

SCTA Meeting Minutes
Grassy area at Courts 5 and 6
October 7, 2020

NOTE: To comply with social distancing protocols, no attendance sheet was passed. Approximately 60 members attended the meeting.

Board Attendees: Chris Scott, President
Cindy Good, Vice-President
Tom Bastian, Treasurer
Sheryl Tschetter, Secretary
Dudley Kay, Director
John Black, Director
Deb Thomas, Director
Bruce McConnell, Past President

Absent: Mitzi Hawley, Director

Guests: Anna Maria Tabernik, Resident Board Member, SCHHCA
Bill Van Houten, Resident Board Member, SCHHCA
Gavin Cox

Call to Order: Chris Scott, President

Chris Scott, President of SCTA, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. After establishing that we had a quorum, Chris moved to have the previous minutes approved and minutes were approved.

SCHHCA Resident Board Members: Anna Maria Tabernik and Bill Van Houten

Chris explained why the two resident board members were attending the meeting. Chris explained that each candidate would have five minutes to speak and 10 minutes to answer questions. Both candidates agreed that it was a shame that with two positions open, they were the only two running and they are incumbents. They reinforced that it appears by the end of 2023, Pulte will be gone, and Sun City will be governed by a board that is 100% residents. Both candidates share ideologies regarding transparency, communication, and resident focused decisions. Of these two candidates, the one getting the most votes gets a three-year term and the other gets a two-year term. **VOTE!!**

Treasurer's Report—Tom Bastian, Treasurer

Tom Bastian, SCTA Treasurer, went through the Treasurer's Report ending September 30, 2020. He explained how quarter four of this year is expensive. This is due to upgrades including shade coverings for courts 15 and 16, benches for courts 15 and 16, and bleachers. (See Addendum A.)

A member asked why SCTA, rather than SCHHCA, pays for so many upgrades since tennis is a community wide amenity. Chris Scott explained that the SCHHCA paid approximately \$1 million dollars to renovate the tennis courts. Since the renovation, the SCHHCA has said it will not give any more money to SCTA for two years. However, the SCHHCA will be asking vendors

of the renovation project to fix any remaining problems at no cost. Chris has no answer for why all tennis players, not just SCTA, are not asked to pay.

Old Business

New Club Rating Report—Mary DeCesare and Deb Murray

In Addendum B, please find the complete written report that was the result of meetings held with approximately 14 members (primarily Intraclub coordinators, both men and women) as well as Steve Sandike, John Black, and Gavin Cox.

Mary and Deb presented an overview of the report to the board. Chris indicates that the proposed club rating system will be presented at the general meeting next month and a vote will be taken there. Please review the report at Addendum B.

Current Projects: Cindy Good, SCTA Vice-President

Cindy Good, SCTA Vice-President, reported that she is involved with two current projects.

- The first is the water fountain and ice machine for the north side. She is waiting for the final costs to be determined before moving forward. Pickleball has agreed to split the costs of these two items, but Chris Scott announced he is working with SCHHCA to split the costs three ways with SCHHCA picking up the additional third.
- The second project is the awards wall--Cindy feels there is not much interest in re-establishing this wall, so she is looking into alternative ways to invest this money to benefit tennis members. One possibility is a hitting wall on the north side.

Chris pointed out that where we had rocks on court 5, we now have concrete as requested.

Gavin Cox

Club Championship: Mark your calendars for November 16 – 22, 2020

Gavin announced that the Club Championship has been scheduled and will be run through Tennis Link online. Brett Robertson, Head Tennis Pro for Sun City, will serve as Director of the Club Championship.

The Club Championships will

- Be a standard format—best of three sets with the third set being a tie breaker (weather permitting).
- Cost \$20 to sign up for one event (\$3 goes to USTA for using Tennis Link) and if you sign up for a second event, it will cost an additional \$6, with \$3 going to USTA.
- Participants must be SCTA members—a great opportunity to increase membership.
- Levels will be 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0.
- Registration should begin very quickly, so watch for updates on this event.

Website Updating:

Gavin recognizes the frustration when the Chelsea home page is not updated as quickly as members would like regarding court conditions, especially after it rains. Gavin's goal is to offer as much tennis as possible, so he is working with Health and Wellness to staff the LOGO building seven days per week in 2021 with the LOGO building being staffed on Sunday until

noon. Also, he suggests members clear the cache their electronic devices and avoid using cookies, as this helps members access the most current Chelsea Homepage.

Ball Machine:

Gavin explained that for now, the only availability for the ball machine are the hours LOGO building is staffed. He recognizes that some members work and not having the ball machine available in later hours is a problem. He continues to work to resolve this issue and is hopeful the extra staffing in the LOGO building on Sundays in 2021 will help . Hours of operation for the ball machine are now posted on Chelsea home page.

It was brought up that court 4, the ball machine court, is used Monday through Friday from noon to 2:00 pm for Intraclub use. Is there a way to move Intraclub and reopen court 4 for ball machine usage? Steve Sandike will follow up with the board to discuss this issue, so we have an answer before the next lottery meeting in January 2021 for spring lotteries and groups.

Court Maintenance: LOGO courts

Gavin reported that six courts will be closed Friday night, October 9, so clay can be added to them. Then, next Tuesday, October 13, the other six will be closed so clay can be added as well. The irrigation vendor who worked on the courts' renovation is returning to solve problems on courts 2, 9, and possibly 11. The same is true with the vendor for fencing; they will be returning to fix the problems with balls leaving the court under fencing.

New Business

WTO Report: Anne Clemmitt

Please refer to Addendum C to view Anne's complete report. Anne reports that WTO's annual fundraiser has been rescheduled for April 10, 2021. JoJo Barthman will continue to chair the event, but she needs volunteers. Please contact JoJo at her email, jbarthman1984@gmail.com. Anne also shares the story of a 14-year-old boy from the Beaufort area who seems to be a tennis whiz and has received scholarship money from WTO and Chris Scott's foundation to attend a pre-college opportunity in Florida.

October 28 is Pink Day at Sun City Tennis! Please wear pink on the last Wednesday of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Members of WTO will be around the courts with donation boxes and possibly water bottles.

Survey Results to Retain Current Board: John Black, Director, Membership

As Chris Scott explained, SCTA has been granted a waiver to extend its current board for one year. Unfortunately, there were very few volunteers to run for board positions for 2021. John Black reported that 334 members submitted the survey and 316 (or 94.6%) voted yes to keep the board. Chris Scott hopes that any member not satisfied with what the board has accomplished will let us know how we can improve, and doing so anonymously is fine.

John reported we have 708 members to date.

Ambassadors' Report: Deb Thomas, Director, Ambassadors

Unfortunately, Deb Thomas is leaving the board at the end of this year, as she has fulfilled her two-year commitment. She will be missed. Deb's report can be read in its entirety as Addendum D.

Review of SCTA Website: Sheryl Tschetter, Secretary

Sheryl Tschetter, SCTA Secretary, was tasked with reviewing the SCTA website. She opened every link to determine what worked and where we could improve. She reported that Bud Brooks and others (Steve Sandike and John Black) should be thanked for information contained on the website. Also, she found only a few links where pages and information did not exist. In general, she suggested that the website should be refreshed, refocused, and updated to reflect the goals of the current board and membership, including reinforcing the multiple projects undertaken by the current board that allows every resident playing tennis to enjoy.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

CASH INFLOWS

	\$
2020 Member Dues	35,350
	\$
Donations 2020	100
	\$
Event Registrations	4,205
	\$
Other Inc	135
	\$
TOTAL INFLOWS	39,790

February Dinner Dance, \$4,830 was collected in December '19.

CASH OUTFLOWS

	\$
Capital Expenditure	4,388
	\$
Court Scheduling	16,609
	\$
Court Sweepers	2,139
	\$
Decorations	530
	\$
Donations	1,000
	\$
Entertainment	2,000
	\$
Food	6,003
	\$
Gifts	100
	\$
Information Technology	320
	\$
Maintenance Supplies	385
	\$
Misc. Expenses	353
	\$
Printing	921
	\$
Rent	90
	\$
Scholarships	1,000
	\$
Supplies	535
	\$
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	36,371

Ball Machine Shed & Bleacher Platforms

Paid through 9.30 (see below)

February Dinner Dance

WTO

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Brochures

WTO

	\$
Net Cash Flow	3,419

	\$
SCTA Cash Balance	39,314
	\$
WTO Cash Balance	5,338
	\$
Total Cash Balance	44,652

To be Paid Q4 2020

	\$	
October Scheduling Invoice Q4	6,500	Paid 10/2
	\$	
Shade Covering Courts 15 & 16	9,000	
	\$	
Benches 15 & 16	1,750	
	\$	
Bleachers	1,550	
	\$	
Miscellaneous	200	
	\$	
Total To be Paid Q4 2020	19,000	

	\$
Estimated 12/31/2020 Cash Balance	25,652

	\$
Budgeted 12/31/2020 Cash Balance	24,385

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ADDENDUM B

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Terms within this document:

Club – Sun City Tennis Association (SCTA)

Self-rating - a player's own estimate of his/her USTA's NTRP (National Tennis Rating Program) level of play

USTA Rating – the NTRP rating based on USTA League competition results

IntraClub – players in leagues or same-level competition who are all SCTA members

Rating Agent – a tennis professional or like-qualified individual approved by the SCTA Board who can determine a player's rating after a formal evaluation

League Coordinator – a volunteer member who oversees a certain gender and skill level competition among teams or pairings with the primary duties of filling the total roster of qualified players, enlisting team captains, establishing the play schedule, setting the scoring and standings methods, and laying out the rules and policies of play.

PURPOSE: To establish a method for current and accurate ratings of player skill in order to maintain fair and competitive play in SCTA-sanctioned leagues, tournaments, and events.

ISSUE: Outside of adopting a player's established USTA skill level, there has never been anything in writing within the SCTA bylaws for verifying or altering Self-rated players who do not participate in USTA leagues or the player whose USTA rating has lapsed to Inactive. We as a group have been asked to discuss and present a process to verify, maintain, or change self-ratings to a fair and accurate Club rating.

This draft of a policy and its attendant procedures has been drawn up with our ideas and will be presented to the SCTA Board for discussion at the next Board meeting.

POLICY

A Club rating - in lieu of a USTA NTRP or a Self-rating - should be established for use with SCTA-sanctioned activities. The Club rating will be required and maintained for all SCTA members who wish to participate in an SCTA-sanctioned event, including, but not limited to, IntraClub and InterClub leagues, Mix and Match and SCTA Doubles tournaments, and holiday socials.

The SCTA Club rating will be used solely for SCTA-sanctioned events. Though a Club rating may be derived from an active USTA rating, it will be distinct and separate from the USTA rating and will in no way replace or supersede the USTA rating for USTA events.

For members participating solely in social play and groups using the lottery, a Club rating will not be required.

Member ratings will be conducted by a Rating Agent assigned by the SCTA Board.

PROCEDURES

The following procedures will be used to establish and maintain a Club rating method for SCTA members.

1. Maintaining the SCTA Club Rating

After the Club ratings are initially established for SCTA competition, the ratings will be maintained and updated on an ongoing basis. The following are the procedures to be followed:

- A new SCTA member who has an active USTA rating may choose to use that rating as their initial SCTA Club rating, in lieu of being evaluated by the Rating Agent. Without a current USTA rating, a new member will be evaluated by a Rating Agent for a Club rating before being permitted to participate in any SCTA-sanctioned activity. The Rating Agent will notify the Membership Chairperson of the new player's rating for the member database and online Membership Directory.
- Any member who wishes to have their Club rating changed, whether up or down, will need to be evaluated by the Rating Agent, who will determine if the change is appropriate. The Rating Agent will notify the Membership Chairperson to update the member database and online Membership Directory of any change required.
- Any member who has a Self-rating ('S' in the member database) and wishes to play in an SCTA-sanctioned activity will need to be evaluated by the Rating Agent and be given a Club rating prior to participating. The Rating Agent will notify the Membership Chairperson to update the member database and online Membership Directory of any change required.
- A League Coordinator or Tournament Director may ask a member to be evaluated if, in the Coordinator/Director's opinion, and/or recommendations from their captains or veteran players, their current level of play is judged not competitive for the league/event.
- A member of the Rating Agent team could also initiate an evaluation, if found necessary. The member's rating would then be moved up, down, or remain the same, depending upon the evaluation. The Rating Agent will notify the Membership Chairperson to update the member database and online Membership Directory of any change required.
- If a member drops out of competitive play, including, but not limited to, IntraClub, InterClub,, USTA, and other SCTA-sanctioned events, for two years, then their Club rating will be inactivated, and the member must be re-rated by the Rating Agent before participating again in SCTA-sanctioned events. The Rating Agent will notify the Membership Chairperson to update the member database and online Membership Directory of any change required.

2. SCTA Use of the Club Rating

- The League Coordinator(s) and Tournament Director(s) are responsible for ensuring that the members who participate in their league/event have a current Club rating.
- Tournament Directors will utilize the Club rating to determine the appropriate playing level of all members playing in the SCTA-sanctioned tournament event.

The IntraClub League Coordinators will utilize the Club rating to determine which members are appropriate to play in their respective league using the following guidelines:

- In general, only members with a rating equal to the league skill level should play in any particular league. The league that is equal to their Club rating will be considered their 'home' or default league.
- For a member to play 'outside' of their league, the Coordinators of both leagues (from and to) must mutually agree that having the member play outside their rating will not adversely affect the competitiveness of either league.
- The League Coordinator of the 'home' league must ensure that the season's roster for their league is adequate with their home-rated members before any prospective league members are allowed to play outside of their Club-rating.
- A member may be invited to play in an IntraClub league 'outside' of a player's 'home' league only in the event that league does not have enough players to fill their roster. A player at a different level cannot take the spot of a player or players who are Club-rated at the league's level. A member wishing or invited to 'play up or down' a level must have the permission of both the to- and from- League Coordinators, or, if no League Coordinator exists at the level involved, a designated Board member must approve.

ADDENDUM C

WTO Report Oct. 7,2020

The WTO annual charity fundraiser has been rescheduled for April 10 , 2021. Hopefully ,all will be well to present a much needed event to raise funds for our local charities of choice . JoJo Barthman will continue to chair the event . Volunteers will still be needed. . Please contact her by email-- jbarthman1984@gmail.com . She will begin reorganizing early December .

A donation of \$500 has been given to a 14 year old boy from the Beaufort area to help send him to the One Tennis Academy in Boca Raton , Fla. Morgan (MoMo) Woodson's tennis skills and academic standing has earned him a pre-college opportunity with a full scholarship to the academy . We are very proud to be able to help MoMo any way we could and look forward to following his progress.

Thank you ,
Anne Clemmitt
WTO chairperson

ADDENDUM D

Ambassador Report, October 7, 2020

Ambassador Report Correction:

New 2 10S brought in 50+ members for the entire year so far. Kudos to PJ Mahoney for supplying at least half of the 102 total new members for the year. John Black reports we have 706 total members at this time.

Deb