

SCTA Meeting Minutes
The Pavilion
March 3, 2021

Masks were required and social distancing was upheld. Approximately eight members attended.

Board Attendees: Chris Scott, President
Cindy Good, Vice President
Tom Bastian, Treasurer
Sheryl Tschetter, Secretary
Mitzi Hawley, Director
Trudy Collins, Director
John Black, Director
Dudley Kay, Director

Guests: Gavin Cox

Chris Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. He confirmed a quorum was present and the minutes from the December 2, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Bastian

Tom Bastian, SCTA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report through February 28, 2021. Tom explained that payments for scheduling would be coming up, and as of the end of February, the SCTA balance was \$4,720 for WTO and \$50,957 for SCTA. The board approved the minutes; the report is included at the end of these minutes as Addendum A.

Update: Gavin Cox

Ball Machine and Ratings Clinic: Gavin reported that the increased hours for operation of the ball machine and the process for using it in the evenings is working with very few exceptions, and most members seem happy with the additional hours and process. He reminded the board that he and his staff provide ball machine orientation on the first Saturday of each month followed by a ratings clinic if there is demand for the clinic. Next scheduled date is Saturday, March 6.

Courts 15 & 16: Gavin recognized the continuing problem with dead spots on courts 15 and 16. He, Chris, and Cindy have rolled the courts and worked to alleviate this problem. Brad Phillips, General Manger, Sun City Community Association, has agreed to call in the contractor to help solve the problem.

LOGO Staff and Complaints: Gavin has requested that any complaints be directed to him rather than the LOGO staff. Continuing abuse of the LOGO will not be tolerated, and Cindy will provide Gavin's contact information in an upcoming Eblast.

2021 Events and Programs: Gavin provided an overview of what he hopes SCTA will be able to sponsor throughout 2021. Two potential tournaments, Mix n Match and one other to be named, will be scheduled in spring. He would like to hold the Club Championships again this year, but to do so, he

thinks we should have at least 300 people playing to make it viable. Also, he is considering a Wimbledon event possibly using the croquet courts.

Lesson Courts 5 and 6: Gavin shared that there have been complaints about using courts 5 and 6 for lessons, but he pointed out that with the addition of courts 15 and 16, there are still 14 courts available for members and residents. Additional complaints have occurred when, after releasing courts 5 and 6, he or his staff take an empty court for a lesson. He points out that if this continues, he may need to assign courts 5 and 6 for lessons only.

USTA: With the opening of Sun City to USTA matches, Gavin and SCTA moved the matches to the north side on courts 13, 14, and 15 primarily. Since there are limited courts on the north side for these matches, it has become necessary, at times, to start these matches as early as 10:30 or as late as 2:00 pm. This has resulted in complaints from members. Once the community opens completely, USTA will be moved back to the south side.

Recycling Program: Chris Scott, President

Chris Scott updated the board on the status of our recycling program sponsored by Wilson Tennis and Chris and Linda Scott. In just two weeks, we have shipped 3000 tennis balls; because of this program, these 3000 balls will not end up in a landfill. Chris hopes to ship 20,000 balls this year. He has also started this program at Rose Hill. Be on the lookout for new recycling bins for the plastic containers that contain tennis balls. Also Waste Management has agreed to recycle the aluminum lids on the can. Chris hopes to get this recycling program on every facility around Hilton Head. See the flyer on the recycling program attached at the end of these minutes; it is Addendum B.

Projects Update: Cindy Good, Vice President

Meeting with Brad Phillips, GM, SCHHCA: Cindy reported several issues that were discussed with Brad Phillips in a recent meeting. She is working with Brad to coordinate updates on the south side, including

- replacing four valances and four shade tops to replace over pergolas on the south side that were in disrepair. Brad approved the replacement and Cindy reported that the new valances and shade tops were stronger and improved.
- Cindy got the Community Association to agree to cleaning the pergolas to remove accumulated dirt and some mold.
- Cost is \$6600 which the Board approved conditionally based on securing a one-year warranty.

Future Projects: Cindy renewed her request for considering installing a hitting wall on the north side. Gavin has stated that he is against using a tennis court for this, but some consideration could be given to installing it on the other side of the Pickleball courts that are adjacent to court 16. Cindy wants to get the hitting wall on the list of future projects, so discussion can begin within SCTA and with the SCHHCA board.

Membership Update: John Black, Director

John Black updated the board on the status of our 2021 membership. To date, there are 683 members with 78 new members included in that number. We usually add five or so members per month, so we should see our membership continue to grow.

Chelsea and Scanning CAM Cards: Chris Scott, President

Chris updated the board on the issue of five or six individuals who are “scamming” the Chelsea system. While SCTA is not in the business of disciplining members, the Community Association is aware of these individuals and they may act. As a result of this scamming, Chris and Steve Sandike are working together to make changes to Chelsea that will eliminate this type of problem. The goal is to make Chelsea fair for all, and to do so, scanning CAM cards may be eliminated. In lieu of CAM cards, anyone who is listed for a court in Chelsea would receive one point--the point that would have been assigned by swiping your CAM card. More on this issue in the future.

The Value of SCTA Membership: Chris Scott, President

Chris emphasized the importance of supporting SCTA because SCTA is constantly lobbying for improvements in tennis at Sun City. Some people believe that the Community Association is responsible for all the improvements on our courts, but it is SCTA that has lobbied for those improvements or paid for them. See the flyer attached as Addendum C for more information on what SCTA does for tennis.

New Members and Rating Policy: Trudy Collins, Director

Trudy Collins, Director of Tennis Ambassadors, brought up the issue of self-rating for new SCTA members. She asked Gavin if there is a criterion for the ratings clinics, and Gavin replied that during the clinic, the staff looks at strokes as well as positioning and overall play. It was noted that Rookie League does not require a rating to participate.

WTO Report: Trudy Collins for Anne Clemmitt

Anne Clemmitt could not attend the meeting, so her report on WTO was read to the board by Trudy Collins. The report included information on

- WTO’s “meet and greet” event on Thursday, March 4, to introduce the WTO to prospective new members and re-introduce it to others.
- The Food for Love drive which was successful in its sixth year thanks to JoEllen Bitner, the Fireballs Team, and Rick Taylor.
- The Spring Charity Carnival which has been postponed to September 18 due to Covid.
- The scholarships given by WTO to high school players. Four of the 11 seniors will receive their scholarships in April and the other seven will be honored in the fall. A total of \$3,050 has been budgeted for these scholarships.
- WTO’s donation of a one hour tennis lesson to the Virtual Silent Auction sponsored by Staying Connected.

Other Issues: Chris Scott, President

Chris thanked his board members and offered suggestions to some for additional responsibility as we move forward. He pointed out that we will need a Vice President to fill Cindy’s slot when she becomes President next year. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are considering a General Meeting of the membership in May 2021. More details to follow.

At the end of the meeting, Grisell Rooney, an SCTA member, presented a decorated rock to Chris Scott.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm

ADDENDUM A**SCTA Treasurer's Report
1/1/2021 through 2/28/2021****Cash Inflows**

	\$	
2021 Memberships	31,900	
	\$	
Event Registrations	1,231	2020 Club Championsio
	\$	
TOTAL INFLOWS	33,131	

Cash Outflows

	\$	
Awards	294	2020 Club Championships
	\$	
Court Scheduling	6,500	
	\$	
Donations	500	WTO
Information	\$	
Technology	52	
	\$	
Maintenance Supplies	484	
	\$	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	7,830	

	\$
Net Cash Flow	25,302

	\$
WTO Cash Balance	4,720
	\$
SCTA Cash Balance	50,957

	\$
Total Cash	\$
Balance	55,677

ADDENDUM B

JOIN US TO PLAY IT GREEN!

- PROBLEM:** TENNIS BALLS TAKE 400 YEARS TO DECOMPOSE, AND TENNIS PLAYERS TRASH 125 MILLION TENNIS BALLS INTO LANDFILLS EACH YEAR.¹
- SOLUTION:** AS TENNIS PLAYERS, WE CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION BY PLACING OUR USED TENNIS BALLS IN THE BINS PROVIDED—SOUTH SIDE UNDER THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE LOGO BUILDING, NORTH SIDE, BYCOURT 13.
- GOAL:** ENROLL EVERY TENNIS FACILITY IN OUR AREA INTO THIS PROGRAM; **SUN CITY AND ROSE HILL ARE ALREADY RECYCLING TENNIS BALLS.**
- SPONSORS:** CHRIS & LINDA SCOTT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WILSON TENNIS, HAVE AGREED TO SPONSOR THIS PROGRAM FOR TWO YEARS AT SUN CITY.

LET'S DO OUR PART! RECYCLE YOUR USED TENNIS BALLS!!

**PLAY IT GREEN
STOP TRASHING TENNIS BALLS**

DID YOU KNOW?
TENNIS BALLS TAKE 400 YEARS TO DECOMPOSE
TENNIS IS ONE OF THE MOST WASTEFUL
ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING SPORTS .

DID YOU KNOW?
US TENNIS PLAYERS TRASH 125 MILLION
BALLS EVERY YEAR INTO LANDFILLS.
ENOUGH TO STACK 625,000 RECYCLING
BINS OF 200 BALLS EACH, 60 MILES HIGH!

JOIN US. BE PART OF THE THE SOLUTION. NOW WE CAN RECYCLE ALL TENNIS BALLS IN OUR COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE.

RECYCLE BALLS | Wilson

¹ www.recycleballs.org

ADDENDUM C**10 REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN SCTA**

SCTA advocates on behalf of **all tennis players with the Community Association (SCHHCA). Here are some of the results of SCTA's advocacy.**

SCTA Board (comprised of elected SCTA members) successfully lobbied the Community Association (SCHHCA) to

1. reopen the courts during Covid-19 closure;
2. restore the nets between courts 3 and 4;
3. paint yellow lines on certain courts to avoid injuries (safety);
4. remove large rocks between courts (safety);
5. make needed repairs to the stadium area at court 1; and
6. invest in a professional team to provide the type of court maintenance necessary for the busiest tennis facility in the area.

Additionally, current SCTA members' dues have financed many of the updates made to our facilities. These include

7. installing the new shade and seating area between courts 15 and 16;
Cost: \$8,975.00
8. installing new metal seating on courts 9 and 11;
Cost: \$3,975.00
9. purchasing new Rosetta mats for dragging the courts twice a day; and
Cost: \$2,318.00
10. purchasing new score cards for courts 15 and 16.
Cost: \$400.00

AS OUR FACILITIES CONTINUE TO AGE, AND SUN CITY CONTINUES TO GROW, OUR TENNIS COMMUNITY NEEDS AN EMPOWERED VOICE TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL PLAYERS.

SCTA IS THAT VOICE—COME JOIN THE FUN!

