

LCTA Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Members Present: Steve Meloy, Tom Strizich, Brian Luer, Tamuna Cullison, Chuck Magraw, Katelyn Schaub

- Public Comment
 - No members present
- Approve minutes of September 4, 2024 meeting
 - Motion made to pass the minutes as written, passed unanimously.
- Pro Report
 - Attended USPTA World Racquet Convention – they’ve rebranded to announce they’re the RSPA (Racquet Sports Professionals Association)
 - USTA Montana Board Meeting last weekend
 - Review previous years goals
 - One included five new backboards across the state, including the one built at Barney Park
 - Kyle has an idea about comping lessons for Trevin if he would build a backboard at the club. Would have him submit a proposal to the board for review on how to accomplish this. Will need to determine costs and how to build within the club.
 - Has the Beeby Tennis fest coming up and will be running the clinics.
- Club Manager Report
 - Membership has remained steady. There was one new double membership, one junior membership, one potential new member from Kyle, two memberships placed on-hold, and one membership was canceled (was an expired temporary membership). There are currently 201 memberships and 305 members.
 - Has been busy preparing for the Beeby Memorial Tennis Fest, including ordering everything for the event.
 - Keeping up with cleaning and supplies
 - Put up whiteboard at the entrance for quick notes for people coming into the club
 - Purchased a new extension cord for the ball machine, ink for the printer, and added rope lights upstairs.
 - Member survey
 - On-hold until after the Beeby Memorial Tennis Fest
 - Divot by the water fountain
 - Need to make sure Larry knows about it. Will need to get someone to look at it to provide an estimate to get it filled in as it looks like it’s gotten worse recently.
 - Can we put corner nets on the other courts, too, to stop balls from going behind the courts?
 - Lockers
 - A few members dropped their lockers following a reminder sent out about having them available.
- Treasurer’s Report
 - The profit/loss document has been updated.

- o Court time is down slightly, but it's normal for this time of year.
 - o Membership dues remain steady.
 - o Have a total of about \$83,000 in bank between all accounts.
- Beeby Memorial Tennis Fest
 - o Stephi/Mary asked if we would donate three water bottles to the event. Board approved.
 - o Clinic registration is through Signup Genius via a link (QR codes on flyers, on our FB page, link on emails). There is no deadline to signup other than if you for sure want a t-shirt
 - 8 in each clinic so far (adult and junior)
 - o Radio advertisement out now
 - o One food truck outside, at least
 - o Raffle baskets, games, etc.
- Sunday "Drop In" Tennis
 - o Had 3 total people show up last weekend (Charles plus 2 others)
- Furniture Investment (Tom)
 - o Met last night with Deb and Alice to discuss; they have a concept of a plan.
 - o Alice has access to good furniture accounts that can be used to purchase.
 - o They'll come with a proposal for us to review next month which will include rough estimates.
- Court Lighting
 - o Proposal from the electrician:
 - \$14,970 for each baseline light that only has 2 lights to be increased to 3 lights
 - Need to follow up about whether or not we need lights down the middle of the courts in addition to this proposal.
 - Need to follow up to determine if the lights upstairs that need to be replaced are being considered in this proposal or not.
 - o Question the board has:
 - Is adding one bulb to each baseline lights recommended with reference to lighting study or are just adding to add?
 - Will it actually solve the problem or achieve the result we want?
 - Have any lights been replaced? We don't think so.
 - Should we just increase all 2 to 3?
 - o Would the contractor be able to come to our next meeting to make a proposal and answer questions from the board?
- Vending Machine Status/Other Options
 - o Meg will call around to see what options are available.
- Fees discussion on Ball Machine and Guest Play
 - o Guest play is hard to enforce. Might just need to rely on communication about this policy
 - o Fees to use the ball machine might be too low
 - It's currently \$2 per time for the ball machine plus the court time
 - Trying to get 6 months of usage out of the balls in the machine (\$139 for 72 balls at last purchase)

- Motion was made to raise the ball machines fees from \$2 to \$4 starting January 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Will need to look into what needs to change in Club Automation to make this happen and send an email to the membership about why we're increasing the fees (e.g. cost of tennis balls, maintenance on the ball machine, etc.)
- Value of Building for Insurance Purposes Update
 - New appraisal was sent (\$2.230 million).
 - Need to decide which appraisal to move forward with for insurance
 - Best seems to be with the most recent instead of the one provided by the State
 - Premiums will likely increase significantly
 - Tom will reach out to Jeff to gather information on how to move forward with increasing our insurance.
- Court Sweeper Update
 - Currently working great, no update.
- Reddy tournament/East Helena tennis fund raiser
 - Knowing we currently support the Helena tennis teams, it would be good to help support East Helena as well. One option suggested was turning the Reddy Tournament into a fundraiser. Another option would be to include East Helena in the Spring Fever which is already a fundraiser for tennis programs.
 - If the Reddy Tournament turns into a fundraiser:
 - We'll need to charge more for the tournament for entry fees to ensure we cover our costs and have money leftover for the school.
 - Kids can go get sponsorships from families or businesses
 - All money goes to the school minus expenses
 - Would want to hold it on the East Helena Courts
 - They'll be adding 4 more courts in the future
- EHHS request (May 15-17) Divisional Tournament
 - Tom Banks has requested East Helena to have access to the courts in case there is bad weather.
 - No objections from the board, will pass along to Tom Banks
 - Will charge similar to the other high schools.
- Rodents
 - Larry got 2 proposals on how to move forward
 - One proposal was to spray foam around the exterior.
 - One proposal was more extensive to address the insulation up to a certain level up the wall to prevent recurrence (\$8k)
 - Larry and/or Jeff will discuss at the next meeting.
- Facilities Manager
 - Would like to start having him attend meetings to address some of the items that keep coming up.

Next Meeting November 13, 2024 6:00 PM LCTA