

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – May 3, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Patterson. Those in attendance include John Liles, Sue Allender, Phillip Campbell, Mike Correal, Rhonda Rubben, Jay Boyd, Kaye Cochran, Willie Paz, Bonnie Cox, Todd Killen, Anthony McMaster, Grady Wilson, Eddie Copete, Robert Verzaal, Rhonda Terracciano and David Kimball.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the April minutes was made by Bob Patterson. Bonnie Cox second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
3. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of 4/30/17. The Red River Bank account for the 10 and Under Grant has a balance of \$41,922.46. This includes the FDDOC account (\$2,285.50). The Capital One Bank account has a balance of \$94,388.84. The account includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,039.60).
4. President Bob Patterson gave his monthly overview.
 - a. He gave praise to our new web site design. If you haven't already, please check it out.
 - b. A reminder that the Katy Build Tournament is coming up. Time to get your teams together. The date is June 2 – 4. Jay Boyd mentioned that the silent auction will feature a pair of Paul McCartney concert tickets.
 - c. A division of the 18 and Up Adult State Tournament will be held in Shreveport/Bossier on June 9 - 11. Robert Verzaal will be the Tournament Director with David Kimball as the Tournament Referee. Robert is securing courts, site directors, food, etc.
5. Vice President/Marketing Coordinator Mike Correal has been collecting expenditures from last year to act as a pseudo budget for this year. He will get everything together so we can have a working budget in the future.
6. Vice President/Pro Grady Wilson reported that he, Phillip Campbell and Anthony McMaster met with Bill Phillips from STA regarding the USTA's Net Generation program. He again urged all Pros to register a profile with Net Generations online platform (netgeneration.com). POTC and North Bossier Tennis Center are Net Generation facilities. Grady also wanted to remind everyone that POTC will be hosting a National Level 3 18's Tournament this weekend (May 6 – 8). Nationally ranked juniors from across the country will be competing on hard (boys) and clay (girls) courts.
7. Junior Team Tennis is finishing up at Querbes. Robert Verzaal reported 242 competitors. These players need to be entered on jot form, but Robert does not have their home addresses. Community Coordinator Kaye Cochran and 10 and Under Coordinator, Angela Pfanner will assist. Kaye noted that if any of the students already have a USTA number, it makes things very easy to enter them.
8. Rhonda Rubben with FDDOC was pleased to announce that her program received a \$1,000 Southern Diversity Grant. She is also asking Pros if they would please put a box out at their facility for the donation of old racquets. FDDOC is a non-profit so anything tennis oriented (racquet covers, etc.) is welcomed. Angela will also send out an e mail blast to everyone in our CTA. Rhonda also asked if any of the Pros would like to come out and watch her students. There may be some future JV players in the making who need a little more experienced instruction.

9. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran handed out a sheet of upcoming activities for the adult and juniors of the NWLaCTA.
 - a. Adults: The Senior Olympics will be held May 11 at North Bossier. As of the meeting 40 players have signed up.
 - i. Adult Tennis Apprentice program is being held at Querbes (April 26 – May 17). Tennis Apprentice Family is being held at East Ridge (April 22 – May 13), Pro Eddie Copete said he has 12 adults and 10 children signed up.
 - ii. As mentioned earlier, the Katy Build Tournament is scheduled for June 2 – 4 at North Bossier.
 - iii. Pro David Kimball is hosting a Family Tennis Night on Friday, June 2 from 6:30 – 8:30 at Southern Hills Tennis Center. This event is free for the whole family and is aimed at the “never played tennis before” families. The first 25 families to sign up receive a tennis tote and equipment and instruction is provided. If interested please sign up at FamilyTennisNight.com. Southern is testing this program and Ron Coffee, Director of Marketing for Southern, will be attending. We do need 20 families to sign up for the program to work.
 - b. Juniors: There are afterschool programs at Providence and Legacy in Bossier, and University Elementary in Shreveport.
 - i. School Junior Team Tennis programs are winding down at Querbes, Bossier and Summer Grove FDDOC. Information to enter tennislink for Querbes and Bossier is pending, FDDOC has entered 32 and 7 are pending.
 - ii. Other JTT events in the area are the Junior Tennis Apprentice at East Ridge; 10 and Under Play Day at Natchitoches on May 20. Pro Willie Paz secured a grant from the USTA and has built two more tennis courts, with additional courts and locker rooms in the future. Grand Opening will be held on May 20; 10 and Under Play Day at North Bossier on June 3 in conjunction with the Katy Build Tournament; Junior Tennis Apprentice at Town South Swim Club on June 6 – 15 and June 20 – 29 (pending).
 - iii. Pros please send your Summer Camp information to Angela so she may post it on our website. If the children are playing matches, they will be noted as a JTT event and may be signed up on Tennislink.
10. Robert Verzaal reported that the Junior level 4 at Querbes on April 7 – 9 had a good turnout. He is planning on hosting a few fundraiser mixers to help with the cost of re-surfacing the courts. It was mentioned he should consider the USTA/Southern grants that are available (talk to Willie Paz). Work on the Querbes Clubhouse will begin, hopefully, in September. The facility will be OPEN and courts playable during the time of construction.
11. The final numbers are in for Adult League participation for 2017. We were up 71 players from last year. Well done Tammie Harris and Bob Patterson, our adult league coordinators.
12. Tammie is also our new Mixed League Coordinator and held a Captains Meeting on May 2. She had 20 captains attend.
13. Tri-Level League registration opened on April 10 and closes May 8. The season starts May 15 and ends July 28. Tri-Level State will be held in Baton Rouge on August 11 – 14, with Sectional Invitational to be held in Jackson, MS on October 13 - 16. For additional information, please contact Tri-Level Coordinator, Rhonda Rubben.

**NEXT MEETING JUNE 7, 2017
NOON – EAST RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**

