

Minutes  
SCTA Meeting, March 5, 2020  
Bayside Room, Lakehouse

Attendees: Chris Scott, President  
Cindy Good, Vice President  
Tom Bastian, Treasurer  
Sheryl Tschetter, Secretary  
Bruce McConnell, Past President  
Dudley Kay, Director  
John Black, Director  
Deborah Thomas, Director  
Debra Murray, Ambassador

Absent: Mitzi Hawley, Director

Guests: Steve Sandike  
Gavin and Jill Cox  
Sign in sheet on file

Chris Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from February. The motion passed.

Tom Bastian, Treasurer, presented the financial report (see Addendum A.) and reported that the Sun City Hilton Head (SCHH) Finance Committee has selected SCTA to be audited March 24. This is routine and Tom expects no problems. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ROSETTA/AUSSIE MATS:** Chris Scott reported that Chris Archer had built straps to hang the Rosetta mats properly to avoid destroying them by hanging them over the fences. Bruce McConnell suggested we purchase four (4) Aussie mats to use on the new courts 15 and 16 to try them and see if they last longer. Tom Bastian said that we can support the purchase of four mats. The board approved the purchase of the four Aussie mats.

**NOTE: If anyone sees that a mat is tearing up a court or courts, please notify our Ombudsman, Diane Clary, ([diane.clary@gmail.com](mailto:diane.clary@gmail.com)).**

**NEW SCTA 2020 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** John Black presented the 2020 Membership Directory and reported that 700 directories will cost \$846.00. Further discussion resulted in the board approving the purchase of the 700 plus an additional 50 copies for use by our tennis ambassadors.

**ROCKS:** Cindy Good and Diane Clary walked courts with Geo Villegas, Sun City Hilton Head Community Association (SCHHCA) projects coordinator, and reported that at this time, there is nothing the SCTA can do to remove the rocks between courts because the rocks are in place for

drainage and required by Beaufort County. However, the rocks around the bleachers between courts 6 and 7 will be removed and possibly replaced by concrete, and perhaps the rocks surrounding the bleachers between courts 2 and 3 might have dirt on one side and rocks on the other. For now, Beaufort County is not budging. Chris and the board will continue to bring this issue to the attention of the SCHCA Board of Directors, but for now, **please be careful when retrieving tennis balls that end up in the rock area.**

#### **COURT UPDATES: Cindy Good**

1. Dryness on Courts 9-12: The electrical boxes that regulate the watering on these individual courts were damaged during the renovation and attempts at repairs have not been sufficient — new boxes have been ordered and will be replaced shortly.
2. The holes appearing on court 2 are due to an irrigation connection problem underground and Evergreen has been notified and will be on site within a week's time.
3. Safety issues regarding the step downs have been addressed and the steps are going to be painted in yellow to serve as a warning for players.
4. Gazebo on court 12 will be repaired within the next 2 weeks.
5. Stones between courts were placed for storm water control to be in compliance with Beaufort County regulations. However, the stones leading to the bleachers between courts [10 and 11] are being removed and the suggestion has been to pour concrete for level access.
6. Our benches have been painted and returned for everyone's viewing pleasure... enjoy!!!!
7. A new net has been ordered to install between courts 3 and 4. (SCTAtennis.com)

Cindy also investigated purchasing additional bleachers, such as those between courts 6 and 7, and found out that it costs approximately \$1200 for two sets of bleachers (one facing each way). However, this does not include the costs of pouring concrete or building a platform for the bleachers. Follow-up includes developing a project request and sending that to everyone.

Chris Scott discussed court maintenance and has forwarded videos regarding required steps for court maintenance on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. We are now going on normal court rotation with two courts/day opening later after they have been groomed and maintained.

Tom Bastian asked about the possibility of getting shade structure on courts 15 and 16. This will be investigated further.

**GUEST FEES:** Chris Scott reported that we have achieved a victory in the guest fees. He and the SCTA board have negotiated the guest fees from \$20 per person to \$10 per person, \$20 maximum, and **NO GUEST FEES AFTER 5:00 PM.**

**LOGO BUILDING:** Chris was happy to update the board that the verbal abuse of staff in the LOGO Building has subsided. If there is any conflict in the future, the staff will call Securitas immediately.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**WALL OF CHAMPIONS:** Chris Scott and Cindy Good are working with Geo to re-erect a wall that will be two-sided where we can display accomplishments by SCTA members. This will

be located by the LOGO Building. Cindy thanked Larry Manning from Woodworking who is helping develop the design.

**REPORT FROM GAVIN:** Gavin discussed the following issues.

1. Court maintenance
  - a. Gavin continues to push for improvement in court maintenance
  - b. Some of the problem lies with our underground water system
2. Lessons
  - a. Gavin has opened some courts, usually court 6, as he determines the happy medium between holding clinics and releasing courts based on participants' needs.
  - b. He continues to modify clinics based on participation resulting in most clinics focused on 2.5, 3.0, and 3.5 levels of play. He is using the results of his earlier survey as well.
  - c. In March, he is offering a Thursday morning men's clinic.
  - d. When courts are released, watch Chelsea, as these courts are released
    - i. The day before if not needed, or
    - ii. the day of, he releases courts in the early morning or at midday.
3. **Events & Tournaments:** Gavin will be organizing
  - a. **FRIDAY, MAY 22: PRO'S NIGHT AT SUN CITY**
    - i. Gavin hopes to make this a part of our silver anniversary
  - b. 4<sup>th</sup> of July: Connected to Wimbledon
  - c. Fall: a type of boot camp with 12 coaches
  - d. November: Club championships and Gavin hopes to offer exhibition around the championships.

**CHANGES TO POLICIES & PROCEDURES (P&P):** Steve Sandike

Steve pointed out some of the revisions already made to the P&P which is located on the SCTA website (SCTAtennis.com). Some of the issues raised include Intraclub, Refunds, and Tennis Instruction. Key updates to these sections are summarized below.

**Intraclub (P & P, pp. 23-25)**

- Format options
  - determined by an elected Coordinator
  - inclusive for any SCTA member of like rating
  - NOT to be used to acquire a private "group" outside the lottery process
- Coordinators
  - Coordinators will be re-elected through an internal, anonymous vote of all like-rated players every 2 years.
- Assignment of courts
  - "Unlike USTA, Sun City Intraclub players must leave the court at the end of their allotted time" (P & P, p. 24).

**Refunds (P & P, p. 28)** John Black suggested we develop a policy for refunds. The board agrees that refunds will be allowed up to January 31 of that year. Otherwise, refunds will be handled individually and will only be granted for medical reasons supported by evidence.

**Tennis Instruction (P & P, p. 15)** Deborah Thomas suggested the board review the wording, especially in the final sentence which implies that SCTA sponsors the lessons.

Discussion regarding whether or not the general membership should review the document was tabled. Further discussion will take place once the final draft is finished.

Steve reminded everyone that the Policies & Procedures document (P & P) is a “living” document and will continue to change. He hopes to have the latest revision to the board for review in March. He recommends that all new players become familiar with the document, especially the first 24 pages. It can be found under Documents on [www.sctatennis.com](http://www.sctatennis.com)

**CLUB SHOWCASE:** Cindy Good announced that the Club Showcase, part of the Silver Anniversary, is scheduled for May 14, and all clubs are expected to participate. SCTA needs to staff the LOGO building from 9-3 that day. Cindy suggested Mitzi Hawley and Gavin Cox might organize this event, so that when anniversary attendees come to LOGO to find out about tennis, we have information and members available. Cindy also suggested that our tennis ambassadors might be perfect for this occasion.

**SHED CLEANOUT:** Cindy also indicated that she needs help to clean out our shed (located by the croquet lawn). She will send out a date for the cleanup and at the meeting, Dudley Kay, Diane Clary, Michael Chen, Anne Clemmitt, and Bruce McConnell indicated they were willing to help.

**SUITCASE PROJECT:** Cindy Good brought to the board’s attention a charity created by two 8<sup>th</sup> graders who want to collect **used** suitcases/backpacks to be distributed to foster kids, so they do not have to pack their clothes into trash bags. Sheryl Tschetter will investigate further with Sun City Hilton Head Board of Directors and Lifestyle. Cindy thought that if we could get community wide participation, we could connect it to the September Parking Lot Sale where the charity would park a truck to collect donations.

**WOMEN’S TENNIS ORGANIZATION (WTO):** Anne Clemmitt reported that the WTO is not sponsoring Tennis in the Pink in the fall. In lieu of Tennis in the Pink, the WTO would like to host a “Meet and Greet” on either September 16 or September 23. The organization would like to have an exhibition of women playing high level tennis on court 1 during this event. More details to follow.

Tennis in the Pink usually generates around \$3000 in donations. Since it is not being held this fall, the WTO hopes that participation in the upcoming Carnival Extravaganza will generate similar donations. Signups for the Carnival Extravaganza are ongoing in the LOGO building and on the SCTA website. The flyer for this event can be found in Addendum C.

Food for Love, a fundraiser for Bluffton Self Help was very successful resulting in three carloads of food and \$1055 in donations being delivered. Anne wanted to thank Jo Ellen Bittner and the Fireballs for all their help.

March 17, 2020: Bluffton Self Help will be outside Pinckney collecting food for Easter meals to be distributed to those in need.

Anne thanked Cindy for promoting these events through her Eblasts.

**MIX & MATCH 2020:** Dudley Kay reported that this tournament is full with 160 members signed up to play and more on waiting lists. He has been successful securing enough sponsors to cover the cost of all team shirts and is continuing his sponsor search to cover the cost of hats and visors. Dudley is trying to find the best way to publicly announce the previous day's match results and the current day's matchups: all-member emails or club website postings? **Kay Hanna** is managing the food and beverages committee for the "Meet Your Team" party. Captains, team rosters, and the daily schedules of matches, devised by **Neil Shannon**, have all been set.

**Adjournment:** Chris Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

#### Public Comments

Question: Will courts 13 and 14 be reconditioned when 15 and 16 are opened?

Answer: No, it has been brought up several times, but Pulte is building 15 and 16, not our Community Association. It will continue to be brought forward.

Question: Can the 10:30 session responsibility for grooming the courts be transferred to those playing at noon since the noon session is two hours long?

Answer: No

Question: Will the paint being used to cover the step down have a gripping element?

Answer: Yes

It was brought to the attention of the board that perhaps the bulletin boards should be redesigned. They are dangerous because they open at the top and the glass opens down.

Addendum A

**SCTA Cash Flow**  
**YTD February 2/29/2020**

<b>Category</b>	<b>1/1/2020- 2/29/2020</b>
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
2020 Member Dues	\$ 32,150
Event Registrations	\$ 4,025
Other Inc	\$ 40
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 36,215</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Capital Expenditure	\$ 758
Court Scheduling	\$ 6,500
Decorations	\$ 75
Donations	\$ 500
Entertainment	\$ 2,000
Food	\$ 6,003
Gifts	\$ 100
Information Technology	\$ 320
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 16,255</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ 19,960</b>
<b>SCTA Balance 2.29.2020</b>	<b>\$ 61,193</b>
<i>Breakdown</i>	
<b>SCTA</b>	<b>\$ 54,455</b>
<b>WTO</b>	<b>\$ 6,738</b>