

LCTA ANNUAL AND CAPTAINS' MEETING MINUTES 2026

1-14-26 6:00 p.m. Daniel Island Club

Facilitator: Andrea Weinstein - President

Note Taker: Jennifer McCool - Secretary

The meeting was opened by the President, Andrea Weinstein, at 6:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. 2025 LCTA President's Report - Andrea Weinstein
 - a. Player Growth
 - i. Andrea reported the LCTA has 437 teams registered for the 2026 Spring Season;
 - ii. In 2022 there were 15,500 teams and in 2025 there were 17,547 teams;
 - iii. The LCTA is the 4th largest CTA in the country;
 - b. 2025 LCTA Community Involvement and Facility Improvement
 - i. Court resurfacing project at Mt. Pleasant Recreation;
 - ii. Purchased new benches and scorekeepers for Hanahan, Hawkes Nest;
 - iii. Largest ticket supporter of Credit One Charleston Open;
 - iv. Tennis ball and gift certificate giveaways to LCTA players during National Tennis Month;
 - v. Four well attended LCTA Town Hall Events -watch for more in 2026;
 - vi. Bill will add an article for the newsletter inviting membership to apply for USTA SC Board and Committees.
 - c. LCTA 2025 Highlights and Philanthropy
 - i. 25% more LCTA Teams advance to USTA South Carolina State Championship in 2026 and beyond;
 - ii. Donated \$8,000 to MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital in Board in Coordinators and LCTA players names;
 - iii. Quarterly charitable donation of \$2,500 in 2026 -First Quarter -Low Country Food Bank;
 - iv. Dee Mack Scholarship Awards to top High School Male and Female Player.
 - d. Andrea requested more LCTA involvement with the USTA SC
 - i. Current USTA SC Board Members:
 - a. Shirley Godfrey-Jackson -Secretary
 - b. Patrick Hieber -Member at Large
 - ii. State Committees:
 - a. Adult League
 - b. DEI
 - c. Awards
 - d. Competitive Play
 - e. Officiating
 - iii. The Application Dates will be published in our Spring Newsletter.
 - e. South Carolina State Heroes (2025): Nominations: SCtennis.com/awards
 - i. Laney Anderson -CTC

- ii. Trudy Billings -Dunes West
- iii. Patty Evanko -LTP DI
- iv. Shirley Godfrey-Jackson -CTC
- v. Alisa Mosler -MPR
- vi. Meredith While -MPR
- vii. Debbie Batha -BRICKYARD
- viii. Stephanie Davis, Hawkes Nest, LTP DI

- f. Report on Tri-Level
 - i. Fastest growing League in the USTA
 - ii. Counts towards NTRP
 - iii. Advances to State Championship
 - iv. Very social in Nature
 - v. 37 Teams in 2025
 - vi. 50 TEAMS is the Goal FOR 2026: The registration fee for the 2026 LCTA Tri-Level will be Free (3.15 TennisLink fee will still apply)

2. New Members for the Board of Directors

- a. Nancy Pitcarin read the board nominees, the nominating committee added
 - i. Stephanie Davis (Hanahan)
 - ii. Patty Evanko (Daniel Island)
 - iii. Marc Spears (Summerville)
- b. There was a motion to elect, the motion was seconded and there was a unanimous vote.
- c. The LCTA Board Members for 2026 are: Andrea Weinstein, Nancy Pitcairn, DJ Barnhill, Jen McCool, April Gift*, Charlotte Gerber, Val Mehta, Becky Williamson, Melinda Zegas*, Ken Edwards, Will Barrett, Stephanie Davis, Patty Evanko and Marc Spears.

*Non Voting Member

3. Director of Adult Leagues Report: Nancy Pitcairn

- a. Regulation Updates and clarification
 - i. Team Default Rule
 - a. The team that receives the default does not get credit for the win (Tennislink setting)
 - b. If the team that receives the default would have been “in the hunt” with the top teams, the matches for the top teams (and all teams) against the defaulting team would be removed
 - c. If the team receiving the default does not have a chance to be one of the top teams “in the hunt” but removing all matches would change the standings for the top teams, those matches would not be removed IF they have already played them prior to the default
 - d. If removing the matches for the flight does not change anything, there is no need to remove any of the matches
 - e. These actions should be taken at the completion of the season.

b. Weather Rule – Cold/Heat Policy

- i. A heat/cold rescheduling decision shall be made no sooner than 2 hours before the designated match start time. Each team will use <https://www.weather.com> by entering the location of the match to determine what conditions are predicted at match start time. No other weather resources may be used to obtain the forecast.
- ii. The following weather conditions may subject a match to be rescheduled:
 - a. If the “real feel/feels like” temperature is 38degrees or below at the time the match is scheduled to begin play, or forecast within 2 hours of match start time.
 - b. If the “real feel/feels like” temperature (heat index) is 100 degrees or higher at the time the match is scheduled to begin play, or forecast within 2 hours of match start time.
 - c. If both captains agree, players may play one or more courts in the heat/cold.
 - d. Rescheduled make-up matches due to cold/heat must follow procedures in Regulation 2.01K(1).
- iii. Makeup Match Lineups
 - a. Captains are encouraged to play all individual matches at the same time, just as they would in a regularly scheduled match; however, this is not a requirement. If the individual matches are being played on different days, the line-ups will be exchanged on the day that the individual matches are being played.
 - b. Team lineups on the make-up day do not have to be the same as they were on the day of the postponement even if the lineups had already been exchanged, and any defaults given during or prior to the line-up exchange are cancelled, however, any substitutions made to the lineup cannot be in the original lineup and players may not be moved within the match lineup card. *Substituting players must be on the roster at the time of line assignment and prior to the beginning of match play.*
 - c. If match play has begun (i.e., at least one point played in one individual match), completed matches will stand as played, incomplete matches must be resumed by the same players at the exact set, game and point score as when play was halted. Matches that have not started do not have to be played at the same time and date but can be arranged by the individuals involved in each of the individual matches.
 - d. For matches not started, substitutions may be made, however the substituting players cannot be in the original lineup and players may not be moved within the match lineup card. Substituting players must be on the roster at the time of line assignment and prior to the beginning of match play.
- c. Teams to State – based on number of teams registered
 - i. 2-11 teams - 1 team to State
 - ii. 12-23 teams - 2 teams to State

- iii. 24+ teams - 3 teams to State
- d. Nancy presented all of the 2025 State Champion Captains.

4. 2026 Facility Directors of the Year: Bill Ennis

- a. Bill congratulated Rob Eppelsheimer & Nancy Heinz and presented them with an award.

5. Multiple raffle prizes were given out throughout the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.