

**PINES LAKES TENNIS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
March 11, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Ed Dukes at 1:00pm in the living room.

After a discussion, the members were selected for the following positions:

Ed Dukes – President

Ruth Sarno – Vice President

Jill Brush – Treasurer

Pat Stanley – Secretary

Mike Hartnett – Member at Large

The Board then selected Ron Garcia as Commissioner for the organization.

For the regular season (October 16 through April 30), Pat Stanley volunteered to post the sign-up sheets every Saturday at 9:00am. Other Board members will post the sheets when Pat is not available.

The Board agreed to use sign-up sheets for the summer season (May 1 through October 15). The sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board every Saturday morning at 9:00 am.

A Court Use Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 3:00pm in the Activity Room. Team captains, a social tennis representative, PLTA president, PLTA member-at-large, PLTA secretary, PLTA commissioner, PLTA former commissioner, and Ron Garcia are expected to attend the meeting. The committee will present their recommendations at the next PLTA Board meeting for approval.

The Board reviewed the comment cards from the PLTA Annual General Meeting held on March 9, 2026. The majority of the comments related to the need for a new ball machine. The Board agreed to purchase a new electric machine (no batteries to maintain) that will be stored in the shed at the courts. The cost of the ball machine is approximately \$1,800. To help prevent theft of the new machine, a new keyed lock will be installed on the shed. All board members, all team captains, and other association members approved by the Board will be issued a key to the shed. The first aid cabinet will be moved outside the shed since the shed will be locked.

Member-at-Large, Mike Hartnett, will look into the tennis association flyer that is included in the new resident welcome packet to see if our insert should be updated to attract new members.

Member-at-Large, Mike Hartnett, also suggested hanging a banner (approximately 5' by 3") on the outside of the courts, visible to passing pedestrian and vehicular traffic, in attempt to attract new players. The verbiage is not yet decided and will be further discussed at the next meeting. John Stanley will create some samples for discussion and Mr. Stanley will also contact a vendor for an approximate cost.

Member-at-Large, Mike Hartnett, also volunteered to contact an ELS representative to express the association's need for a new leaf blower and court squeegee. Since it is ELS's responsibility to maintain the courts, the Board felt it is ELS's responsibility to replace those items.

Replacing the existing poster in the clubhouse lobby with an updated version was also discussed. The consensus was to have several PLTA members photographed and included on the poster with updated verbiage to attract some new members to the association. John Stanley will create a design for review and the Board will consider appropriate verbiage at the next meeting.

Secretary Pat Stanley volunteered to gather a group of volunteers from our association to commit to coaching community members interested in learning tennis. Pat will compose an email, to be approved by President Dukes, to send to all PLTA members. The Board hopes that weekly or biweekly lessons could help generate more community interest in playing/learning tennis. Hopefully, the Board can get a commitment from several members who can meet and plan a schedule to begin in the fall, perhaps in the late afternoon when there is less demand for court use. If there is a sufficient number of volunteers and dates can be established, that information could be included on the new banner and the new poster.

Prior to the meeting, Sandy Milley shared information about her current role in the Association—webmaster and email distributor. Since her house is on the market and she may not return next season, Sandy documented every step of the process for the person taking on those responsibilities in the future. However, Sandy offered to continue in her role until her house is sold. The Board discussed this and will ask Sandy to continue in her role as long as she is willing to do so.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2026, at 3:00pm in the clubhouse living room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.