

Last Chance Tennis Center
Board of Directors Board Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Steve Meloy, Board President called for a quorum of members in order to convene the meeting. As only three members were present, a quorum was not reached. Members present included Steve Meloy, Chuck Magraw and Paul Sturm.

Members present decided to work through the meeting agenda and defer to a subsequent meeting items requiring a vote of the board. Except it was recommended that for items the Board President determines need immediate attention, the Board President may, by email, seek Board action.

Pro Report

Club Pro, Kyle Wilson, reported as follows;

1. Summer Junior session was well attended and plans are underway to start the fall program with the maximum of ten players in each group. He requested that one court, at 6:00 Thursday evening, be made available for the varsity to use during the fall/winter. He also indicated his intent to reinvigorate the Thursday evening men's group.
2. The Jack Reddy tournament was well attended, with over 90 players, went "without a hitch," with proceeds being distributed to East Helena.
3. The member that expressed interest in donating funds to be used for the purchase of a ball machine was seriously ill thus the status of that interest is somewhat uncertain at the present time. The member is back hitting lightly so there likely will be an opportunity to assess whether the member remains interested in such a donation
4. Agreement with Board member Paul Sturm that improved lighting is a priority for the utilization of a USTA grant and that the likelihood of receiving the grant is high.

Facility Manager Report

Larry Bone, reported:

1. that the burglary alarm system needs a second contact with the club in the event of an alarm event. The members present offered the Vice Chair as a possible second responder.
2. Cleaned lights and heater deflectors (Larry, Paul, Chuck)
3. Added lights to the mezzanine (Paul, Ed Santos, Chuck). This had a minor increase in on-court lighting (approximately 2-3%) on the ends of courts 2 and 3.
4. The door on the Southwest corner does not close completely and Larry will call a door expert to fix.
5. Changed out leaky faucet in the men's locker room.
6. Boxed in the corners of court 1 with cardboard to keep balls from getting stuck in the corners; seems to be working.

7. The sweeper is not working properly and while Larry will try to repair it himself, if he is unable to, the cost to repair the sweeper may be approximately \$800.00 (\$400 main brush and \$200 each side brush for replacement).
8. Larry was going to clean the courts within the week but was talked into waiting until lights are replaced as Sports Interiors will need a lift which marks/tracks dirt on the courts.

Financial Report

Brian reported in an e-mail:

1. Beeby memorial Scholarship fund withdrew \$1,500 in July
2. Northwest energy Budget billing increased in July.
3. Liability Insurance renewal of \$593 was paid
4. Alarm system renewal of \$1118.28 was paid
5. A water use adjustment of \$191.65 was paid.
6. A Grandstreet Theatre Auction check was issued to Tom Banks for three lessons
7. YTD net income remains positive

Beeby memorial report

Stephi Johnson gave a progress report for the event scheduled for October 11th. She requested the mezzanine not be occupied beginning at some point on the 10th so that they can set up. She also requested that the Board contribute \$650 to radio advertising. As no quorum was present and since it would be helpful to Stephi if the Board made a decision before the next Board meeting, Steve will send an email initiating discussion on the matter and seeking a decision by the Board.

Court Rental

Steve broke down the eventual policy into the following categories;

1. One court only
2. Court and Mezzanine (times 3)
3. Mezzanine only
4. Half day/ full day rates
5. Insurance/ liability
6. Clean up

Report on Lighting and proposed board action

Paul Sturm has been in discussions with Alex Horton at Sports Interiors to improve the lighting on the courts. Specifically it seems that the north ends of courts 1 and 2, and most of court 3 are at a lower light level than other on court locations in the club. The ceiling above the mezzanine

is also dark and seems to be contributing to lower light levels on the edges of courts 2 and 3. I sent the light readings we took after cleaning the lights (approximately 10% improvement from pre-cleaning levels) and pictures of the club interior.

Sports Interiors (SI) sent an email that was shared with board members on 8/12/2025, summarized below.

SI has proposed the work outlined below for an SI technician to travel out, add 9 new 3-bars in place of existing 2-bars, and complete all labor associated with the work. This would be a materials plus labor contract. What SI proposes is the following:

1. Convert 9 existing 2-bars to 3-bars
 1. 2 on court 1
 2. 3 on court 2
 3. 4 on court 3
2. Where possible (and appropriate) make minor adjustments to fixture locations
 1. This will not include new electrical, only minor movements where possible based on existing electrical
3. One SI technician to travel out to complete the work
4. One electric scissor lift rental for the project work

Without being able to verify at this time what the costs would be for this work, SI anticipates an approximate cost of \$9,407.00 to add the additional fixtures and bars and complete the work proposed above.

SI would like to begin planning possible site working dates. I told them if we approve the work we would need some type of contract/agreement and formal estimate.

I propose we have an email vote on this so that we can let SI know what we are doing and get the work started ASAP, if approved.

Report on bylaws review

A redlined version of the by-laws addressing the issues talked about in prior Board meetings (focussed on Board membership) was distributed in advance of the meeting. Lacking a quorum and with so few Board members present no substantive discussion was had on the proposed changes to the by-laws. It was recommended that Board members review the red-lined version and any Board member comments and distribute their own comments or alternative language via email so that when the issue comes up for discussion at a Board meeting, Board members will have had a chance to review what other Board members are thinking, which will allow for a more productive discussion. We need to get any changes of the bylaws out to the club general membership well before the annual meeting in February (2 months), so the membership has ample time to review the changes prior to the annual meeting.

Next Meeting Wednesday September 10, 2025