

Meeting Minutes
Bayside Room, Lakehouse
April 6, 2022

Board Attendees: Cindy Good, President
Sheryl Tschetter, Vice President
Kim Scoggins, Treasurer
Gail Fitzmaurice, Secretary
Greg Pavan, Director, Ombudsman, Bucket Brigade
Michael Sacks, Director, Membership
Chris Scott, Past President

Board Absences: Lyn Herrick
Deb Campbell

Guests: Gavin Cox

Call to Order: Cindy Good

Cindy Good called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and determined that a quorum was present.

Cindy Good verified that the March board meeting minutes had been posted at LOGO and on the SCTA website for members to read. The March minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Scoggins

Kim provided an overview of the March report (see the included Attachment). Treasurer's report was approved.

Cindy Good advised that the Financial Review of SCTA will be on 4/28/22 at Palmetto Commons. Tom Bastian (previous Treasurer) has explained the process to those who will attend this review.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Membership: Michael Sacks

There are 738 members as of 4/2/22. The online membership directory is current and the Logo staff will shortly receive a printed copy including the new members. New membership dues were submitted to SCHHCA, bringing the total year-to-date dues to \$35,900.

Ambassadors: Deb Campbell

Cindy advised that Deb reached out to the Ambassadors regarding the Chartered Club Showcase and all of them plan to help with the event taking place on 5/12/22. The Ambassadors will show attendees our great tennis facilities, including lessons taking place on courts 5 and 6, ball machine usage on court 4, and watching great tennis on other courts.

WTO: Barb Fluharty

Cindy advised that the Wine and Cheese Social was very successful with about 85 ladies enjoying an exhibition of doubles play by Gavin Cox, Brett Robertson (teaching pro) and two SCTA volunteers (Gail Richards and Regina Cunningham). Gavin also explained how MatchPoint is played and those who had signed up then played MatchPoint.

WTO is sponsoring the Match Point tournament on the final day (5/1/22) of the Mix and Match Tournament.

The May tennis social (theme: "Derby Days") is WTO's major fundraiser of the year and will be held on Saturday, 5/7/22. Funds raised will go to tennis scholarships for deserving local high school tennis players, Public Tennis, Inc., and other select charities. Signup process and other details will be covered in SCTA EBlasts.

Cindy also mentioned that WTO is looking for an alternative to replace having a raffle to raise additional funds for charities.

USTA Liaison: Mary deCesare

Cindy provided an update from Mary that she is considering having an open door meeting on certain Saturdays at the Gazebo for 2 hours to provide information on formation of USTA teams, rules, etc. and to answer any questions. More details to follow.

Information on USTA leagues (Mixed Doubles, Tri-Level, Combo, 65+ and 75+) that will play in the upcoming seasons was sent via Eblast and has been posted to the SCTA home page.

Bucket Brigade: Greg Pavan

Greg thanked the volunteers consisting of Board members and Gavin's crew who put up the windscreens after the windstorm a few weeks ago. Greg will determine when the nets need the top tapes cleaned. Two new brushes have been hung on court 6. A trash can will be arriving to go next to the new picnic tables on the north side. Greg recycled damaged wind screens and stapled them to the board on court #4 to prevent balls from getting caught between the fence and the board.

Recycling: Chris Scott

Chris reported that 30,000 balls, 247 pounds of aluminum including rims and flip lids, 188 pounds of soda/beer cans, and 7,766 ball cans were recycled year-to-date. Using the Green Tennis Machine purchased by Chris' foundation, 642 tennis balls were re-pressurized and sold to Sun City residents (\$1 per can) with all proceeds benefitting the Library for Kids and the

Palmetto Animal League. Chris will have re-pressurized balls for sale on Fridays at noon near court 1. Re-pressurized balls were also placed in the ball machine and all the used ball machine balls were removed to be re-pressurized. Many other tennis clubs in the area are now involved in recycling programs.

EVENTS

AED Training: Lyn Herrick

Cindy reported that the AED training sessions at the Pavilion on 3/22/22 had 35 participants, so now 120 people have been trained. An Eblast will be sent to see if there are any additional people interested in taking this training. The Bluffton Fire Department has been terrific in providing this important training at our facility.

Mix & Match Tournament: Dudley Kay

Cindy advised that the Captains have their rosters and, thanks to Steve Sandike's worksheet forms, have completed their match line-ups for the whole tournament. Testing is in process to ensure instant reportable results and team standings for Scorekeeper, Susan Kreick. The Meet Your Team Party has been set for 5:30PM on 4/21/22 under the direction of Food and Beverage Manager, Joyce McGaughan and her team.

Sheryl and Ryan Tschetter will lead the Grill Team. A meeting of these volunteers will set the crew schedule, product needs and set-up.

There has been a reduction in the number of participating 4.0 men due to injury. Accordingly, subs and 3.5+ men will be filling in the team line-ups as needed

A planned raffle during MatchPoint has been canceled (not approved by SCHHCA). Instead, the collected products will be used as door prizes at the Team Party and for MatchPoint participants.

The budget surplus for this event is estimated at \$4,000. Dudley had suggested and Cindy approved that a portion of these funds be used for volunteer thank-you gift cards and door prize items. Mix & Match would not exist without our wonderful volunteers.

Halloween/Harvest Event: Cindy Good

Cindy reported that the Summer Event was scratched and instead, Carolyn Walton, will be the event director for a Halloween/Harvest event on 10/22/22. Pinckney Hall has been reserved from 5:00-10:00PM.

Bluffton Boys and Girls Club Tennis Day

This event was not held the last two years due to COVID. The Boys and Girls Club director, Gene King will provide some dates and which month will work for the children. Look for an Eblast

that will provide more details on this fun event and the opportunity to volunteer to make it a rousing success.

OLD BUSINESS

Printed SCTA membership directory update: Cindy Good

Cindy reported that 216 members did not pick up a directory. The board will make deliveries to these members (lower mailbox) once the addresses are sorted by neighborhood.

Court sweeping update: Chris Scott

All courts now have the new court sweeping signs.

Community Court Maintenance: Cindy Good

Bill Martin is now in charge of SCHHA maintenance. He has ordered new windscreens, the water fountains are being assessed for various problems, the large gate to court 16 has been repaired, the green benches near the courts are being painted, and all gazebos will be painted prior to summer. A third brush cleaner will be installed on the south side near court 5. One light on court 5 will be repaired. The bleachers and grandstands will be cleaned once the pollen is no longer an issue. A work order to improve the landscaping at the tennis center has been submitted with particular attention to getting weeds under control.

Guest Fee Update: Cindy Good

SCHCA agreed that there will be no guest fees for family members. This will be included in the SCTA Policies & Procedures. There was a question as to why SCTA must charge guest fees while Pickleball Club does not. Michael Sacks will look into this with SCHCA and communicate his findings to Gavin Cox. Gavin Cox reported that Brad Phillips directed him to implement guest fees to ensure that our courts/Chelsea are not abused. At this point, the Board needs a clear directive from the Community Association.

NEW BUSINESS

Replacing rosette mats with brushes: Cindy Good

Gavin Cox met with SCHCA and they agreed to provide \$5,000 this year and \$5,000 next year to pay for new court brushes. Additionally, Gavin obtained SCHCA funding of \$10,000 for a new court roller for the north side.

Chelsea reservation update: Gavin Cox

Gavin reported that Gary and Steve are getting more reports on abuse of the Chelsea system. The next step will be to advise those abusing the system to stop such behavior. If they continue to abuse the system after the warning, the matter will be escalated to Brad Phillips' office.

Policy and Procedures Update: Sheryl Tschetter

Sheryl and her committee have a meeting next week to track changes. This is an ongoing and time-consuming process. The target is for the process to be completed by the end of this year.

Motion to adjourn Board Meeting: Cindy Good

Meeting adjourned 7:08PM.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:08PM**Bylaws Discussion**

Debbie Ward asked about the 25% of the total membership voting requirement under Article III- Officers, Section H- Officers (Recall). Sheryl Tschetter explained that a higher percentage was required to remove an officer from the Board. SCTA will use Google vote for membership approval of the Bylaws. An EBlast will be sent 4/10/22 and voting will run from Wednesday 4/13 until midnight Friday 4/15.

Chelsea Proposal Re: inclement weather

Cindy mentioned that many players would like court status updates posted on the Chelsea home page 45 minutes prior to the court start time. Gavin pointed out that this could be done but the accuracy 45 minutes prior is not as good as it is 30 minutes prior. Since higher accuracy is certainly desirable along with safety of playing on the courts, the Board approved that 30 minute updates will continue to be provided.

October 2019 Vote

Debbie Ward had questions and had put together a timeline regarding the hiring of “a part-time court scheduler for \$26,000 per year.” The current status is that the \$26,000 is what SCTA pays SCHHCA for the court scheduling function performed by Gary Green and the Logo personnel who are employees of Gavin Cox’s company. At the time of the 2019 vote, SCTA was not aware that Gavin’s company was going to take over the Logo building/tennis program functions. Michael Sacks responded with a timeline which he compiled dating back to 2019 showing all voting regarding SCTA dues and the budgeted \$26,000. He asserted that the facts did not warrant revisiting the October 2019 dues vote. He pointed out that three budgets had been passed since Oct 2019 and that a vote for the budget is a vote for scheduling as it exists today as well as the \$50 membership dues. A copy of Michael’s chart is included as an Attachment to these minutes as well as Debbie Ward’s presented notes. Cindy will hold an executive Board session prior to the May meeting to vote on whether the information provided justifies a re-vote to the membership.

Membership meeting adjourned 7:47PM.

Next meeting is the General Membership Meeting to be held Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Lakehouse Ballroom. Please note the date change and all SCTA members are invited!

	TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$ 3,756.84	
	Net Cash Flow	\$ 67,867.16	
	SCTA Balance	\$ 62,595.56	
	WTO Balance	\$ 5,271.60	
	Total	\$ 67,867.16	Balance carried forward

Deb Ward's Notes:

Notes for April SCTA meeting:

First, I would like this proposal to be included in the minutes. I have made a copy so as to make it easier on the secretary.

As I told Cindy when we spoke my request is not personal, and I want no one to misinterpret my intentions. My one and only concern was the vote taken and passed by the membership to hire "a/one/singular" scheduler for \$26,000. There is right and wrong; and somehow something changed from the time the vote was passed and funds were dispersed.

Quick timeline:

- June 5, 2019 the first talks began about hiring a scheduler.
- July 3, 2019 continued to discussion as to how to pay for said scheduler.
- Oct. 2, 2019 "Bruce recommended Cindy and Chris put together an email informing membership regarding the vote ALONG WITH an electronic ballot of some sort for those who cannot be present to vote at the general membership meeting". To my knowledge that option was not given to membership.
- Oct. 22, 2019: Vote to hire scheduler was approved as Steve was potentially moving.
 - According to Chris, Tom and Steve//Job description for scheduler:
 - manage USTA, interclub, intraclub, league schedules, conducts lottery, assists WTO, conducts Chelsea training

Every mention of a scheduler dating back to June 5, 2019 is in the singular form and what membership voted on and approved; yet the budget line item states "court scheduling" which is not accurate. In reality, the disbursement of the \$26,000 is not going to one person.

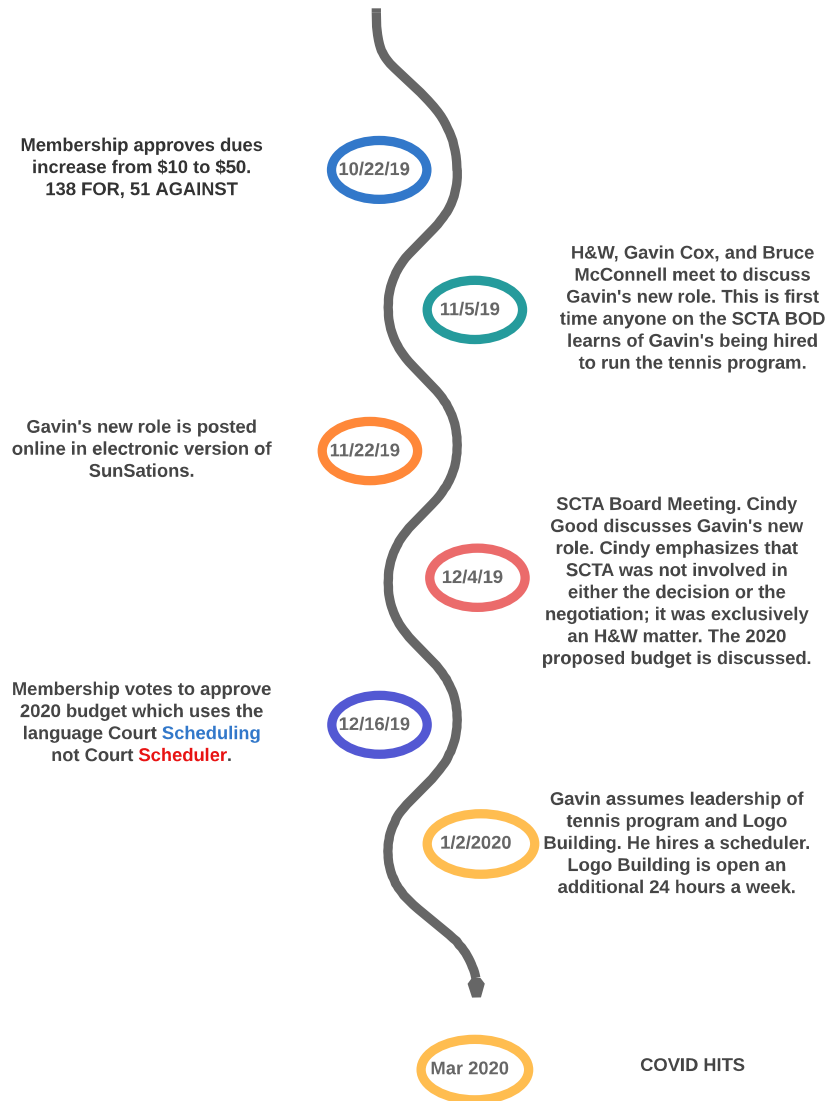
Because of this, I am requesting the board schedule another vote stating exactly how the funds are being distributed. The board owes its members this transparency. If it passes, great! The board can move forward with a clear conscious knowing it did the right thing for the good of the membership. If it doesn't pass, membership will have sent a clear message and other options will need to be explored.

Thank you very much.

Timeline Presented by Michael Sacks

Dues Increase Timeline

Michael Sacks | April 6, 2022



Approval process for 2021 budget begins. Link to Google form is sent to membership. Period ends Dec 30.

12/23/20

Approval of 2021 budget is announced to membership. The budget uses the language Court **Scheduling** not Court **Scheduler**.
327 FOR; 6 AGAINST

1/3/21

Voting form for 2022 Budget is sent out to membership. Voting period ends 10/16/21.

10/13/21

Approval of 2022 budget is announced to membership. The budget uses the language Court **Scheduling** not Court **Scheduler**.
329 FOR; 46 AGAINST

10/20/21