

Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana "
Minutes – October 3, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Boyd. Those in attendance include John Liles, Elana Engleman, Ken Jantz, Gordy Ward, Bill Oliver, Sue Watts, Bonnie Cox, Shelly Naisbitt, Dan Beedle, Sue Allender, Eddie Copete and Liz Azcona (LTA Marketing).
2. A motion to waive the reading of the September minutes was made by Elana Engleman, Shelly Naisbitt second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasure John Liles reported a balance of \$105,976.70 as of 9/30/2012. This includes the Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under grant monies (\$27,822.01) and the Capital One Bank account (\$78,154.69) that includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,964.89) and Friends of Southern Hills (\$1,291.00).
4. Community Coordinator Shelly Naisbitt gave her report:
 - a. FDDOC started 10/6. Mooretown and Sunset are still under FDDOC funding. Creswell and Stoner will be paid by the NWLaCTA. The children will meet the four Saturdays in October at Querbes from 1:30 to 3. Volunteers are always appreciated. Shelly has 103 children signed up, and is expecting 75 each Saturday.
 - b. Five tennis courts were painted at Legacy Elementary. Volunteers are needed to help paint court lines on October 12th at Bell Aire Elementary.
 - c. The first session of Fall Fun, Friends and Fitness was held and 9 adults participated. \$225 has been raised from this session. We discussed the lower number of participants for this session (20 signed up last year for the Fall program). We are starting the adults with foam balls which all enjoy. Jay Boyd mentioned a new template for FFF with a successful pathway including 42' and 60' courts and transition balls that has been used in Canada. Bill Oliver mentioned the same program for adults that has been used in Canada and he has the training manual for it. We may implement this program for the Spring session of Fun, Friends and Fitness.
 - d. Sign up for Junior Team Tennis for 10 and Under beginners is under way. The cost is \$15 and they will play on Sunday afternoons on October 14, 21 and 28. The winners will be eligible for the State tournament in June. Players must play three matches to be eligible for the State tournament.
 - e. Check our website for all the upcoming events in October and November.
5. Bonnie Cox reported for 10 and Under Coordinator Robby Lockwood:
 - a. On September 22, Butch Staples presented his 10 and Under Clinic to 24 Pros and their staffs most of whom were from North Louisiana.
 - b. Again, a reminder to sign up for the 10 and Under Junior Team Tennis.

- c. Several facilities had successful play days in September. Querbes was moved to this coming Saturday (10/6) due to the rainy weather we had last week.
 - d. We are trying to organize a Junior Team Tennis program for the private facilities this Spring. Southern Hills/Calvary are hoping to join the league.
 - e. Elana Engleman has quite a few schools participating in the 10 and Under in Bossier City. David Kimball has started introducing tennis one day a week at Calvary Baptist Academy Elementary School children.
 - f. Besides the lines painted at Legacy and Bell Aire, we are planning to paint tennis court lines at Minden. Bill Oliver mentioned that they still need to join the USTA as a facility.
6. Our next CTA fundraiser will be held November 2 at East Ridge Country Club. We have run into a few problems with the date, LSU plays Alabama at home and Bossier school systems have their fall break. Jay will get with Eddie Copete and check your e mails for further developments.
 7. Reminder about the new age league schedule for adults in 2013. The regular league will have 18 and Up, 40 and Up (both playing 3 courts of doubles and 2 courts of singles) and 55 and up (3 courts of doubles). Combo will have the same age schedule (3 courts of doubles). But Mixed will only have 18 and Up and 40 and Up leagues. This once again leaves out the older players (the Baby Boomer generation, a large section of USTA members). The LTA is looking to have a 55 and Up league, but will not be able to go to Sectionals. Gordy Ward and others suggested a petition to be placed at the Site Directors tables during the upcoming Super Senior State Tournament. We can at least tell Southern about our feelings.
 8. Bill Oliver is still looking for a date at East Ridge Country Club for the Captains meeting in December. This being the holiday season, dates may be hard to find.
 9. Sue Watts has been trying to hold a Volunteer Committee meeting, but is unable to get anyone to attend. Jay asked each of the Pros if they could have one person from their facility attend and help with our volunteer base.
 10. We are still looking for a Junior Tennis Committee chairman. If interested, please contact Jay Boyd.
 11. Elana Engleman reported that the Super Senior Tournament is ready for the players to arrive. All she needs are a few more food runners.
 12. Ken Jantz and Gordy Ward again asked if you have any information to be posted on our web site, please send it to them in a form that they can use.

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2012
EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - NOON**