

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
"To promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana"
Minutes – November 7, 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, Mike Correal, Sue Allender, John Liles, Bob Patterson, Jay Boyd, David Kimball, Todd Killen, Phillip Campbell, Joey Lawler, Tracy Meehan, Kaye Cochran, Rick Holland, Sonia Killen, Tammie Harris, Willie Paz and the new pro at Squire Creek, Scott Smith. We have a quorum.
3. Grady Wilson made a motion to waive the reading of the October minutes, Jay Boyd second the motion. All were in favor. The October minutes stand as written.
4. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balances as of October 31, 2018. The general account in Red River Bank has a balance of \$140,637.15 The Play Tennis Bossier account has a balance of \$1,039.60. The Capital One Checking Account has a balance of \$1,158.36. The current total assets stand at \$142,835.11.
5. Past President, Bob Patterson, will again apply for the Sports Commission grant but will do so when we know what state tournaments, we will be hosting in 2019-2020. Jay Boyd, who is on the League Council that awards the tournament sites, said that the host sites will be released soon. Tracy Meehan asked about getting players from South Louisiana to attend our State Tournaments. The best thing we can do is put on the best tournament possible, give the players a reason to come to Northwest Louisiana.
6. Speaking of great tournaments, the 40+ State Combo Tournament was held last weekend in Shreveport/Bossier. Tournament Director, Todd Killen, reported that about 325 players competed and wanted to thank all the site directors and volunteers for their help. There was only one issue with the weather, but everyone enjoyed the food truck, 'Music to your Mouth', a real hit. We did have some teams drop out due to the LSU v Ala football game in Baton Rouge being played that weekend. Congratulations to all of our winning teams from Shreveport/Bossier.
7. Jay Boyd gave a re-cap on the Querbes construction meeting with SPAR. The bids have all come back, and all are above the available funds. Shelly (SPAR) is looking for additional funds from the state. They are working on a budget for the hard courts and the clay court construction should begin in January 2019. This will mean that Querbes will not be able to host USTA Spring matches and maybe even Trilevel.
8. Grady Wilson attended the National Tournament Directors workshop. One of the main topics was Safe Play. All teaching Pros need to be Safe Play certified. In fact, Grady is looking to have a party so any family wishing to house a player for the 2019 National 16 Intersectionals bring their laptops and take the course to be certified Safe Play. Kaye Cochran did mention that Michaela Meredith did offer the computer lab at Haughton High School if we want to have a group take the Safe Play course. Grady also mentioned that the Tennis Hall of Fame Dinner will be held November 30, prior to the LTA Awards December 1st in Lafayette. A Tournament Directors workshop will be held after the awards that afternoon. Speaking of LTA Awards, our congratulations to our area winners:
 - a. Charity Event of the Year – Katy Build Tennis Tournament

- b. Charles Turner Volunteer Service Award – Jay R. Boyd
 - c. Community Tennis Association – Northwest Louisiana CTA
 - d. Educational merit Award – Grady Wilson
 - e. Tennis Professional of the Year – Grady Wilson
 - f. ACE Award – Shreveport Bossier Winter League
9. Community Coordinator, Kaye Cochran, gave her report on the past months' doings:
- a. On October 27th, a Level 6 Junior Tournament was held with 31 participants.
 - b. A Red Ball challenge was held at Meadowview Elementary on October 25th with 12 participants.
 - c. The FDDOC program participants numbers from this Fall are 331 (2nd – 5th grades) with 282 (10 and Under), and 49 (11 & 12 year olds).
 - d. Tennis Apprentice and Step Up League programs are at Natchitoches and Querbes.
 - e. Bossier Tennis Ladies League is being held September thru November.
 - f. Novice High School League "Chemistry of Tennis" will be held at Bossier on Mondays November 5 – December 17 from 3 – 5 PM.
 - g. Middle School Fall League October 22 – December 8, Mondays and Wednesdays at Southern Hills 4:30 – 6:30.
 - h. Junior Grand Prix at Natchitoches November 10 – 11.
 - i. Hot Shot Junior Team Tournament, November 12 in Lafayette (we are looking at having this program in Shreveport/Bossier next year).
10. League Coordinator, Tammie Harris, did want everyone to know that the LTA head tax for league play will increase \$2 per player in 2019.
11. John Liles has received the application for the CGPG Grant and will be getting all the goals and objectives together by next week. Sue Allender asked that John send her the numbers, so she may begin our CTA registration for 2019. Sue is stepping down as the NWLaCTA Secretary after 16 years at the beginning of 2019. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please contact Rhonda.
12. The Querbes Fall Classic is this coming weekend November 8 - 11. The Player Party is set for Thursday evening at 6 PM with a Calcutta for the Open Divisions and silent auction. Saturday at 5 the Hit for Prizes will be held. Grady Wilson reported that 161 have registered to play. Our thanks to our committee heads Joey Lawler (sponsorships), Brian Bernard (player bags), Kelly Focht (Hit for Prizes), Volunteers (Nancy Harper, Jennifer Gault and Sue Allender), Bob Patterson (Friends of Querbes) and everyone at POTC for all their help. See everyone on the courts!!!
13. We are also excited to report that Grady Wilson has secured the Louisiana State Junior Qualifying tournament for Shreveport/Bossier in 2019!
14. President Rhonda Rubben encouraged everyone to like us on Facebook, we are up to 865 likes and are aiming for 1,000 by years' end. A reminder for all Pros to get your information to Angela by the first Friday of the month for our monthly newsletter.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
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