



GCTA Board Meeting
April 2025 Quarterly Meeting
April 15, 2025

Quarterly Meeting convened by President Lori Brown at 7:02 pm

Board Members Attending:

Mikaela Black	Lori Brown	Lenny Comeras	Kimmy Confar
Bill Curry	Lois Dosky	Fred Duy	Preston Eberlyn
Heath Elliott	Laurel Elmore	Scott Gerber	Linda Guyton
Tara Hayes-guest	Jim Hendrix	Michael Jones	Mike O'Callaghan
Lanny Rubin	Kris Susa	Brenda Toney	Les Vernado

• **Level the Playing Field**

Eric Kitowsky, the Executive Director of Ohio's Level the Playing Field, provided us with information on this sports equipment resource. Their warehouse collects all types of sports equipment, including tennis equipment, through a network of collection bins. Through grant applications on their website, programs in need of sport equipment, including many Columbus City School programs, can utilize the warehouse as a resource. Eric is hopeful that they will be able to expand the number of tennis facilities that have collection bins. They prefer racquets to be strung, and they will also accept racquet covers, bags, and used tennis balls. Level the Playing Field also welcomes volunteers to work in the warehouse.

• **January Minutes Approval**

The January minutes were reviewed. Laurel Elmore noted that there should be an indication that the Women's Rule changes were approved by the GCTA board. That is now added to the minutes for January.

• **Treasurer's Report-Fred Duy**

Fred reported we had \$126,000 in the bank. The grant from OVTA has been received which covered expenditures for grants and winter parties.

The full Treasurer's Report is attached to this email.

- **Digital Content-Lori Brown**

Summer leagues registered their teams captains and court availability through forms on GCTA Tenniscores. We have about 500 followers on Facebook and 300 on Instagram.

Content suggestions are always welcome. May will have a National Tennis Month event. Ann would like pictures from this uploaded to Wordpress if possible or sent to her.

A power point is included with the email.

- **Grant Committee Report- Kris Susa**

Columbus Classic received a check for \$2500 this year.

Champions also received this year's grant funds.

Grove City Middle School received their grant check. They have self funded resurfacing of the tennis courts.

- **Women's League- Lori Brown**

Emily is currently reviewing preliminary rosters. It appears that we will have 189 Women's Teams for 2025. 3.0 career and 3.5 Career continue to be the divisions with the most teams.

The deadline for the preliminary rosters is April 25.

- **Men's League-Bill Curry**

Men's teams are currently registering. There are 84 teams now, and we are looking at 88 or potentially 90. We are seeing growth at the 3.0 and 3.5 level.

The deadline for preliminary rosters is May 9th.

- **Columbus Recreation and Parks- Kimmy Confar**

Mikaela Black introduced herself as the new CRPD Youth Programming representative. This is a new position to kickstart youth initiatives. There will be a summer youth tennis camp at Whetstone again this year. High School volunteers are being recruited. The camp is Monday-Thursday June 3 to July 17 from 9:00 to 11:30

Kimmy noted that Adult Leagues started last week. She is still working on court permits, and has gotten a lot of requests from GCTA. She is happy to help with reserving CRPD courts for matches.

GCTA is partnering with Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to host a Spring Swing Event for National Tennis Month reaching out children and adults who have always wanted to learn the basics of tennis. The event will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 9 until noon at both Wolfe Park and Antrim Park. Kimmy reported we have 87 registrants.

There will be two sessions at each park 9-10:30 and 10:30 to noon. The goal is to have 36 participants in each slot.

Linda noted that a few volunteers are still needed for Wolfe Park at both time slots. There will be 4 paid pros at each site.

- **Executive Director's Report: Linda Guyton**

Linda reports that Steven's Catering has been secured for the 2025 Awards dinner at Amelita Mirolo. Steven's did our bartending in 2024 and are an approved vendor for UA.

CPRD, Linda and other board members are working on the May 17th event for USTA National Tennis month. Racquets and balls have been ordered and received.

A questionnaire was sent out to all board members asking for some fun facts, so the membership can get to know the board. Linda encouraged anyone who hasn't sent in their information to circle back to the email. Scott is available to take photos tonight.

Linda worked with Lori on Code of Regulations and Handbook revisions, as well as volunteering for Level The Playing Field.

The MOU has been signed on our end with CRPD, and sent to CRPD for signature

- **Old Business: GCTA Constitution**

Lori gave an update on the Constitution. It is now called the Code of Regulations.

The Constitution committee met and came up with a document that all agreed is an easy to follow guide. It is being put in final form and will be circulated soon among the Board of Trustees. The Board will vote on the potential adoption of the new Code of Regulations.

- **New Business: Handbook revisions**

Some editing was done to the GCTA Board of Trustees Handbook. All board members in person at tonight's meeting received a copy. Once the Code of Regulations gets approved, the Handbook will be mailed out to those not present tonight, with their copy of the Code of Regulations.

Lanny Rubin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Heath Elliott

The quarterly meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM by President Lori Brown.

NOTE: Board Meeting Dates for 2025:

Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Tuesday, September 16, 2025