



GCTA Board Meeting September 2025 Quarterly Meeting September 16, 2025

Convened by Lori J. Brown @7:06 PM

Board Members Attending:

Geoff Bibo	Mikaela Black	Lori J. Brown	Bill Curry
Lois Dosky	Fred Duy	Preston Eberlyn	Heath Elliott
Laurel Elmore	Scott Gerber	Tara Hayes-guest	Jim Hendrix
Michael Jones	Ann Leithauser	Tom Moushey	Aaron Ockerman
Lanny Rubin	Emily Saalman	Elena Sanders	Kris Susa
Brenda Toney	Les Varnado	Linda Guyton- Executive Director	

• July Minutes Approval

The July minutes were reviewed. Elena Sanders made a motion and Lanny Rubin seconded that the July minutes should be approved as written. The motion carried.

• Treasurer's report - Fred Duy

Fred noted that we had \$157,000 in the bank. We are projected to have about \$120,000 in assets by the end of the year. The proposed budget for 2026 was shared with the board members.

A motion was made by Brenda Toney and seconded by Laurel Elmore to approve the budget as written and open discussion.

Fred noted that we had significantly more year end net assets than we had before 2020. He provided a graph showing year end assets from the years 2015-2019 were around \$60,000. Less money was spent during the pandemic, and we continue to hold extra assets. The proposed 2026 budget has an increase in Total Uses of Funds to \$149,651. This would bring the Opening Balance of \$123,166 down to \$62,781 at the end of 2026. This would be expenditures of \$60,384 more than the expected total sources of funds. This would bring the year end totals more in line with pre-pandemic amounts.

Scott asked about when the extra expenditures reduced the extra funds in the bank, what would happen to the increased and additional items in the budget. Fred noted that if these were successful uses of funds, they could continue. We may have to look at raising the the fees.

Lori noted that we need to be aware of the extra work that comes with the adding of an additional party, or increasing the size of the Awards Dinner to include all captains. The venue would be a huge cost to accommodate all the captains. It was noted that captains are usually recognised by their teams. Lois felt that the money was better spent promoting tennis.

Bill suggesting putting more money into the website development. Ann made a motion to increase the line item from \$1000 to \$6000 for website development and Preston seconded it.

The \$1 placeholder for a City Championship was questioned. Fred explained that this could be a larger Champ of Champs or possibly a Women's Champ of Champs. It could also be a Clay Court Championship if there was interest. Lori noted that we need a focus committee about adult tournaments because league tennis is so popular that there is less interest in tournaments. This group could also look at what would be done with an entry fee, such as routing it to NJTL. We would try to get a gauge of interest across the league. We could also try to gauge interest in a membership survey. Preston, Bill and Heath volunteered to be on the committee. Bill offered to chair the committee if needed. Preston noted that if there were many questions to ask the membership, it should be a single membership survey rather than multiple surveys. Lori noted that surveys on the women's side have historically not gotten a great response rate.

There was a vote on the motion to approve the 2026 budget with the change suggested in the discussion of increasing the line item for Website development. The motion carried unanimously.

• **Digital Content - Ann Leithauser**

Between Facebook and Instagram, we have added over 100 followers. The Communication and Technology committee is meeting regarding the following:

- Education on Community tennis Association of the Year
- Potential Website Updates
- Social Media content

The GCTA website continues to get traffic. The most engagement is during the Women's League and around the time of the Winter Parties. The complete Digital content report is included in the email.

• **Grant Report - Kris Susa**

Kris reported that we have given away \$19,000 in grants separate from the CRPD grant. Grant Recipient Buddy App Tennis is asking for volunteers. These are particularly needed on OSU Football game Saturdays. Buddy Up is from 9:30 to 11 am on Saturdays at Wickertree.

• **Women's League - Emily Saalman**

Emily reported that the Women's League has completed the Championships with winning teams being invited to the Awards banquet.

A few rule changes will be submitted to the GCTA Board Rules Committee . The Women's Board voted to add a Diamond League for 70+ and raise the ages for Gold to 55 and Platinum to 65.

A rule change limiting the number of courts defaulted by any one team in a season to 5 was also voted by the Women's Board. If a team should exceed this, they will be on probation and may be required to have a higher number of players rostered the following year.

Another rule change would be no longer requiring teams to serve snacks after matches. Snacks will be optional.

• **Women's League Membership—Membership Chair Lois Dosky**

Lois shared that the Women's League had 30 clubs this year with 184 teams and 3172 players. It was noted that all dues have been collected. For the past several years, there have been issues with getting the dues check from Medallion Country Club. This year it took over a month and repeated attempts to collect. It was noted that this was an issue on the Men's side as well. Medallion has a total of 6 teams with 75-80 people. Players do not pay directly, they are billed by the club, and GCTA invoices the club. There was some discussion on how to avoid these issues in the future. The decision was made to bill them before the season starts, and the club could not have teams unless they pay ahead of time. It was agreed to send a letter mid-March asking them to pre-pay. The Club will be invoiced in April for the approximate number of players.

• **Men's League - Bill Curry**

All league champions have been determined. 11 of the 12 champions are from different clubs (only Champions had 2 champions) Men's board will be meeting at start of October to review potential rule changes. Main item for discussion is Suspension Point system like USTA.

This would address behavior of players or captains. Incidents are not frequent, but this would help to reduce or eliminate them.

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

The summer clinic went well. CRPD tennis will be at 10 locations in the fall. 170 kids will be involved over the next 9 weeks at different sites. CRPD is planning an Adult singles League, as well as an Adult Red Ball league. Antrim and Whetstone will have adult clinics of the Cardio tennis variety.

The date for Spring Swing next year will be May 16th.

Mikaela and Lori were invited by Jim Amick to attend the USTA tennis summit. This was comprised of representatives from Midwest USTA, CTA, and NJTL leagues. There were brainstorming and breakout sessions. Some ideas that came out of this that we

may be able to support were teaching Phys Ed teachers to teach tennis, and providing tennis opportunities for homeschooled kids.

- **Executive Director - Linda Guyton**

Linda reported on activities of preparing for the awards dinner. Linda worked with the Awards Committee to select recipients, as well as notify the recipients and presenters. Linda finalized and organized the banners, plaques, and programs, as well as finalizing the caterer. Linda also worked with CRPD on fall tennis activities and planning for next years Spring Swing.

- **Old Business:**

There was no old business

- **New Business:**

There was no new business

Geoff Bibb made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Scott Gerber seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

NOTE: Board Meeting Dates for 2026:

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Tuesday, September 22, 2026