

**Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Gary Smith.

Attendees: Gary Smith, Andrew Macfarlane, Mario Suarez, Maegen Demko, Charles Hamori, Angie Crawford, Michael Massaro and Colleen Clery Ferrell.

Approve Minutes and Absence - A motion was made by Angie and seconded by Mario to approve the January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. MMSC

Guest Speakers - Matt Previdi, Hiromi Sasano and Geoff Griffin, from HJK Ventures, attended the meeting to request reconsideration of the strict opening of the courts at 8:00 a.m. Their "Early Bird" clinics are being impacted by the recent time change and were requesting Tuesday and Thursday the courts be opened at 7:30 a.m. Angie mentioned that the court blowing in the 7:00 a.m. hour is not so much the issue as the Club's liability prior to the actual designated opening time of 8:00 a.m., which is in accordance with the Special Use Permit issued by the City of San Diego. Discussion will ensue in the Executive Session.

***Charles questioned why the board meeting was "open." He requested this be put into the bylaws. Follow up will occur at the March 2026 meeting.**

President's Comments - (Gary Smith) "We need to continue moving forward with what defines us as a team."

Club Director's Report (Colleen Clery Ferrell)

- A. Tuesday's Friend's Group Request - A club member requested moving the Tuesday Friend's Group to the back courts so members can play up front on Tuesday from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The Board agreed courts 6-8 are a better location because many pick up players are involved and the front courts allow for better visibility. In 2025, 47 different players participated in**

the group. The Board agreed on "no action" regarding the complaint.

- B. City Wide Cleaning Service summary - The new cleaning service has been efficient and comprehensive. It's also been helpful to have a supervisor from the company come by to inspect the work on a regular basis.**
- C. Little Mo Tournament Recap - Aside from the plumbing issue that occurred on the second day, there was an overall positive experience hosting Little Mo in conjunction with Barnes Tennis Center. The event coordinator is requesting to come back next year around the same date.**
 - A. Membership Total - 1,712 - cap of 1,750**
 - B. Waiting List - 91 - Cap of 150**
 - Court Usage - 73%**

Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance (Colleen)

The Club has \$284,110 in the bank, with \$132,412 in reserves. For the month of January 2026, court rental was up +\$1,335 and slightly higher in daily permits +\$245. Membership was down -\$4,000, as was overall income, which generally correlates with membership for the month. On the expense side, janitorial was elevated by \$2,880 with the transition from the old service to the new. Net income for the month +\$11,000. Income for the Budget vs. Actual report was under 4% with expenses also under 7%. These numbers will balance out as the year progresses.

B. Facilities

- **Logo Windscreen for courts 7&10 - There was enough money leftover from the M.A. Hillier donation to get logo windscreens on these two show courts as well. They are on order.**
- **Reservation Computer - The office computer broke and needed to be replaced immediately. BTC employee Timur Sabirov set up the new computer and synced the software without complication.**
- **Club Plumbing - The main line of the Club plumbing system clogged up during the Little Mo tournament. Rooter Hero was**

called in to clear out the line. Post tournament camera showed tree roots in the clay piping. Rockstar Plumbing is proposing to drill out the roots and insert a balloon lining to protect the old piping from intrusion for \$8,250. The board requested knowing the expected lifetime of the liner. Charles made a motion to approve the expense and Mario seconded. MMSC

C. Constitution and Bylaws - none

D. Employment and Personnel - none

E. Ethics - Angie recommended including a snippet from the BTC Code of Ethics on a regular basis in the Club Update. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

Contract and Lease

A. Route 6 Cafe - Various maintenance issues are being discussed and hopefully action taken regarding a leak in the ice machine, the broken screen at the Cafe window and the tattered smoothie flag hanging in front that needs to be replaced.

A. HJK Ventures - Hiromi and staff were very helpful during the Little Mo tournament. Wages for their service were paid by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Foundation.

Unfinished Business

- **The new date for the lower court resurfacing project is June 8-12, when the National Open used to be played. OLP is unable to pay until November, so BTC will absorb the cost until repayment. No word yet on payment from St. Augustine.**
- **Members have been complaining about the stench that drifts into court 10 while playing tennis when Eddie the homeless man, who hangs out at BTC, is sitting on the bench adjacent to the courts. The Board suggested City Wide Cleaning Service be made aware of this issue and come up with a solution. The Club Director will research a bench separator to keep people from sleeping there.**

New Business

- **League Update - Maegen is taking registrations for spring league tennis. There is an issue with three 3.5 men's teams signing up for the season, which exceeds the limit for court availability. Waiting on league coordinator to see if all three teams can be accommodated or if they need or can be**

combined. If this method doesn't work, Maegen is trying to come up with the best way to decide which teams can play at BTC. For transparency, she may have to bring them together and flip a coin. No decision yet. Maegen is proposing a signature from captains on the Club's Rules and Regulations, and also confirmation that all team players are members of BTC before their matches are scheduled. If the captains are not compliant, she is proposing a non compliance penalty. Issues need to be resolved before registration, as there is a two week window.

- **High Schools Requesting Courts for Eastern League Championships** - Six schools with an inadequate number of courts are requesting to play their matches at BTC. This request would be for a three day tournament. Charlie made a motion to approve as a "good will gesture." Michael seconded. MMSC

Adjournment - 8:07 p.m

Executive Session to Follow

Next Meeting is March 17, 2026