

Minutes
SCTA Meeting, December 4, 2019
Bayside Room, Lakehouse

Attendees: Bruce McConnell, President
Bob Chaiken, Past President
Chris Scott, Vice President
Tom Bastian, Treasurer
Sandy Donaldson, Secretary
Don Green, Nominating Committee Chair
Cindy Good, Director
Dudley Kay, Director
Deborah Thomas, Director
Debra Murray, Ambassador

Guests: P.J. Mahoney
Mary deCesare
Jim Hanna
Mitzi Hawley (Board nominee)
Sheryl Tschetter (Board nominee)

Meeting was called to order by Bruce McConnell at 6:00 pm. Tom Bastian confirmed there was a quorum and reading/approving the previous meeting's minutes was waived and minutes have been uploaded to the website.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Bastian

Tom went over the report as of 11/30/19. Overall, there was income of \$26,340 and expenses of \$35,423, for an ending balance of \$41,233. Of the \$41,233 monies on hand, \$7218 belongs to Women Tennis Organization (WTO) leaving the Sun City Tennis Association (SCTA) with a balance of \$34,015.

Tom led discussion of the first draft of the budget for 2020. Some of the discussion points included:

- Projected number of members paying \$50/per annum. As of 12/4/19, there are 565 paid members with a projection of 600 by start of 2020;
- Event registrations and costs—
 - Congratulations to Diane Dowling and the Social Committee for preselling over 50% of the tickets for the February 15th dinner dance “Moonlight Over Athens.” It is hoped that these committee members can continue to sell tickets at the upcoming meeting on December 16; and
 - WTO is only scheduling one event in 2020.
- Court Scheduling—we are paying \$26,000 for the court scheduler who will be hired by Gavin Cox. The scheduler will report to Gavin;
- Tennis facility enhancements—any enhancements we want in 2020 will be at our expense.

Proposed Budget for 2020 Discussion (cont.)

- WTO donations and scholarships
- Exhibitions
- Printing (directory)—*It was noted that the cost of the printed directory (\$1000) is a considerable investment when the directory is almost obsolete when it goes to print. The good news is this is because we have so many new members.*
Please note members will receive an electronic directory that they will need to update to verify their personal information. More details to come.
- IT office
- Miscellaneous
- How much cash do we want to carry on hand?

Tennis Facilities

Various issues were discussed by attendees relevant to the tennis courts and seating. These included:

- Rosetta mats
- Fabric over seating areas being replaced
- Covers being placed over top of short fences

Ambassador/Captain Roles: Deborah Thomas

Previously, there had been a complaint that if Tennis Ambassadors also served as team Captains, they have an advantage to assess new members as potential additions to their teams before other captains. Deborah pointed out that there is nothing in our Policies and Procedures nor our By-laws that prohibits a member serving both roles simultaneously. The wording suggests that “An Ambassador should avoid complications involved in being a USTA captain while serving in the Ambassador position” (Policies and Procedures, p. 59). It was noted that future complaints may result in needing to change our policy on the duality of roles (Ambassador/Captain).

Gavin Cox’s Role at Sun City

It should be noted **that SCTA did NOT** have any role in hiring Gavin Cox and his employees to come to Sun City. SCTA is working with Health and Wellness and Gavin to ensure that any additional opportunities (clinics, lessons, events, etc.) being brought by Gavin are coordinated with events, etc., originating from SCTA. SCTA members may benefit from Gavin’s working with the SCHHCA and our tennis community. More details will be offered at the upcoming December 16 meeting.

Member Count: Cindy Good reported for John Black

Currently, we have 565 paid members (Note: quorum is 46.). It was noted that 119 people who played organized tennis this year have not renewed.

Gavin Cox: Cindy Good

While SCTA had nothing to do with hiring Gavin’s company, a discussion was led by Cindy Good as to what our members need to know; some of the issues include that

- ✓ There needs to be a delineation between community tennis and SCTA tennis;
- ✓ Gavin is here because of SCHHCA, not SCTA;
- ✓ Gavin will hire and oversee the court scheduler;

Gavin Cox (continued): Cindy Good

- ✓ There needs to be discussion on the impact Gavin might have on the clinics, such as “Stroke of the Week” that is currently run by tennis pros already aligned with SCTA. P.J. Mahoney stated that he had met with Gavin to discuss this issue;
- ✓ Discussion needs to take place to determine how events organized by Gavin and events organized by SCTA will be scheduled, so we are not overloaded with events; and
- ✓ It was suggested that Gavin survey SCTA members to find out their needs/opportunities.

New Ombudsman: Cindy Good

Discussion relevant to assigning an Ombudsman took place and resulted in Diane Clary being named to the positions. Congratulations to Diane!

Meeting Agenda/Issues for December 16 Meeting at Hidden Cypress: Bruce McConnell

The tentative agenda was discussed relative to the upcoming General Membership meeting at Hidden Cypress Ballroom on Monday, December 16, at 6:00 pm. These included:

1. Introduction
2. Verification of quorum (46)
3. Treasurer’s Report (PowerPoint)
4. Introduce new members
5. Promote dinner dance
6. Vote for new Board members
7. Gavin Cox

Miscellaneous:

- The board approved ordering a tennis business card that will provide relevant information about tennis to people who inquire. Information to include:
 - Welcome
 - Website URL
 - Chelsea information
 - Username (on back to be filled in by user)
 - Password (on back to be filled in by user)
- It was discussed that if SCTA players do not pay dues for 2020, they cannot play in SCTA events or on SCTA teams;
- The SCHHCA Board of Directors is considering charging a \$20 fee anytime they find a player box is listed as “Guest” on a court sheet at the start of the day. When SCTA hear about this decision, SCTA suggested reinstating the \$10 guest fee from a few years ago, but the SCHHCA Board has decided on \$20. Watch for more information and remember—**THIS IS NOT AN SCTA DECISION, SO ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SCHHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
- The Board also discussed the possibility of fining people who reserve courts but do not show up; this was tabled for future discussion.
- Chris Scott stated that communication will be the #1 priority in 2020.
- Discussion about including meeting minutes in the weekly Eblast took place with no decision made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.