

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To Promote and Develop Tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – February 5, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include James Hunt, Shelly Naisbitt, John Liles, Sue Allender, Sue Watts, Bianca Schmidt, Eddie Copete, Grady Wilson, Bonnie Cox, Dan Beedle, Tammie Harris, Phillip Campbell, and Tom Palczynski.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the January minutes was made by Tammie Harris, Bianca Schmidt seconds the motion, and all were in the favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave his balance report. The Red River Bank account (10 and Under Grant monies) has a balance of \$48,533.38 (including the North Bossier Tennis Center 10 and Under account of \$73.34). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$78,936.55 (including the account of Play Tennis Bossier - \$1,964.89).
 - a. John reported that the first SBCS (Shreveport Bossier Championship Series – formerly CTA City Circuit) was held at Southern Hills. A total of 72 players entered (10 were double division entries). We had a total income of \$2,060 with \$1,526 in expenses and a net of \$534. This does not include the cost of the towels which will be pro rated between all the tournaments.
4. President Kaye Cochran sent her progress report:
 - a. Since last months meeting she has communicated with our treasurer, community coordinator and league coordinators. Sent the LTA the 2014 bid information. Updated the FFF coordinators job description and event information. Phone conversations with Tim Shoptaugh (LTA JTT Director), Freddy Bailey (LTA), David Kimball (FFF and SBCS), Katherine Reigelman (Squire Creek Pro), Richard Verzaal (CTA Strategic Planning, FFF, JTT) and Bianca Schmidt (POTC Asst Pro).
 - b. The following actions are planned before the March meeting: Review and continue to put in place committee's and their chairpersons. Communicate with executive board in regards to their job descriptions and the CTA goals for 2014-2016. Attend the JTT/LTA Workshop in Baton Rouge, February 21 and 22 with Shelly Naisbitt. Attend our CTA Strategic Planning meeting on February 26 (Wed) at 6:30 at the Shreveport Memorial Library (near duck pond off of East Kings). Secure a FFF and JTT Coordinator.
5. John Liles reported that he was unable to have the figures for the CGPG (Community Growth and Participation Grant). Hopefully he will be able to get them next month.
6. John introduced Tom Palczynski who is working with the Special Olympics. Every four years National Teams compete in the Special Olympics, this year being held in Princeton, New Jersey. Tom will be taking a team of single and unified tennis teams. The Special Olympics will pay for the airfare, but Tom is raising money for tennis bags. He has raised money by

selling gumbo during Super Bowl Sunday. Shelly Naisbitt announced that the FDDOC will split any costs with our CTA for the tennis bags for the Olympians. John Liles motioned that the NWLaCTA donate half the cost of the tennis bags/backpacks. Shelly Naisbitt seconds the motion. All were in favor. (Update: Shelly ordered the 10 Babolat Backpacks from Holabird – free shipping- for a total cost of \$549.50, which we will split with FDDOC.)

7. Community Coordinator, Shelly Naisbitt, gave her report for January:
 - a. In Junior Team Tennis five schools (Bellaire, Curtis, Elm Grove, Sunset Acres and WT Lewis) participated in after-school JTT. So far we have 246 participants, our goal is 607.
 - b. In 10 and Under, seven Play Days were held in January. If you register a Play Day in March, you will receive a Youth Tennis banner, 50 wristbands and 50 copies of Bounce magazine.
 - c. The Player Appreciation Party was a hit. Shelly had 184 RSVP's and 142 attendees. Phillip Campbell had trouble hearing the speakers. People thought that this party was to be more social and then informative. One way to get people to listen would be to have a drawing before each slide presentation. Mainly women were interested in a Day League. We will plan to have another party next year.
 - d. Shelly is still looking for a Fun, Friends and Fitness Coordinator. She has a job description and all the information you would need. If interested, please contact Shelly.
 - e. Upcoming events:
 - i. The SBCS in Natchitoches has been cancelled. It may be rescheduled for June 7 – 9
 - ii. Polar Bear Tournament at Southern Hills, Feb 14 – 16
 - iii. Feb 15 – Junior Novice at East Ridge
 - iv. Feb 22 – Play Days at North Bossier (1 – 3:30) and Southern Hills (2 – 3:30)
 - v. Feb 25 – Flex League registration closes
 - vi. Feb 26 – Strategic Planning Meeting, Shreveport Memorial Library, 6:30
 - vii. Feb 28 – Combo Sectionals, Mobile, AL
 - viii. March 1 – Play Day Southern Hills (2-3:30)
8. Acting 10 and Under Coordinator, Bonnie Cox was busy texting players about the Appreciation Party and handling RSVPs, as well as talking with the area Pros. She also contacted High School Tennis Coaches concerning money available to them via the USTA and about the High School tournament in Baton Rouge in March. As well as contacting Patrick Greer, the Caddo Parish Schools P.E. Supervisor about the USTA High School tennis information. Again, we are still looking for a coordinator for the 10 and under program.
9. Women's Adult League Coordinator, Tammie Harris, will have the total number of teams and players to us next month since Tennislink was down today. Discussion was made about the bad weather and cancelled matches. It is the hosting Pros responsibility and we ask the players and the Pros to have patience during this cold snap. The Adult Tennis League will be meeting in a few days to discuss this matter. Please check our website, www.nwlacta.com, for any further information.

10. Men's Adult League Coordinator, Bob Patterson, has had a problem with a 45 and Up 4.5 team. The ruling is you have to have at least 40% of the players at the 4.5 rating to form a team. If they cannot find anymore 4.5 players, they will not be able to form a team.
11. Tammie also wanted to remind everyone the Spring Flex League is open for registration until February 25. Bianca Schmidt has a few members at POTC asking about Flex for doubles players. Tammie and Bob both said they would be glad to find a team for them.
12. Phillip Campbell wanted to remind everyone about the Bill Oliver Memorial Tournament to be held at Southern Trace on March 7 – 9. Please plan on attending. This tournament is part of the SBCS tennis series and is a fundraiser for youth tennis. For additional information, please go to www.nwlacta.com
13. John Liles was happy to announce we had 19 people at the Referee/Officials Clinic on Super Bowl Sunday. This was one of our largest groups.
 - a. He asked if anyone had any ideas for our CTA to donate towards the tennis community. Suggestions included:
 - i. Tennis court resurface at A.C. Steere school in Shreveport
 - ii. Portable nets for the Bossier Parish schools (Shelly will contact them in regards to the USTA program.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014
EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - NOON**