LCTA Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2026

Members Present: Katelyn Schaub, Paul Sturm, Chuck Magraw, Joseph Vidal

1. Public Comment
    a. No members present
2. Approval of June Minutes
    a. Approved as is, no objections
3. Pro Report
    a. Upcoming East Helena tournament; indoor courts available as backup in bad weather, Pro will email membership.
    b. Beeby Fest planning continuing via email after in-person meeting cancellation.
    c. Lessons and programs are very busy; Pro supported by 2 assistants plus Tom (who also has an assistant).
    d. Noted free lessons in town by Jerry Peach, minor competition but viewed as positive for growing tennis and the club long-term.
4. Club Manager Report
    a. Membership: 1 new member, many inquiries; 235 active memberships, 360 active members; 1 junior cancel, 1 on hold.
    b. Survey: 67 responses so far; goal is 100; Manager will collate results for next meeting.
    c. Memorial plaque updated and reinstalled.
    d. Lost and found to be cleared at month's end.
    e. Combination lock ordered for outside spare key lock box.
    f. New office printer installed; expected to reduce ink costs and improve reliability.
    g. Pressure-less balls ordered for older ball machine (all yellow due to stock).
    h. Will contact Club Automation about adding separate designations for each ball machine.
5. Facilities Report
    a. Scrubber invoice confirmed as service call and labor only; no battery charges.
    b. Current sweeper has limited repair history due to system change; another $800 repair would bring total close to original $3000 cost despite low usage.

    c. Second sweeper has failing wheel bearing; courts unswept; replacement wheels arriving by July 20 for $150.
    d. Lawn mower repaired with new carburetor for $65.
6. Board President Report
    a. Roof Repairs
        i. Roof: $10,500 estimate received and shared; roofer expects issues to persist due to design; suggested handymen for lower-cost option.
        ii. Second estimate expected next week; no roof decisions until more information is available.
    b. League Tournament
        i. Played indoors due to weather; organized by Meg and Beth; reported as successful.
    c. USTA Grant
        i. Net purchased for $300 including shipping.
        ii. Curtains to ship next week.
        iii. $1500 grant received; club will cover remaining ~ $500.
        iv. Another grant round likely next year.
    d. Debit Cards
        i. The club now has three debit cards in use: one each for Meg and Larry, plus one for the Board.
    e. Alarm, Lights, Sign-in
        i. Alarm went off last week.
        ii. Lights were left off twice, indicating procedure issues.
        iii. Ongoing problem with members not signing in or reserving courts.
    f. Indoor Pickleball Facility
        i. New pickleball facility under construction at former Shopko, including 3–4 retail spaces and courts.
7. Treasurer Report
    a. Current finances stable/normal.
    b. Projections for a 4th court or major capital project deferred to a later meeting.
    c. Insurance recommendation circulated for review (see Insurance section).
8. New Board Member
    a. David interested in joining Board but absent this meeting; appointment deferred until he can attend.
    b. Board remains open to additional candidate recommendations.
9. Sweeper Repair or Replacement

    a. Need sweeper that can collect fine particles; current unit considered too costly to maintain without clear repair history.
    b. Current model: Karcher Professional KM70/30C; identical replacement ~ $4,000; alternatives range $1,000–$10,000.
    c. Chuck did not receive recommendation from Peak; Meg will contact Meadowlark about their equipment.
    d. Board agrees a repair vs. replacement decision is needed soon and does not want to continue investing in current sweeper without a plan.

10. Beeby Fest
    a. Motion to contribute $750 cash to Beeby Fest for advertising.
    b. Approved unanimously; no objections.
    c. Meg will process payment (check or direct invoice payment); Chuck prefers direct transfer to committee.
    d. Board will decide on branded swag to donate; will seek committee input on appropriate gift-bag items.
11. Club hours policy adoption
    a. Continued issues with alarm, lights, and non-compliance with sign-in/reservation.
    b. Official club hours: 6am–12am open, 12am–6am closed.
    c. Alarm previously set 5am off / 1am on and communicated informally, enabling use beyond hours; now set to activate at 12:15am per Chuck's decision.
    d. Chuck drafted club hours policy including fines (recommended $50 for first offense); Board to approve and send to membership.
    e. Meg will explore adding a closing-time reminder in Club Automation for 10:30pm–12am bookings.
12. Pro Court Booking
    a. Concern about multiple courts blocked for Pros, leaving none for members.
    b. Questions about Pros hiring their own staff and impact on court access.
    c. Need data on frequency of conflicts and review of Pro contract.
    d. Chuck will review contract and speak with Kyle and Tom; topic scheduled for next month's meeting.
13. Insurance
    a. Brian recommends Chubb over Philadelphia; higher cost but higher coverage.
    b. Paul will email Brian with policy questions and corrections (address, solar, etc.).

c. No specific recommendation yet on workers' comp; Board prefers consolidating with Chubb if reasonable.
d. Direction: Proceed with Chubb for workers' comp unless Brian identifies a strong reason not to.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2026