



GCTA Board Meeting
September 2024 Quarterly Meeting
September 17, 2024

Immediate Past President Aaron Ockerman introduced and welcomed Incoming President Lori Brown.

Quarterly Meeting convened by Lori J. Brown at 7:12 pm

Board Members Attending:

Lori Brown	Lenny Comeras	Kimmy Confar	Bill Curry
Phil Diaz	Lois Dosky	Fred Duy	Scott Gerber
Linda Guyton	Tara Hayes-guest	Jim Hendrix	Ann Leithauser
Aaron Ockerman	Mike O'Callaghan	Emily Saalman	Kris Susa
Brenda Toney	Les Vernado		

• **Introduction of new Digital Content Coordinator**

Lori introduced Ann Leithauser, our newest GCTA board member and Digital Content Coordinator. The position will assume many of the responsibilities of the Website Coordinator and the Social Media Specialist. Ann possesses over two decades of experience in marketing and project management and is an avid tennis player. She has already collaborated with Bill Curry on the development of the new website. Ann will be responsible for acquiring photographs and news of GCTA events and intends to post an average of once per week during the season.

• **July Minutes Approval**

The July minutes were reviewed. Aaron Ackerman made a motion and Lois Dosky approved that the July minutes should be approved as written. The motion carried. There was discussion on when the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes should be approved, as tonight was the next Annual Meeting. It appears that in January 2024, we approved all the September 2023 minutes. There were differing opinions on if the annual meeting minutes should be approved at the next annual meeting, or at the next quarterly. It was agreed to table this idea and research how to handle the approval of annual meeting minutes.

• **Grant Committee Report-Kris Susa**

Kris reported that we have spent about \$20,237 in grants this year including Columbus Recreation and Parks. We ended up with \$11,600 spent on Recreation and Parks and \$8600 on other grants including Columbus Classic, Champions Champ Camp, Grove City Junior Tennis League and Buddy Up Tennis.

GCTA Board Representatives went to all events and took photos with the Big Check.

Mike O'Callaghan suggested finding a way to give coaches funds for projects. He added that the Budget Committee is increasing the amount of the scholarship in order to get the money out.

Kris noted that the budget has been increased for grants. Request for Grant forms are available on the website. We will continue to promote this. There were a few previous grant recipients that didn't continue this year, or did not respond. There was a question on the budgeted money set aside for Rec and Parks. The MOU with CRPD does not give details on what can be done with the grant money, just the amount.

Fred moved that the Grants report be accepted and Lois seconded. The motion carried

• **Treasurer's Report-Fred Duy**

Fred reported we had \$166,000 in the bank. This is the high point of the year, after all the dues have been collected. We will be spending money on the Awards Banquet and the League Winner Awards. When all is said and done, the balance should be around \$100,000 at the end of the calendar year.

Aaron inquired about a previous discussion regarding the optimal storage of funds. Fred replied that we have \$80,000 in CD's which were previously at 5% APR, and are currently at 4.5%

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

Kris Susa made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mike O'Callaghan seconded. The motion carried.

• **Women's League-Lori Brown**

Lori thanked the Level Chairs, Membership Chair Cindy Ferrara, Past President Geoff Bibb for getting her started on this journey, and also to Aaron and Linda for all their support.

The Women's Board will be looking for a new 3.0 Level Career Chair. This was formerly Emily's role. 3.0 Career is the largest group.

October 21, is the Annual Women's Board meeting. Rule changes will be discussed, as well as location issues.

The Playoffs are finished and all the champions have been crowned.

Dues were collected of \$47,670

This year, the Women's League included 31 clubs, 184 teams and 3178 registrations.

Scioto Country Club had the most teams with 15 this year, followed by Swim & Racquet with 14, New Albany Country Club and Players with 11 teams. Indoor/Outdoor locations Scarborough and Elysium each had 10 Women's teams.

Brenda Toney moved that the report be accepted and Lois Dosky seconded. The motion carried.

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

Bill reported that the Men's Board members will all be back again this year.

They'll be meeting in November and January.

This year \$23,500 was collected in dues on the Men's side.

Playoffs are complete, and the winners we will coming to the Awards Banquet, as well as the Champ of Champs winners. There was a lot of diversity of clubs for the winners this year. Dublin, Northam, and New Albany Tennis Center each had 2 winning teams. NewGen had their first winning team at Champs of Champs.

Patrick McCoy will be giving out the awards for the men at the banquet this year.

There were no protests this year for the men.

Lenny Comeras moved that the report be accepted and Fred Duy seconded. The motion carried.

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

Kimmy reported that we just closed the second half of the CRPD summer leagues. There will be a Champ of Champs Tournament to end the season at Champions Tennis Center. The league is for co-ed doubles.

Kris Susa made a motion that this report be accepted and Lenny Comeras seconded. The motion carried.

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

Linda reported that we are finishing up with the banners and plaques for the league winners that will be presented at the Awards banquet. There appear to be still some opening for attendees. Linda asked that we verify the list, ensuring that we have all the names of those confirmed to attend. We will also be handing out embroidered towels. John at Tennis LTD has also given us bags for the towels.

Linda has been actively working to bring Ann on board, both as a GCTA board member and as the Digital Content Coordinator.

We are also looking for new GCTA board members to replace 3 members whose terms are expiring. Linda will be sending out a conflict of interest form to board members as well as confirming committee positions. The objective is to get more board members to participate in committees.

Linda attended the Buddy Up Tennis Open House. GCTA has been a long time supporter of Buddy Up Tennis.

Mike O'Callaghan made a motion that this report be accepted and Fred Duy seconded. The motion carried.

- **Old Business-GCTA website report**

Bill shared images and news from the new website. It is almost ready to roll out. Our goal is still to have it roll out on Awards Banquet Day, September 26. Bill and Ann have a few more decisions to make on the site.

Awards winners will be pictured on the site. This will also be where GCTA members can register for the 2025 Winter Parties when information becomes available.

- **New Business:**

There was no new business to report.

A motion was made by Phil Diaz to adjourn and Fred Duy seconded. The motion carried.

The quarterly meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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