and Fitness for the summer has 18 participants. Richard has proposed new parameters for the fall session, facility responsibilities and a lesson plan. The next class will be held July 9 at East Ridge, and then July 16 at POTC.
6. Vice-President Jay Boyd was pleased to announce that we have a 10 and Under Coordinator, Gay Greer. She is an Assistant Principal at Turner Elementary School and will begin her duties the middle of this month. 10 and Under lines have been put down at Southern Trace and East Ridge. Southern Hills and Cockrell are waiting for their courts to be re-surfaced, and then lines will be in place, ditto Querbes. Willie Paz inquired about Quickstart equipment for a program in Natchitoches. Jay will get with Willie. Jay also has spoken with Rhonda Rubben with the FDDOC Winners Circle and she has budgeted money in her program for Youree Middle School to play Team Tennis and also to pay \$50 for assistant coaches for the after school programs from 3:30 – 5. Jay will be meeting with Rhonda, Richard, David and James Hunt. Also, Jay wanted to remind all the pros to send in their monthly metrics.
7. Karen Jantz did ask is she could give awards to the winner and finalist for Flex, since Flex is not under Southern's jurisdiction. It was agreed that she spend up to \$8.50 each for the awards. Richard will do the same for the winner of each division of Tri-level.

Dates to remember for July and beginning of August

July 9 – 14: National 16's Intersectionals (POTC and Querbes)
July 15 – 17: CTA City Circuit (Southern Hills)
July 29-31: Junior Grand Prix Sanctioned (Querbes)
August 3: CTA Meeting (Noon – POTC)
August 5 – 7: CTA City Circuit (Querbes)

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 3
NOON - POTC