

**NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
**"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"**  
**Minutes – June 3, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include Bonnie Cox, Mike Correal, John Liles, Sue Allender, Karen Jantz, Kaye Cochran, Willie Paz, Grady Wilson, Elana Engleman, Phillip Campbell, David Kimball, Richard and Robert Verzaal, Jay and Sharon Boyd and Tammie Harris.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the May minutes was made by Elana Engleman, Bonnie Cox second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of May 31, 2015. The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies has a balance of \$51,981.00; this does include the FDDOC account (\$792.33). The Capital One Bank general fund account has a balance of \$88,007.29. This includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,964.89).
4. President Bob Patterson went over our tennis calendar for this month:
  - a. The Mixed Captains meeting had only 10 captains attend. Captains need to contact Mixed Coordinator Karen Jantz if you are NOT going to attend so you may be aware of any new rule changes, etc.
  - b. The inaugural Katy Build Foundation Tournament rose over \$13,000. The Mayor of Bossier City attended and everyone had a great time.
  - c. The Diabetes Tournament originally scheduled for June 5 – 7 has been cancelled, but look for this tournament next year on your calendar.
  - d. The Adult State 18+ Tournament will be held in Shreveport/Bossier on June 12 – 14. The courts at North Bossier, Querbes, and Southern Hills will be in use. Tournament Director, Richard Verzaal asked Grady Wilson if in case of rain we could use courts at East Ridge and/or POTC.
  - e. Due to work schedules, Becky Berry will not be able to help with our webpage. Bob and Mike Correal will see about finding someone else to help. Richard offered his services to help.
  - f. If anyone is interested in becoming a USTA official, Shreveport will be holding a class for new and current officials on Saturday, June 27 at East Ridge Country Club. If interested or to sign up, please contact John Liles,
5. Past president, Jay Boyd, wanted everyone to know about the USTA Tennis Development Workshop to be held in San Diego on November 5 – 8. Scholarships will be given at the National and Southern Sectional levels, so please visit the LTA website for details on the scholarships and additional information on signing up for the meeting ( [www.louisianatennis.com](http://www.louisianatennis.com) ).
6. NWLaCTA Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, has been busy in her new position:

- a. The Junior Novice Summer/Fall schedule is out and posted on our website. Kaye handed out hard copies for the Pros. The entry fee is \$15 and entrants can either pay on line with PayPal or write a check to the NWLaCTA. The hosting Pro will be reimbursed. A deadline of Thursday 6 PM prior to the event needs to be set for the online entrants because the LTA contacts Kaye, who will then contact the hosting Pro. Hard copy entries can be accepted until Friday at 6.
  - b. On Sunday June 7, the 10 and under and 8 and under Recreational Junior Team Tennis event will be held at 2 P.M. at Southern Hills. This team event is for brand new players. T shirts will be given out, and sorry John, we are already over budget. We are looking at maybe having another recreational junior team tennis event this Fall at POTC.
  - c. A session of Tennis Apprentice will be held at North Bossier this Fall.
  - d. Getting information from the area Pros about their summer camps, etc.
  
7. Tri-level Coordinator, Tammie Harris, had to extend the playing season for the 40+ (3.0, 3.5, 4.0) divisions due to entries. They will be playing in July on Wednesdays and she has worked with Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz, so there are not any conflicts. State will be held in Baton Rouge on August 14 – 16.
  
8. Mixed Coordinator, Karen Jantz, first wanted to thank the NWLaCTA for their donation to the High School Regionals. As far as Adult Mixed League we are down in number of teams from last year (57 in 2015, 68 on 2014). The numbers of players are down slightly.
  
9. Elana Engleman reported that she had 24 players for her Spring Session of Tennis Apprentice program and that some are following the pathway into Sets in the City on Wednesday evenings for tournament experience. Classes ran from 7 – 8:30 and about half were completely new players to the sport of tennis.
  
10. Richard Verzaal reported on the happenings in 10 and Under Tennis. For the month of June, he is teaming up with FDDOC and they are teaching tennis to about 250 inner city children at Broadmoor from 9 – 12:30. The children are being bused in on Mondays through Thursdays.
  
11. Marketing Committee Chairman, Mike Correa is coming up with ways to get tennis out into our community:
  - a. The Metro Leader, a free mailing in our area, does offer ad space as discussed last month. Jay and Richard did remind everyone we did try this with the Shreveport Times and did not have any luck. Robert Verzaal talked about social media. Robert will get with Mike and Kay about looking into this.
  - b. The subject of yard signs was discussed. Maybe having them for certain events, i.e.: Tennis Apprentice, free clinics, etc.
  - c. Mike did find out that the US Post Office will put a flyer we design and print into post boxes and postal routes for free. Again this could be used for special events and the routes could coincide with the hosting tennis facility. All agreed that this would be a great idea.

12. Jay Boyd talked with Freddy Bailey about how to recruit new captains for our adult leagues. He will be sending out an e mail to all in state and maybe to other sections on getting suggestions on what we can do to get new captains.
13. David Kimball announced he will be hosting a one day tournament for adults on Saturday, June 27. The Adult Shootout will be held at Southern Hills. For additional information, please contact David.
14. Phillip Campbell wanted everyone to know that our dear friend and wonderful tennis pro at East Ridge Country Club, Eddie Copete, will out of action for 2 – 3 months. Elana Engleman motioned that the NWLaCTA sponsor a fundraiser for Eddie, Bob Patterson seconds the motion, and all were in favor. We hope to have plans in the works by next month's meeting. Until then, please include Eddie in your thoughts and prayers.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015  
EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - NOON**