

SCTA Meeting Minutes
Court 1 Seating, Sun City
November 4, 2020

NOTE: To comply with social distancing protocols, no attendance sheet was passed, members sat six feet apart, and masked were required. Approximately 20 members attended the meeting.

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

Absent: Deb Thomas, Director

Guests: Gavin Cox

Call to Order: Chris Scott, President

Chris Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. After establishing that a quorum was met, Chris asked to have the October 7, 2020 minutes approved, and the board approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Bastian, Treasurer

Tom Bastian covered two items—the current Treasurer's Report (through October 31, 2020) and the proposed budget for 2021

The Treasurer's Report is Addendum A attached to this document for your perusal.

The Proposed 2021 Budget is Addendum B attached to this document. This is the SCTA budget only. Members should note the four assumptions contained in the proposed budget. Tom reminded members that any expenditure over \$3000 must have membership approval. The general membership must approve the proposed budget and membership will be notified of that process. It might be via Google form.

NOTE: 1) Dues will remain at \$50 for 2021; and 2) To pass the proposed budget, the By-laws require 8% of the membership to vote. At this time, we have 727 members, so the 8% requirement would be met with approximately 60 votes.

Old Business

Club Rating Changes: Chris Scott

Chris explained that Intraclub Coordinators were asked to work on a club ratings process to improve competitive play and report their results back to the board. Chris complimented their efforts and thanked them. Chris acknowledged that the work done by this committee provided

insight into areas not related to club ratings, but important to tennis. As this is a significant issue, Chris discussed several elements regarding making any changes to club ratings. These include

- SCTA has a fiduciary responsibility and cannot lose members. Without meeting this responsibility, SCTA could cease to exist, along with all the programs and leagues it supports;
- SCTA must have money to pay scheduler;
- SCTA board is discussing the need to
 - research providing mentoring for new coordinators, captains, etc.;
 - determine the impact a club rating policy might have on membership;
 - consider adding a 2.5 female Ambassador;
 - consider the impact of a rating policy on new players;
 - consider providing a process for players to change their level of play, especially since USTA has not rebooted; and
 - determine how to update the SCTA Policies and Procedures.

Chris will continue to update the membership on this issue as the board moves forward.

Current Projects: Cindy Good, Vice-President

North side water and ice: Cindy Good informed the members that our co-project with Pickleball for shared water and ice access was no longer being considered, as Pickleball had determined their money is better spent elsewhere. Tennis players on the north side will need to continue bringing their own water to the courts or they can access ice and water in the golf maintenance shack.

Suggestions: Cindy wants to hear from members on what enhancements they would like to see in 2021. Some ideas include

- replacing canvas where needed;
- moving numbers to the back of the courts (in process soon); and
- discussing whether we have an awards wall.

Stadium concrete: Chris Scott pointed out that the concrete around the stadium seating has been corrected.

Ball Machine: Gavin Cox

Gavin Cox understands the current complaints about the ball machine. He has been working to get the LOGO building staffed until noon on Sundays, which would increase ball machine hours. He has also worked with SCHHCA to offer the ball machine until 8:00 pm. In total, these changes would add 23 hours of usage per week for the ball machines. However, anyone not following protocol for using the ball machine will not be allowed to use it.

SCTA Club Championships: Gavin Cox

Gavin Cox reported that

1. although the entries are not closed, there are 84 entries at this time. This exceeds the previous total of entries. Entries close on November 9;

2. the matches should start about 2:00 pm during the tournament, Monday, November 9 through Sunday, November 15;
3. categories of matches are
 - i. Monday/Tuesday women's and men's doubles
 - ii. Wednesday mixed doubles
 - iii. Thursday/Friday various categories
 - iv. Saturday semi-finals
 - v. Sunday finals at 2:00 pm.
4. While there are more entries this tournament than the previous, Gavin feels there should be 200-300 players and will research ways of increasing entries for the future, including surveying the membership.

Chris Scott congratulated Gavin on court maintenance—Chris stated that the courts were in better shape and ever before. Gavin and his team have placed new clay on courts and have plans to place more in the future.

New to Tennis Program: Gavin Cox

Gavin explained that beginning on Wednesday, November 4, eight people with tennis ratings of 1.5 or lower began a six-week course of instruction. This is a new program just introduced and open to all tennis players.

Membership Drive: Chris Scott, President

Chris introduced “10 Reasons to Join SCTA.” (Addendum C attached.) These reasons will be posted using “A” boards by the LOGO building.

New Business

Membership Report: John Black, Director

John Black, Director, reported that SCTA has 727 members currently. So far, 302 people have renewed for 2021 and CAM cards will be charged in January 2021. Also, during October, SCTA added 18 new players to its membership roster. Dudley Kay suggested that emails announcing membership renewals include a link that goes directly to the membership renewal form.

WTO Report: Anne Clemmitt

Anne thanked members who supported WTO's “Tennis in the Pink” event on October 28. While the pandemic impacted any possible tennis event, Anne and her team collected \$3625 to be donated to Carolina Cups. This is a higher amount than any previous event because there were no expenses to be paid. Specifically, Ann thanked Cindy Good, women's intraclub players, especially Mary de Cesare and her team the Double Shots for the outstanding decorations, and Mitzi Hawley for the painted pink stones.

Miscellaneous: Chris Scott

Chris announced that the SCTA website will have a page for new tennis players to watch video on tennis basics, scoring, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.