

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order by President Kaye Cochran. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, Bob Patterson, David Kimball, Willie Paz, Sue Watts, Tammie Harris, James Hunt, Bianca Schulz, Dan Beedle, Elana Engleman, Kristen McElroy, Grady Wilson, Phillip Campbell, and Mike Correal.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the September minutes was made by Bob Patterson. Sue Watts second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave his report. As of September 30, 2014, the 10 and under grant account in the Red River Bank has a balance of \$50,942.60. This includes the accounts of FDDOC (\$792.33) and North Bossier 10 and Under (\$73.34). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$78,589.86 and includes the account for the Rangal trust (\$465.00).
4. The President's report has Kaye busy along with Bob Patterson finalizing the details for our new Community Coordinator with the LTA. Also she is looking into after school programs for our juniors.
5. John Liles reported that everyone is having trouble meeting the goals for the Community Growth and Participation Grant. These numbers are based from the previous three years numbers. This will be brought up at the meeting in Atlanta on November 7 – 9.
6. Vice-President Bob Patterson has been very busy with writing the guidelines and responsibilities for our new Community Coordinator that will benefit our tennis community as well as that of the LTA.
7. 10 and Under Coordinator, David Kimball, reported that quite a few of our Pros participated in a 10 and Under workshop this past weekend in Baton Rouge. Grady Wilson, Willie Paz, Dan Beedle, Chase Suter, Todd Killen, Anthony McMasters, and Bianca Schulz attended and brought back ways to teach young children as you would an adult and to develop lesson plans that would correspond to the child's abilities. The workshop also encouraged all the Pros to get "plugged into" a school, this will help in the community and it will be a good marketing tool for tennis and the CTA. David will be sending out goals to the Pros for the 10 and Under program. Kaye did tell the attending Pros that we as a CTA can assist with marketing for them, either by yard signs, t shirts, etc. David also reminded everyone that we do have a lot of equipment available (balls, nets, etc.) from the FDDOC.
8. Our CTA has made a \$500 donation each to two upcoming tournaments , the 1st Methodist 'Love Serves' at POTC on October 10 – 12 and the St. Jude at East Ridge on October 16 – 19.
9. Adult Combo League Coordinator, Karen Jantz, sent word that the numbers for this year are up, 966 participants this year compared to 861 in 2013. Reminder to all that the 18+ Combo State will be held in Shreveport/Bossier on November 7 – 9. The 55+ Combo will be held in baton Rouge on November 14 – 16 and the 40+ Combo State will be held in Monroe on November 21 – 23.
10. Adult League Coordinator Tammie Harris had a local league council meeting this past week. The main problem has been teams defaulting their last few matches if they are not in the running. Captains have to realize that this could affect the outcome in the standings. Some sections place penalties on the teams/players that default, either monetarily or by not allowing to participate. We want players to play so at the Captains meeting for 2015, Bob and Tammie will try the "educational" approach and explain how a default can change the standings. We may have to ask the Pros to intervene if one of their teams is wanting to default.

- a. Tammie also reported on the State League Council in which she is a member. In previous years we have received money from STA for the local awards for Adult and Mixed. This will be ending soon so we may be adding \$1 more per person and/or increasing the state entry fee from \$35 to \$40. The referee pay will also be changed to a \$125 a day stipend. Bid packages are also going to be re-vamped.
11. James Hunt will be hosting the Tennis Apprentice program at Cockrell this Fall. Look for dates and times in the near future.
12. Elana Engleman has 68 players signed up for the 70+ Invitational to be held at North Bossier on October 3 – 5. About the same number as last year. Again she wanted to remind everyone that the 18+ State Combo tournament will be here on November 7 – 9. We will be needing volunteers. She is working with Horseshoe Casino and they may sponsor a player party.
13. Volunteer Coordinator Sue Watts handed out a volunteer form to each of the tennis facilities present and asked that they make copies and have their members who would like to volunteer fill them out. She noted that in Baton Rouge each site director is responsible for their own volunteers and we may implement this at the upcoming tournament. If extra people are needed, call Sue Watts.
14. Kaye Cochran said she would head up the Player Appreciation Party in January. This will be a social, not a business meeting, and will honor teams, volunteers, etc. who make a difference in our tennis community. Kaye will get with Ricky Rogers for a date.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**