

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – August 2, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mike Correal. Those in attendance include Phillip Campbell, Sue Allender, Todd Killen, Karen Jantz, Bonnie Cox, Jay Boyd, Eddie Copete, Tammie Harris, Kaye Cochran, Robert Verzaal and Rhonda Terracciano.
2. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Jay Boyd, Tammie Harris second the motion. All were in favor, the minutes stand as written. Secretary Sue Allender wanted to commend and thank Karen Jantz for the great job she did with the July minutes.
3. Treasurer John Liles was unable to attend the meeting but did send the bank balances. The 10 and Under grant account at the Red River Bank has a balance of \$34,111.12. This does include the FDDOC account (\$29.32). The main account with Capital One Bank has a balance of \$96,624.68. This includes the Play Tennis Bossier account (\$1,039.60) and Friends of Querbes (\$405.).
4. Mike Correal, who is also heading marketing for our CTA, gave everyone ten of the new business cards. He asked that everyone present give 5 cards to existing players and remind them that upcoming tennis tournaments and other events are listed on our website. The other 5 cards need to go to friends or anyone who has never played tennis and is interested in learning our sport. The telephone number on the card will go directly to Mike who will then advise them about Tennis Apprentice programs in our area. If you need additional cards, please contact Mike.
5. Jay Boyd has been in conversation with Rhonda Rubben (with FDDOC) and that her program needs a tennis instructor. Mooretown Elementary (near the airport) has been added and an instructor will teach from 3:15 – 5:30 either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. The pay will be \$18 - \$25 per hour depending on your experience and you will follow the school calendar for Caddo Parish. He has asked Rhonda to write up a nomination for her FDDOC program and submit it for the LTA awards. He is on the selection committee for Southern and Louisiana did not win one Southern award last year.
6. Speaking of awards, Bonnie Cox, head of our award committee, wanted to remind everyone that the LTA awards are due Monday, September 18. She handed out the 2017 nomination forms. Everything can be found on the LTA website and if you need help proofreading, she will be more than willing to assist. Remember the awards go from October 2016 through September 2017. A question was asked if we could nominate more than two in a category. Bonnie will check with Grady Wilson, who is on the nomination committee.
7. Jay Boyd and President Bob Patterson have been working with the planning committee on the 2018 business plan and budget. Jay motioned that a target date of October 15 be set to have a budget and plan done for approval for our first quarter in 2018. Sue Allender second the motion.

All were in favor. The financial committee of John Liles and Rhonda Rubben will be entering everything in Quickbooks including 2016 and 2017 YTD history (bank statements, credit card statements, invoices paid, income documentation, etc.). Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran and 10 and Under Coordinator, Angela Pfanner will send they documentation they have and will have a financial statement available after each junior event.

8. In June, we had a request from the Texarkana College head pro and CTA contact for Arkansas Tennis Association, Jim Turley, asking if Texarkana, AR could join our USTA league in Shreveport/Bossier. They have had to travel to Little Rock to play their matches, and would use either North Bossier or Cockrell as their home courts. The request is still pending and hopefully something is decided before Combo League begins.
9. Speaking of Combo League, Karen Jantz, Combo League Coordinator, wanted to remind everyone that a Captains Meeting for Combo will be held Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 at East Ridge Country Club. Team registration is open August 1 – 27th, with play beginning September 5. For additional information, please contact Karen at kkjantz50@aol.com
10. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, has been working with Angela Pfanner (10 and Under Coordinator) on a junior program grant. The grant deadline is August 31st. They have also added eleven new 10 and Under memberships. Kaye is also working on making it easier to collect information for new junior players. To register for a Play Day a parent will fill out information from a code found on the flyer for the Play Day. Again, a reminder to all Pros, if you have a middle school JD program this Fall, they will qualify for Play Day. Kay is also planning a Middle School Tournament this November. Will have additional information on this tournament soon.
11. Trilevel and Mixed Coordinator, Tammie Harris has some great news and some okay news. Trilevel State will be held in Baton Rouge on August 10 – 12. We had 438 players compete this year, up from 127 playing last year! Tammie hopes to start the season even earlier next year. The Mixed League numbers are down 100 players from last year. Players may still be added.
12. On October 11 – 15, the Next Generation CTA Workshop will be held at Sea World in Orlando, FL. The cost is \$339 to register. Ten Park (\$1,500) and 10 CTA (\$850) scholarships are available. This is a workshop for CTA's from around the nation. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bob Patterson.
13. Rhonda Terracciano, our Southern Trace representative, is happy to announce that Southern Trace will be hosting the Bill Oliver Tournament, a 10 and Under Fundraiser, on October 20-22. This will be a non-sanctioned tennis event and entry will be available on Tennis Link. All proceeds will go to junior programs and we are looking for any sponsors. Rhonda hopes to have the Men's and Women's events held on Friday and Saturday, with Mixed to be played on Sunday. The cost will be \$60 per person for the first event, \$20 for the 2nd event. Over flow will be played at Southern Hills. Angela will be sending out additional information in the future. So, mark your calendars for this worthy event.

14. In Adult Programs, Pro Todd Killen at North Bossier had six players for his Tennis Apprentice. Pro Robert Verzaal, Querbes, is just finishing his Tennis Apprentice with 20 players with a new program ready to start August 7. Kay asked if they would please send contact information for our new players to her attention. A question was asked about the lack of advertising for the Tennis Apprentice programs. It is on the LTA Facebook page, but it does need to get out to other areas. A lot of the programs new attendees is by word of mouth. Robert is pleased with his graduates that are playing in the Step-Up League and some have even gone into Flex, Combo and Mixed Leagues.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
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