



GCTA Board Meeting July 2025 Quarterly Meeting July 15, 2025

Convened by Lori J. Brown @7:00 PM

Board Members Attending:

Mikaela Black	Lori Brown	Bill Curry	Fred Duy
Preston Eberlyn	Heath Elliott	Scott Gerber	Linda Guyton
Jim Hendrix	Ann Leithauser	Tom Moushey	Mike O'Callaghan
Aaron Ockerman	Emily Saalman	Elena Saunders	Brittany Smolewski
Kris Susa	Brenda Toney	Les Vernardo	

• April Minutes Approval

The April minutes were reviewed. Bill Curry made a motion and Fred Duy seconded that the April minutes should be approved as written. The motion carried.

• Treasurer's report - Fred Duy

Fred noted that we were right on budget with . This is typically the low point of the year. We are doing better with grants, and giving more money away. There is about \$7000 outstanding to be disbursed with grants approved this month.

• Digital Content - Ann Leithauser

Ann encouraged the membership to keep sending in photos. She noted that for multiple pictures, all one direction is best for Facebook and Instagram. Higher resolution is better. She encouraged board members who had not sent in their bios and pictures to send them in. Scott is able to take pictures tonight for anyone who has not had a board member picture taken.

Engagement is up on Facebook and Instagram. Followers have increased by 30 since April on Facebook and increased by 29 on Instagram to 332.

Awards nominations forms are now on line.

The newly formed Communications and Technology committee will be meeting soon.

Linda noted that she will resend the questionnaire to board members who would like another chance to respond.

- **Grant Report - Kris Susa**

Kris reported that \$19,000 of grants have been approved this year with a few checks still to be cashed. There was a new grant application from Linden Academy. A grant request from Cincinnati was denied due to being outside the area we serve. We continue to support Grove City.

There was a question regarding past discussion of using some of the money for a scholarship. Kris indicated that at this moment the committee has decided that the money is better spent helping groups of kids rather than to support just one individual.

- **Women's League - Emily Saalman**

Emily reported that the Women's League had 184 teams-the same as last year. The most popular level is 3.0 career with 42 teams. There have been no formal protests filed so far this year. The Playoffs will continue through the 2nd week of August. Collection of dues is almost finished on the Women's side-we are just a few checks away from complete collection.

There was a question regarding when would be a good time to revisit the rule requiring hosts to provide food and drink after matches. This will be revisited at the Women's Board Meeting.

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

For the 2025 season, the men's league has 42 locations participating (same as 2024) with a total of 88 teams (up from 84 in 2024). This year, there were 1617 registered players on the men's side. Men can roster on a maximum of three teams.

Payments are in process of being collected. Much of the \$24,255 is already in.

Bill noted that there had been a few problems reported with the Tenniscores site-that players were coming off rosters. It was noted that about 20-30 players disappeared off rosters after playing. This has been corrected.

This year, leagues that have playoffs will have at most 4 teams advancing to playoffs. This will allow the playoffs to be completed by Labor Day. Labor Day weekend will be the Champ of Champs tournament.

Scott asked about WTN and UTR #'s and if GCTA enter the scores. Bill indicated that we did not. No scores from us go to USTA.

- **Columbus Recreation and Parks - Mikaela Black**

The summer clinic at Whetstone was very popular this year. It was above capacity with 19 kids the last 4 weeks. The Spring Swing was also popular with 144 participants. Tennis will be in 10 community centers this fall.

USTA is supporting Capital Improvements for tennis in CRPD locations. USTA and Mikaela met with the Capital Improvement Team at CRPD about a plan to resurface courts.

- **Executive Director - Linda Guyton**

Linda reported on visiting grant sites for photos, as well as distributing supplies to grant recipients. The agreement for The Barn as the site for the 2025 Awards Banquet has been finalized. Linda noted that the Awards Nominations are open through August 4th. Linda has also been working with Fred through our change of banks transition.

There is a new USTA Advocacy Specialist Program. This is a national program that involves helping organizations partner with Recreation and Parks departments. Linda has been coordinating with Mikaela on CRPD Whetstone camp and other projects. Mikaela clarified for us about CRPD's Capital improvement team—how tennis courts

were classified in with other hard surfaces, such as parking lots, and projects were scheduled for future years.

- **Old Business: Code of Regulations**

Lori thanked her team members who worked with her on the Code of Regulations- Les, Aaron, Linda and Tom. The goal of this update was to make the Code a more user-friendly document. When the Code was sent out in the Spring, we had a few comments regarding the Rules Committee section. It was noted that the time guidelines were not clear, so this has been addressed, and now the sequence of dates is more clear.

Lori asked for a motion to adopt the Code as presented. There was some discussion over whether we had the quorum required, which is now 50%, and if it needed to be approved at an Annual Meeting. We do have a quorum including the Zoom participants, and it can be an Annual or other meeting of the trustees. Lori also verified that the majority of members required referred to Board of Trustee members rather than GCTA members.

Tom made a motion that the code be adopted as written and Heath seconded. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

- **New Business:**

There was no new business

Fred Duy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Curry seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

NOTE: Board Meeting Dates for 2025:

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Tuesday, September 16, 2025