

LCTA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

7-19-26 5:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM

Facilitator: Andrea Weinstein - President

Note Taker: Jennifer McCool - Secretary

Executive Board Members Present: Andrea Weinstein, Jen McCool, DJ Barnhill, Marc Spears and Nancy Pitcairn

LCTA MISSION:

Our primary purpose at LCTA is to Innovate, Promote, and Grow the Game of Tennis. Along with the USTA, its vision is to “inspire innovation, create opportunities, impact lives, and build community through tennis.”

The meeting was opened by the President, Andrea Weinstein, at 5:31p.m. The following items were discussed.

CALL TO ORDER

Andrea

Announcements

1. Bids for State Tournaments: Due by September 16, 2026 for 2027 & 2028
 - a. Host site gets \$6/player plus \$2,000;
 - b. Need to find a host hotel;
 - c. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE STATE BID WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE EVENTS COMMITTEE.
2. Criteria for Facility Improvement Awards: work in progress by the Committee
 - a. Facilities would not be able to receive more than one award in a year;
 - b. Criteria to rate facilities based on how actively they participate in league play and tennis 101 & 102.
3. First Responders Red Ball Event
 - a. First Responders' Day: Wednesday, October 28th
 - b. SC State Initiative:
 - i. SC State has provided 3 Mt. Pleasant fire stations with nets, balls & racquets (nets are \$3,000 a piece)
 - c. LCTA to assist with introducing red ball tennis to the personnel at the 3 Mt. Pleasant fire stations (waiting for dates & times)
 - i. Firefighters may get credit for physical fitness;
 - ii. LCTA to organize 3 events with board members and membership to help teach red ball tennis;
 - iii. Jen to form membership committee to help with red ball tennis;
 - iv. May add junior players to help with kids of firefighters.

- d. If the introduction is well received, LCTA could expand the program to other first responders on Saturday, October 24th
 - i. Perhaps in conjunction with an LCTA Town Hall
 - ii. Expand to other first responders in Charleston County in 2026, then to Dorchester & Berkeley counties
- 4. St. Andrew's Court update:
 - a. Dee Mack told Andrea (via Brian) that St. Andrew's Parish has approved \$1.3 million for:
 - i. Re-surfacing of 8 courts and;
 - ii. Completely demolish & re-build the 3 courts closest to the playground.
- 5. Dampeners for DIC going to Nationals for team gifts:
 - a. Teams sometimes bring gifts for other teams at Nationals;
 - b. LCTA cost \$1.55 each with approximately 60 = \$93.00;
 - c. Per April SC may have dampeners they can donate with the SC Logo;
 - i. This logo may be more recognizable and associated with SC.
 - ii. The cost for these would be around \$100.

Nancy

- 1. Stipend for Teams going to Nationals:
 - a. existing policy= \$1500 stipend plus registration fees;
 - b. Nancy wanted to confirm this is the amount we had given prior teams going to Nationals;
 - c. DJ looked at her records and found that we gave Lancy Tyner's team a stipend of \$1,000 in 2024.

Jen

- 1. Players are having issues with bad calls during matches:
 - a. LCTA regulations no longer state you player can have an official call the lines in a league match;
 - b. Nancy suggested referring to Friend at Court (see link below);
 - c. DJ said there was a match where both teams agreed to have someone off the court watch the lines.
- 2. Players have asked about ratings for players who play college sports:
 - a. Nancy suggested going up the chain, LCTA doesn't handle rating disputes.

<https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2026-pdfs/2026-friend-at-court.pdf>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.