

NWLACTA Board Minutes
June 12, 2019

Board Members Present: Bob Patterson, John Liles, Nancy B. Harper, Grady Wilson, Joey Lawler, Brian Bernard, Todd Killen, Richard Legendre representing David Kimball, Rhonda Terracino representing Stevie Schmidt. We have a quorum. Non board members present, Sonia Killen, Mike Coral, Dana Hicks.

Minutes from May board meeting were approved with no changes motion made by Joey Lawler and second by Todd Killen.

Treasurer John Liles reported: \$122,355 bank balance of that \$14,824 is slated for Querbes Fundraising Fund, \$1039 for Play Tennis Bossier, Raymond James Investment account \$70,000 value.

President Rhonda Rubben reported:

- Ellis Pottery donated 25 Umbrella's to Shreveport Sports Commission and we will have the use of them for tournaments and daily court shade. The Sports Commission will use these for Balloon Fest in July of 2019. She encouraged all to care for these.
- June 29.2019 is National Olympian Day and the Sports Commission is putting together an event at LSUS 15 sports will be represented and are encouraged to make participatory for the public. Jeff Burns tennis Para Olympian Champion will be present to help celebrate and kick off the event. We are responsible for 1 court demonstrating Net Gen, 1 court of wheelchair tennis or Up/Down Tennis, and a 4.5 tennis demonstration. She asked for volunteers to gather the players for the day and help with Net Gen.
- July 12&13 is Balloon Fest that is coordinated by the Sports Commission. They are using the 25 umbrellas as part of special \$125 package that includes 4 tickets, 4 bottles of H2O, parking pass, blanket and special viewing area. They are donating \$20 of the proceeds to CTA. They are asking that we have volunteers to work the umbrella booth. Calvary High School Tennis Team has offered to work the event. A motion was made by Mike Coral to

- give the proceeds from this event to the Calvary High School Tennis team. It was second by Todd Killen.
- Nominations for the LTA awards are due 9/2019; Rhonda encouraged the board to submit nominations.
 - We were awarded the grant for the adaptive tennis program, Caddo Parish is finalized the program will take place during the school day utilizing Adaptive PE teachers and volunteers to coordinate. A meeting with Bossier School District needs to be coordinated this summer.
 - Katy Build Tournament was a very successful tournament with 250 players and 39 teams. Raising over \$40,000 for the houses. The jewelry that was auction sold for \$1050, the proceeds will be divided between Katy Build and NWLACTA. Bob Patterson and Todd Killen noted what a magnificent job Angela Pilfer does in running such a successful tournament. More spectators were present. Tennis Apprentice division had 10 players. 2 families were present for the opening ceremony.

Past President Bob Patterson reported: 400 hotel rooms have been reserved for the upcoming state tournament this weekend, he will follow up with the hotels following the tournament to check on utilization, since we have fewer players for this tournament than usual. The player bag will include sunshade, \$5.00 coupon for food truck Music to Mouth and Losers Buy will open. Check in is at POTC and tournament will be held at POTC and Bossier.

Board Member Brian Bernard reported : on Querbes Tennis Center: he states that drilling has taken place for the light pole footing and they are waiting on the electrical to coordinate. He is attending a meeting of further progress this afternoon. Shade canopies for between the courts are being investigated as to the best design for the budget available. Sponsorship levels for screens, benches, shades have begun to be investigated.

USTA/LTA/STA Report:

No new reports

Board members Grady Wilson and Todd Killen report : that things are on track for the upcoming state tournament this weekend.

Coordinators Report please see attachment. Kaye Cochran is on vacation. Richard Legendre reported that the Hot Shot tournament went very well. 3 teams, 1 of 18y/o, 2 of 16y/o, Calvary High School won the 16 event, 18 y/o event will be rescheduled in July. The winners will go to the state tournament in Baton Rouge, date is not yet scheduled.

Board Member Todd Killen reported on the May 18, 2 hour Adaptive Play Day. He stated that it was not well attended but he felt very good about the event. Of the 4 players present 1 was wheelchair, 3 high level autistic players. Jennifer Edmond and Liz came and gave a tennis wheelchair for the event. Jessie, the wheelchair player was able to try the tennis wheelchair and said what a difference it made in the ease of maneuvering and playing. Todd and Bianca both tried the wheelchair playing tennis and he states he has even a deeper respect for players who have the skill and strength to play tennis wheelchair tennis. A fall date for another Adaptive Day is being considered.

Board member Grady Wilson reported:

- Jr. State Qualifier had 195 players, very positive report from the players on the efficiency of the tournament. \$100 to the winners (I could not understand who was to receive the money) from the CTA will be given.
- Red River Shoot Out Tournament was a big success with 150 player's Southern level 3. Rain was a factor however they were able to complete the play in a 1-½ days.
- Women's 15K Pro Tournament begins June 24-30, have highest ranking player is 350 in the world, UTR's over 11, qualifying on Monday 24th. At this tournament we will have 32 qualifying players. Wild Cards will be given to a Texas AM #1 girl player. Additionally wild cards will be given out prior to the tournament. ITF changed the pro tour structure in 2019 to larger draw sizes starting August 1, 2019.
- 16 Intersectional Tournament will be held July 7, 2019.

Board Member Bob Patterson reported:

league numbers please see attached report. Mixed is up, Tri Level is down. FDOCC red ball summer program are expecting 30 kids. Reminder to turn in all red ball numbers so that we meet our Jr. numbers.

Board member Nancy B. Harper reported: that all shifts are covered for the tournament this weekend. Asked to be notified of volunteer needs.

Reminder the June 29th will need volunteers for the National Olympic Day.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on adding Indoors Tennis Facility to the CTA website. Decision was to add Indoors.
- CTA member Bill Phillips sent a flyer on Super Hero Team Challenge for information contact Bill. First 50 players to register will receive prizes.

Reminder to share CTA info on social media and to use our community sponsors.

Cancel July meeting. Motioned by Joey Lawler and second Brian Bernard.

Next meeting August 7, 2019

Adjourned 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bushnell Harper
Secretary

