

NWLACTA Board Minutes

“To Promote and develop tennis in Northwest Louisiana”

February 6, 2019 Minutes

1. President Rhonda Rubben called the meeting to order.
2. Secretary Nancy Bushnell Harper asked for approval of minutes, the January minutes stand as written. Board members present Rhonda Rubben, Bob Patterson, John Liles, Nancy Bushnell Harper, Jay Boyd, Grady Wilson, Joey Lawler, Todd Killen, Phillip Campbell, and David Kimball. Board members absent Ed Holman, Tracy Meehan, Brian Bernard, Stevie Schmidt, Eddie Copete. We have a quorum. CTA members present Mike Correll, Willy Paz, Lance Dyer, Sue Allender.
3. President Rhonda Rubben gave her report:
 - a. Board Agreement on Conflict of Interest Statement were handed and asked that all board members read and sign. She reviewed the Board Committee assignments
Exec. –Rhonda Rubben, Chair, Jay Boyd, Grady Wilson, Bob Patterson, Joey Lawler, Nancy Bushnell Harper, Finance- John Liles Chair, Rhonda Rubben and Tracey Meehan, Jr. Tennis Grady Wilson Chair (Todd Killen and David Kimball were asked to join) and when a new Jr. Coordinator is hired they join, Adult League Tammie Harris Chair, Bob Patterson, Rhonda Rubben, Gina Eubanks, Kelly Hays and Tracy Meehan, Nominating Bob Patterson Chair, Phillip Campbell and Jay Boyd (invited Sue Allender to continue as a member), Fundraising Joey Lawler Chair, Rhonda Rubben, Tara Hammack, Kelly Stratton, Jared Rouge. Grant unfilled, State Tournaments Grady Wilson Chair, Rhonda Rubben, Todd Killen, Awards unfilled, Volunteer Nancy Bushnell Harper Chair, CTA Fundraising Rhonda Rubben, Querbes Jay Boyd Chair, Rick Holland, Rhonda Rubben, James Bo West, Joey Lawler, Brian Bernard & Bill Phillips. 2 new Committees being added Veterans Committee and Wheelchair Adaptive Tennis Committee.
 - b. A meeting held at the Veterans Hospital with Liz Azcona and Katlin Simpson and were shown a conference room that is appropriate for the Kick Off first tennis event(s) in March/April for the Veterans. Josh Yarbrough is helping to coordinate the details. Pros and volunteers are needed to help run the event.
 - c. An upcoming Wheelchair/Adaptive Tennis meeting with Jennifer Edmonson, David Kimball, Todd Killen and Rusty Jabour will be held. Play day set for May 18th for wheelchair and adaptive tennis, veterans will be invited to participate. She reported several names of local persons who are willing to help volunteer with this effort. Current needs for this committee are recruiting adaptive P.E. teachers from Bossier City and transportation for the students and veterans.
 - d. Executive committee approved \$50 monthly website maintenance fee to Chris Long and requested for motion to approve. Motion to approved Jay Boyd and seconded by Todd Killen.
 - e. Reminder to request a jot form from Rhonda.

- f. New Orleans has been approved to host a 70+ tournament in the fall of 2019 and suggested that letters or emails be sent out to the players encouraging them to participate in the spring 70+ tournament in B.C. Todd Eppler (Play Tennis Bossier) has contacted to help with volunteers for the event including food preparation. Food truck Music for Your Mouth has agreed to be present at the tournament.
- g. Treasurer John Liles gave the bank balance as \$161,291 as of January 31, 2019. This included the accounts of Play Tennis Bossier \$1039.60, Querbes Fundraising Fund \$6547.00. Total income \$24,757. Expenses of \$3234. Rhonda reminded that of the income has been spoken for \$7500 ShreveBossier Tourism restricted for Tournaments,, \$7875 is for FDDOC programs and \$3000 estimated for coordinators fee. leaving a net income of \$4400 for January. A discussion was held on moving money to another investment account. It was sent to committee to research and report back to the board.

7. Adult League Co- Chair Bob Patterson reported the spring league stats. The number of players have decreased this year in 2 categories.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
18+	616	506
40+	489	410
55+	208	234

Discussion on possible causes of the decreases was held. Registration has not been completed. Jay Boyd requested the Adult League committee to look at play level, gender, and facility to identify specific areas of decreases to help understand the decrease and develop plans to address in the future.

8. Querbes Chair Jay Boyd reported:

- a. Querbes Tennis facility is closed for renovation. He reminded the board that the City Council approved \$250,000 and that we needed to match these funds. These funds were put forward by James West of the Querbes Park Foundation so that the work can begin. The fundraising will continue to repay James West. A SPAR and Querbes committee meeting will take place 2/6 to review the USTA grant application and apply for the \$70,000. Anticipated completion date for Querbes Tennis Center Renovation is 12/31/2019.

- b. NCAA Chief Medical Officer and USTA Board of Directors Vice President Brian Harold gave a presentation at the Southern annual meeting in Atlanta on the health benefits of tennis. Jay highlighted many benefits of Dr. Harold's talk and .offered to give provide the information to any that are interested.

9. Executive Vice President Grady Wilson reported he is preparing P.O.T.C. for the upcoming tournament on March 15-17. Rhonda reported that a Hot Shot Tournament is booked for June 9th, however to date LTA has contacted any pros to host the tournament and all were encouraged to consider hosting. \$30 player registration, scholarships are available.

10. Community Coordinator Kaye Cochran reported:

a. Jr. Events

Upcoming events Southern Hills Spring Middle School League Registration

Cockrell/SPAR Red Ball Event 2/14

Cockrell After School League 2/20-3/28

Hot Shot Event 4/13

FDDOC schools Team Tennis Competitive Play

b. FDDOC Schools

331 students added to spring 2019 afterschool tennis program

138 given USTA numbers 96-10& under 42 11&under

35 classified as too old and 158 parents did supply emails or info required

50 more than last year

c. Reminded JTT numbers come from the clubs the number of children enrolled impacts CTA income. Kaye encouraged all the pros to sign children up for the USTA numbers.

d. Lines are in the process of being repainted on courts at Mooretown School by Caddo Parish

11. Board Member Joey Lawler reported : the Bill Oliver Tournament is in 5 weeks. He challenged each board member to get Hit for Prizes and sponsorships. Online payment is an option and the reminder that our Jr. Tennis budget this year is supported by the Bill Oliver Tournament proceeds. Kaye Cochran suggested a senior division be added to the tournament. Discussion ensued and Grady Wilson agreed to see if he is able to add the division for doubles and mixed. Bill Oliver player gift was chosen the tumblers were selected.

12. Rhonda reported that she is extending the Poster Contest Deadline to Feb. 28. She encouraged all pros to solicit entries. 2019 Rules and Regulations have been turned into for approval and will be released soon.

13. Meeting Adjourned motion by Jay Boyd second Todd Killen.

Next Meeting March 6, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Bushnell Harper

