

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include Karen Jantz, Shelly Naisbitt, Sue Allender, Bob Patterson, James Hunt, Joe Thomas, Dan Beedle, Ben Taylor (an intern from Ferris State University), Sue Watts, Willie Paz, Eddie Copete and Tammie Harris.
2. A motion to waive the reading of May minutes was made by Jay Boyd, James Hunt second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles was unable to attend the meeting but did send the balances as of May 31, 2013. The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$75,146.81. This does include the account of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89). The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies has a balance of \$47,692.35 and does include the account of the North Bossier 10 and Under (\$1,085.).
4. Jay Boyd said we are still searching for a 10 and Under Coordinator. The applicants were asked to submit a written plan, but to date none have been received. Dan Beedle mentioned the website careersintennis.com. Jay's concern was that this was a part-time position (20-25 hours per week) and that we are only looking locally for the position verses a national search. Jay did mention that we will be able to extend our grant monies into next year.
5. Community Coordinator, Shelly Naisbitt, gave her report from last month.
 - a. A big thank you goes out to Bonnie Cox who sent all the USTA Captains a thank you note along with a coupon for fee court time. She sent out 86 thank you notes.
 - b. The U.S. Open President's Box raffle will be drawn at the Southern Hills CTA on June 9th. As of this meeting, 106 tickets have been sold.
 - c. We had 21 participants at the Junior Novice Tournament at Querbes on May 11. The next Junior Novice will be held at Pierremont Oaks on June 15th
 - d. James Hunt, Bonnie Cox and Shelly played tennis in Independence Stadium with 5,000 5th graders on May 8 as part of the Fit For Life program. The children had a great time but we need a way to get them to our tennis courts. In previous years hand outs have been given and other information, but to no avail.
 - e. Five Play Days were held in May thanks to Querbes Tennis Center and North Bossier Tennis Complex.
 - f. We now are on Twitter: @NWLACTA (7 followers so far!!!)
 - g. Shelly will be placing CTA Current Information at each of our tennis facilities. We ask the Pros to look it over and make sure your employees are aware of what activities we are providing.
 - h. The FDDOC Winner's Circle will be having a summer camp at the Shreveport Community Church on June 10- 28, from 10 – 1 p.m. If you would like to help, the kids would love to see you.

- i. The Summer Session of Fun, Friends and Fitness is in full swing.
6. Adult League Coordinator, Bob Patterson, announced that any team that is going to Sectionals need to contact him so he can get their entry fees paid. One grievance is still pending. The Grievance Committee will be convening after this meeting to discuss the problem.
7. Mixed Doubles Coordinator, Karen Jantz, has 52 teams signed up so far for the 2013 Mixed League (57 teams were signed up in 2012). There are 36 teams in 18 and over, 12 teams in 40 and over and 4 teams in the 55 and over. Karen will have the player's numbers at the next meeting.
8. The 2013 Tri-Level league is set and ready to go. Play will begin on June 10th. Coordinator Tammie Harris reported in the 18 and over Women's section the 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 has 3 teams; the 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 has 3 teams and the 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 has 2 teams. The Men's league has 3 teams in the 3.0, 3.5, 4.0. The 55 and over league has one team in the Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and will probably go straight to State. To date we have 113 players (up from 22 in 2012). She also said that she does have some new Captains and that their league fees will be reimbursed.
9. Jay Boyd reiterated the need for new captains. We will be having a Social/Training Party for Old and New Captains on Friday, July 19th at East Ridge Country Club. It was recommended that we make a link on our website to help new captains on recording scores, line ups, etc. Dan Beedle proposed that all Captains be reimbursed their league fees beginning with the 2013 Combo League (this will NOT include the tennislink fee). Eddie Copete seconds the motion. All were in favor. So passed.
10. James Hunt will be hosting the Special Olympics for tennis on June 25 – 27 from 8 – 9 in the morning at Southern Hills. Please come out to help and play with the Olympians. James is also looking at working with the Wounded Warriors organization from Ft. Polk.
11. Discussion was made about having a central data base for our area players. We need to contact area tennis facilities if they would be willing to release names, addresses and e mail addresses of the players.
12. We welcome Willie Paz to our NWLaCTA as our new representative from Natchitoches. Willie is the new Pro at the Natchitoches Country Club. The courts at the club have been refurbished and need to have 10 and under lines put on them. Jay told him to contact Bill Phillips. Willie hopes to have a CTA tournament in Natchitoches like we use to and plans to promote and develop 10 and Under tennis.
13. Speaking of the CTA City Circuit. Jay asked that we see what can be done to increase the numbers in our city circuit. Do we need to re-design the whole format? We will discuss more next month.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013

NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB