

Northwest Louisiana Community tennis Association
“To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana”
Minutes – June 1, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Kimball. Those in attendance include Jay Boyd, Sue Allender, John Liles, Bill Oliver, Richard Verzaal, Karen Jantz, Bob Patterson, James Hunt, Kristin Wayda (SALT President), Elana Engleman, Grady Wilson, Terri Bianca, Beth Edens, Melanie Johnson and Sue Watts.
2. A motion by Richard Verzaal was made to waive the reading of the May minutes, Bill Oliver second the motion, all were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles reported a balance of \$52,384.34. This includes the accounts of Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,344) and Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89). John is collecting the expenses from State and will have the report out in the near future. A question was raised about paying for two site directors at North Bossier. We will look into this for future State tournaments held in Shreveport-Bossier.
4. While we are talking about the Adult State league session that was held in Shreveport-Bossier, tournament director Richard Verzaal reported that everything went rather smoothly. We do have a few shirts left over. Richard did want to remind the hosting facilities to turn in their lunch receipts. Surveys also need to be turned in and Richard will get them to Kelly Wells at the tourist and convention bureau for tabulation. He was not sure of the number of players we had this year (572 last year), but only had two players receive fluids from the heat. Some players were asking for bottled water. Our congratulations to two Shreveport teams that won and will be heading to Mobile, AL on August 4 – 7 for Sectionals, the Men’s 4.5 Team (Jeffrey Goodman, Captain) and the Women’s 4.5 Team (Elizabeth Hodge, Captain).
5. Committee Reports :
 - a. Marketing: Bob Patterson has the rough draft of our NWLaCTA brochure completed. It includes what we are, what we do for the tennis and general community and sponsorship levels for those who are interested in supporting the future of tennis.
 - b. Volunteer: Sue Watts wanted to thank everyone who helped during the State tournament. We still need more volunteers for all the different programs we are supporting and running.
 - c. Junior Team Tennis: Richard Verzaal has the Summer Team Tennis program set. Registration is from May 15 – June 15 and is online. The cost is \$25 per person plus \$19 for USTA membership. New players under the age of 10 qualify for a free membership to the USTA. Monetary assistance is available for children in need. A Jamboree will be held on June 23 at Querbes from 3:30 – 5. Parents will meet at 4:30. A Parent Coach/Child Workshop will be held for all parents and players on June 25 at 2 P.M. Play will begin on June 27, with the season lasting 6 weeks. A season ending tournament for all players will be held August 13 and 14. Elana Engleman will be hosting a free play day for juniors at North Bossier in June 12 from 3:30 – 5:30. Players may also sign up for the Junior Team Tennis in Bossier at this time.
 - d. 10 and Under Quickstart: Jay Boyd wanted to remind all facilities that the Monthly Metric for May should be sent to him. Another reminder, as mentioned above, that any new player under the age of 10 can become a member of USTA for FREE. This is a stepping stone towards junior tennis.
 - e. Fun, Friends and Fitness: Richard reported that the summer session of Fun, Friends and Fitness is set to begin June 11 at Querbes. Referrals for NEW players will receive a \$25 stipend from the NWLaCTA. Since this is such a great deal (\$25 for 6 lessons), next session we will require that repeat players have to become USTA members. Richard will get with the other Pros to see how many instructors will be needed for each class. Beth Edens from Natchitoches will get with Willy Paz about hosting a Fun, Friends and Fitness in Natchitoches.

6. Flex Coordinator, Karen Jantz, reported that 107 players have signed up. Flex is under the USTA instead of Southern, so there are a few rule differences. You must be 19 to play and you can play at any level...remember this is Flex-able.
Karen also reported that Mixed league is up and running. We have 55 teams this year, as opposed to 47 in 2010.
7. New this year in Shreveport-Bossier will be a Tri-Level league. Tri-Level is three courts of doubles, men's or women's divisions. The level of play will be 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 3.5, 4.0,4.5. The captains meeting will be held at Querbes on June 22 at 6:30, 6 players must be on the roster prior to the meeting. Matches will be scheduled at this time. Currently, we are looking to play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Players must play twice to be eligible for State, which will be held in Baton Rouge on August 26 – 28. For additional information contact Richard at 673-7787.
John Liles motioned that any monies received from the Tri-level league, minus the coordinators fee, be applied to the 10and under program. Becky Berry second the motion, all were in favor.
8. The next Junior Novice tournament will be held on Saturday, June 18 at Pierremont Oaks. Entries are due June 15. Hosting Pros, please remember to give the names of your entries to David Kimball so he may add them to our addresses.
9. The next NWLaCTA will be held at Cockrell Tennis Center on June 26 – 26. Remember to have your entries in by June 19.
10. For our younger tennis players, please check our web site for information on Summer Camps at our local facilities.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2011
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