

**NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
***"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"***  
**Minutes – June 6, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Rhonda Rubben.
2. Secretary Sue Allender proceeded with the roll call. Those in attendance include Grady Wilson, Mike Correal, Sue Allender, John Liles, Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd, Phillip Campbell, Brian Bernard, Joey Lawler, Tracy Meehan, Kaye Cochran, Angela Pfanner, Tammie Harris, Willie Paz, Nancy Harper, and Michaela Meredith. We have a quorum. Sue did want to remind everyone that the National Intersectional 16's Tournament will be held at POTC on July 4 (our regular meeting day and Independence Day), so we will be meeting the following Wednesday, July 11.
3. Jay Boyd made a motion to waive the reading of the May minutes, Grady Wilson second the motion. All were in favor. The minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as a May 31, 2018. The general account at Capital One Bank has a balance of \$98,747.65. The Red River Bank junior tennis account has a balance of \$42,536.25.
5. Grady Wilson reported that we had a very good showing at Junior Qualifying in Lafayette by our area juniors, twenty-two participated and 18 qualified for Southern. Thirteen players will be heading to Southern Qualifying. As in previous years, our CTA will be sending a check to the parents of these players for \$100 each as a stipend. John Liles will send the checks to Sue Allender, who will write a letter to the parents. Grady Wilson offered to hand the letters out. Again, we appreciate everything the parents of our junior players do for our sport.
6. Jay Boyd reported that the bid for the construction of Querbes ADA compliance has been received at \$119,500 from Winn Construction. The outside lift should cost around \$50,000. Hopefully we will have around \$250,000 to redo the clay courts, improve the lighting and maybe start on the hard courts. Randy Howser from South Louisiana will be coming up to meet with Jay regarding the soft courts. A bid is out for lighting. This information will also be sent to the USTA in hopes of a facility improvement grant. Again, our thanks to Jay and everyone on the Querbes Improvement Committee.
7. Jay gave us an update on the State Tournament bid process. The bids will be going out shortly for 2019 and 2020 as soon as the documentation is finished. Louisiana is the only state in Southern to hold championships in all divisions since the addition of the 40+ division. In doing so, the LTA has lost money. The LTA will host 11 tournaments as apposed to 14 in previous years. Mixed State will combine 18, 40 and 55 age divisions, and Combo State will combine 18 and 55 age divisions. The LTA will be responsible for their own rooms. Bid packages will hopefully be out by July 1 and will need to be back by August 1. Jay would like to meet with each of our tennis facilities to find out the number of courts that would be available and the cost of renting said courts.
8. Adult Mixed Coordinator, Tammie Harris was pleased to announce that our numbers for Mixed are up from last year. The schedule is out, and play has begun.
  - a. Tammie did bring up something that had happened in adult league play. In our local regulations, we do not have anything regarding medical timeouts and lateness for matches. According to Friend of Court, it is a default if a player is 15 minutes late for a

match, but this could be up to the discretion of the Captain. This may have to be investigated for the 2019 season.

9. We welcomed Michael Meredith to our meeting, who was the recipient of a \$1,500 High School Tennis grant from the USTA. She was pleased to announce that on Saturday, June 23 at North Bossier Tennis Complex, there will be a FREE one-day beginner and novice clinic for all high school students. Head Pro Todd Killen will be heading the clinic with the assistance of Bianca Schulz and Sue Allender. The clinic will begin at 9 AM with instructional stations starting at 10. Lunch will be served, and the clinic should finish up around 3:30 with a Hit For Prizes. Michaela also received 50 racquets. If you have a High School Student that is interested, please contact Michaela at 318-549-5467.
10. The 18+ Adult State Tournament is this coming weekend, June 8 – 11. Food trucks are set for Cockrell and Southern Hills for Friday and Saturday. Bossier has Ki Mexico on Saturday but needs another truck for Friday. The trucks will be at the three facilities from 11 – 3. Tents will be set out on the grass along with tables and chairs. Each player will receive a \$5 voucher to be used at the truck of their choice. Todd Eppler will see about a tent and chairs for Bossier.
  - a. Nancy Harper has volunteers set for Bossier, David Kimball is set for Cockrell and Southern Hills.
  - b. Todd Killen sent word that the balls have arrived, and site directors are set.
  - c. Sheila Montgomery with the Shreveport/Bossier Sports Commission will be at check-in on Thursday evening to see where players are staying.
  - d. Rhonda asked that we take pictures of the food trucks at the different facilities. This will help when it is time to bid for future tournaments.
11. Bob Patterson and Mike Correal went to the Tennis Apprentice Party at Querbes the other night. The Querbes Golf Course Grill catered the event and brought over the beverage wagon for players to purchase adult drinks. The food was great and everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere at the courts. But NO ONE took any pictures! They will get them next time!
12. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran and Junior Coordinator, Angela Pfanner gave their reports:
  - a. The Girl Scout Goodwill Event on May 5 had 35 participants
  - b. On May 7, First Baptist had a School Tennis Event with 160 participants.
  - c. Natchitoches hosted a Red Ball Challenge/Play Day on May 12 with 15 players. The following week, Pro Willie Paz had a Level 6 Tournament in Natchitoches with 18 players.
  - d. Great news, the JTT Memberships as of May 31 in Tennislink are 272, our goal was 215. Approximately 300 Junior players participated in May at local clubs (JD programs and after school programs). Please note that only junior events that are signed up on the NWLA JotForm and partnered with NWLaCTA will count towards JTT numbers on the CGPG.).
  - e. The Adult Step Up League is in full swing. Bossier has 8 participants and Querbes has 20 players.
  - f. Upcoming events in June are:
    - i. "Elements of Tennis" FREE clinic for Novice High School Students at Bossier Tennis Center on June 23.
    - ii. Cockrell Community Center Red Ball Event on June 6 (26 have signed up).
    - iii. Katy Build Tournament was played June 1 – 3 (no numbers yet, but it was a great tournament).
    - iv. Tennis Apprentice session at Cockrell begins June 12 – July 3.
13. Another event coming up is the National Intersectional 16's hosted by POTC on June 30 – July 4. Thanks to Grady Wilsons' hard work, Shreveport will continue to host this National event. Unlike in previous years, families will not be able to host the players (Safe Sport Initiative)

and players will be staying in area hotels. Jay Boyd made a motion that our CTA continue to donate to this great tournament (Rhonda will check the budget, but John Liles thought it was \$1,000), Mike Correal second the motion. All were in favor. So, passed.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 11  
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