

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 on 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); The board approved the policy and sent it 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 (Chubb) 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