

PINE LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Monday March 9 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by president, Randy Markham. Board members present were Pat Stanley, Jill Brush, Ruth Sarno, Randy Markham and Rick Coats. Commissioner: Terry Brush

There was a quorum with 24 members present.

Minutes

All members had the minutes from March 10, 2025, sent to them via email and they were also available to read on the website.

Randy asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes as presented. There were none, so Irwin P. moved and Sandy seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Jill gave the current balances and an income and expense report. The details of the report are in the Secretary's binder.

Pat moved and Kathy W. seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

League Play

SWIFT- Sandy reported that the team has had a fun season. They are currently in fifth place, but may move up depending on other team results this final week. They enjoyed a fun "Retro 80's" day and have enjoyed beverages and snacks with other teams.

BLUE team- Ed reports that the team is doing well. There are 10 teams and they are hoping to get to 9th! He and Ron G. had their first win together, and John S. had his first win with Dave G. Next year, four of the players signed up are in their 80's!

WHITE- Irwin thanked our fans for supporting our team both here and at other parks. Greatly appreciated! In a five team league, the team is currently third, with only two matches remaining against both first and second place. There will be a league wide pizza party held here tomorrow evening.

Team Selection

Terry B. reports the sign-up sheets were put up and taken down at the appointed times. Each level has decided to go with one team each at SWIFT (15 players) SWIFT agreed on one team. Blue (12 players) and White (10 players - 2 subs).

Whispering Pines Reporter

Randy gave an enthusiastic thank you to Frank Tivnan for submitting the Whispering Pines articles each month this year. Frank has done a great job and is a talented reporter for our group.

President's Report

Randy thanked Ruth for stepping in to the President's role until he could get down to Pine Lakes mid January. He thanked Sandy and Jill for organizing a successful Welcome Back party. He congratulated Maggie, Ruth, and Sandy for organizing the first of the two ELS Good Neighbor tournaments. Further thanks were given to Sandy for looking after the second ELS tournament and for looking after group messaging to the membership when needed and being the liaison for the postings she creates to be put on the tennis website as part of "Our Pine Lakes." Randy then thanked Rick for his two years of service on the Board and the rest of the Board for their efforts during these challenging times (decline in membership.) Thanks to Ed, Frank T., and Ron G. for their work on the Nominating Committee. Thanks to Jill for planning the year end Pizza Party! Randy then made some observations of where we are now as a group based on comments from a round table meeting of previous Board members. With declining membership numbers it is difficult to find the necessary volunteers to assist with the many activities we like to do. Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing sports and therefore may be looking for more court time. There was confusion over funding for our annual tournaments possibly due to the high rate of turnover with park management. We are appreciative when ELS gets involved and supports our endeavors.

Election

Ed worked to find two new Board members to replace the two retiring members (Randy and Rick). He has added himself (a previous Board member) and Mike Hartnett (as a White team representative). Randy made a motion to accept the new members and Terry B. seconded. They won by acclamation.

Organizational Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 6th. By that time, an Organizational meeting needs to be held by the new Board to assign the various roles. Once this has been done, they will need to organize a Court Use Meeting to allot times for the Winter session for the various teams and social groups, including open sign-up.

Open To the Floor

Ideas were discussed including summer tennis, pickleball, battles for court times, attracting new members by offering help/instruction for new want-to-be tennis players. To this end, Jill handed out index cards for members to put down some suggestions for the Board for next year.

Motion to Adjourn

Terry B. made the motion to adjourn and Ed D. seconded

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rick Coats
PLTA Secretary