

**NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
***"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"***  
**Minutes – December 5, 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 Rhonda Rubben, Grady Wilson, Sue Allender, John Liles, Bob Patterson, David Kimball, Todd Killen, Stevie Schmidt, Phillip Campbell, Joey Lawler, Louis Guerin, Richard Legendre, Nancy Harper, Tammie Harris, Ed Holman, Kaye Cochran, Angela Pfanner, and Sonia Killen. We have a quorum.
3. Grady Wilson made a motion to waive the reading of the November minutes, John Liles second the motion. All were in favor. The November minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of November 30, 2018. The general account at Red River Bank has a balance of \$146,396.90. This includes the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier (\$1,039.60) and Querbes Fundraising Funds (\$6,547.00). The Capital One Bank checking account has a balance of \$3,016.90. Our total current assets are \$149,413.37.
5. The 2019 budget was sent to all board members for review. John mentioned that there was an increase due to the larger tournament we had this Fall. Grady Wilson made a motion that we approve the 2019 budget, Bob Patterson second the motion. All were in favor. The 2019 NWLaCTA Budget is approved.
6. President Rhonda Rubben gave her monthly review, but first wanted to thank Sue Allender who is stepping down as secretary for the NWLaCTA after 16 years and presented her with a Babalot tennis racquet. (As an aside, I was stunned and very appreciative, even got a little misty eyed. But don't worry, I shall attend the meetings and actually get to have lunch!) Now for business:
  - a. The state tournaments have been awarded for 2019 – 2020. We will be hosting the Adult 70 and Over Invitational on April 5 – 7, 2019 (April 3 – 5, 2020); the Adult 18 and Over Session II (Odd) June 14 – 16, 2019 (June 12 – 15, 2020); and the Combo 18 and 55 & Up on November 8 – 11, 2019 (November 6 – 9, 2020). For the Combo we will be needing 65 courts, Bossier and POTC will be co-hosting this event.
  - b. The 2019 CGPG Grant has been applied for and we will be receiving \$11,955. Our target growth numbers were met.
  - c. The Shreveport Sports Commission Funds for 2019 were also granted. The NWLaCTA will receive \$7,500 for next years' tournaments and Grady Wilson applied on behalf of POTC tennis tournaments and received \$10,000!
  - d. A Veterans Wheelchair event is planned at Bossier Tennis Center in May. We will be reaching out to the Veterans Hospital as well as Barksdale Air Force Base.
  - e. Rhonda is still looking to break the 1,000 mark on likes for our Facebook page by the end of the year. Let's get this done as a present to our President!
7. Nomination Committee Chairman, Phillip Campbell gave a quick recap of the 2018 LTA Awards held in Lafayette on December 1. Our area won 7 of the 16 awards handed out. A true accomplishment. Congratulations to all the winners!
  - a. As head of the nomination committee, Phillip recommended the following to be added to our NWLaCTA Board: Ed Holman – Board Member; Joey Lawler – Vice President; Nancy Harper – Secretary. John Liles second the nomination. All approved. We welcome one and all to our CTA Board.
8. The NWLaCTA Querbes Tennis Center Committee met on November 28 with SPAR representatives. We were informed that a contract was sent out on November 27 to be signed

and processed by the company that is being awarded the contract. Finalizing this should be done in 2 – 3 weeks at the most. The contract covers all work needed on the soft courts which includes; resurfacing the courts, new fencing, curbs, watering system and net posts. A separate contract for the ADA compliant lift to the second floor is also being prepared. Construction work continues to the inside of the building to make it ADA compliant. They are behind schedule due to unforeseen issues with the concrete structure and wiring. Plans are underway to provide shade structures over the benches on all 6 courts. Plans to potentially raise the needed funds to redo the hard courts along with the soft courts in 2019 is also being worked on. This would be a joint effort with the City of Shreveport, Querbes Park Foundation and the tennis community through the NWLaCTA. You can also help by sending a check or going to [nwla.com](http://nwla.com) and using Paypal. The CTA is a 501©3 and all donations are tax deductible. Please memo Querbes Renovations. The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2019.

9. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran and Junior Coordinator, Angela Pfanner gave their report:
  - a. In Adult tennis Bossier will be hosting a 8.0 Mixed Winter League on Tuesday Nights as well as a 7.0 Winter Mixed League on Thursday nights in December.
  - b. A Black Jack Doubles Tournament is in the works in December at Cockrell.
  - c. Ongoing Junior and Adult Tennis Projects include-
    - Safe Play registration workshop for volunteers and parents
    - Parent Tennis Clubs at local clubs
    - School Tennis Partnerships: working with Ridgewood, Werner Park, North Highlands, Herndon and Alexander
    - CTA storage room clean up
10. Adult League Coordinator, Tammie Harris, reported that the ratings for 2019 are out.
  - a. A Captains Meeting for the 2019 Adult League will be held December 10 at Bossier Tennis Center at 6 P.M.
  - b. Our total numbers for 2018 showed an increase of 142 players! We had 3,627 players in 2018 compared to 3,485 in 2017.
  - c. Tammie and Men’s Coordinator, Bob Patterson, would like to add new 2.5 players and have them form a team. She asked the Pro’s to send them any names they may have, and she and Bob will help put the teams together.
  - d. Some nights of play will be changing in 2019. Please make sure you see the changes when the calendar comes out. Querbes will be under construction and will not be able to be used.
  - e. It was mentioned about having an orientation for new 2.5 captains. Tammie and Bob will work on this, maybe have it at the end Tennis Apprentice party.
11. Tri-level Coordinator, Rhonda Rubben, mentioned that this league will be starting earlier than last year, since some state dates have also been moved to an earlier date.
12. Querbes Fall Classic recap. What can we say, our thanks to everyone who helped, from Grady Wilson putting on the tournament, to Phillip Campbell manning the tournament desk, to Joey Lawler and sponsorships, to Brian Bernard and the player bags, to Kelly Focht for Hit For Prizes, to all the volunteers and especially to everyone at POTC. 161 players competed and the net proceeds of \$6,500 will go to the re-furbishing and re-vitalization of Querbes Tennis Center. Our thanks to all how competed, sponsored or just came out to watch. We are Querbes Strong!

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019  
NOON – POTC**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR**

