

Board Meeting Minutes
Bayside Room, Lakehouse
October 5, 2022

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

Board Absences: Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors

Call to Order: Cindy Good

Cindy Good called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and Gail Fitzmaurice determined that a quorum was present. Cindy verified that the September board meeting minutes had been posted at the Logo bulletin board, the SCTA website, and in a September Eblast for members to read. The September board meeting minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Reports: Kim Scoggins

Kim Scoggins provided an overview of the September Treasurer's report and explained a few corrections to the February, May and March reports, as follows:

Reclassification of two transactions involving WTO was corrected in the February and May reports (resulting in WTO's balance being reduced by \$654.35 while SCTA's balance was increased by that amount).

A bookkeeping error in March where a deduction for printing expenses was entered but it had already been entered in the February report (see the attached corrected reports along with the September report).

Treasurer's reports were approved.

Presentation of the Proposed 2023 SCTA Budget: Cindy reviewed the contents of the 2023 proposed budget for SCTA. The proposed budget will be sent to the membership for initial review through an E-Blast followed by a 3-day electronic voting process handled by Michael Sacks. The voting will be held and results presented at the November Membership meeting.

Cindy also reviewed the open Board positions including the current applicants (and any other qualifying applicants who may submit a petition with 25 signatures to the President by October 15th). This information will be sent to the membership in an E-Blast on 10/18, with electronic voting by the membership to occur on 10/19, 10/20 and 10/21.

There will be two auditors appointed by the President to oversee the electronic voting results.

Both of the above motions were approved. Your votes are your voice, so please participate in these elections when directed.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Membership: Michael Sacks

Michael Sacks reported as follows:

For September: 1 new member, 773 total members, YTD membership revenue: \$37,650

In 2021 YTD, there were 743 members. Our run rate is 4% above 2021.

Note: For any new member who joins SCTA in September or later in the year --- their membership fee will cover the remainder of 2022 and all of 2023.

Ambassadors: Deb Campbell

Cindy presented Deb's report. The Club Fair was canceled due to the stormy weather. SCHCA has advised that it will not be rescheduled. Deb has reached out to the current Ambassadors as to whether they will remain in their positions. The response was that four will remain and two will resign at year end. Deb will be seeking candidates interested in filling the Ambassador's positions for Women's 3.0 and Men's 3.0. Deb's position of Director of Ambassadors ends on December 31. She has submitted her bio to Rich White expressing her interest in continuing in this position for two more years.

WTO: Barb Fluharty

Barb reported that, during the WTO's September meeting, the board focused on finalizing plans for its Tennis in the Pink event to be held on 10/12/22 from 9AM to 4PM at the grounds of the Town Square tennis courts. Deb Kniewel, chairperson of the event, discussed the highlights of the day which will include a display of the Ribbons of Honor --- remembering those who have lost their lives to breast cancer or survived the dreaded disease. All players and visitors to the courts that day are encouraged to wear pink and to make a donation at the tables near the Logo building bulletin board. Cash or checks made payable to PLEDGE THE PINK FOUNDATION will be greatly appreciated. Last year, this event raised over \$4,500.

The WTO also agreed to support a Public Tennis Inc. (PTI) petition being circulated by Caroline Brooks of PTI. The petition supports the installation of 8 Har-Tru courts in Bluffton and six Har-Tru courts in Hilton head. Caroline Brooks will be present at the Tennis in the Pink Event to get signatures from those who support this initiative.

WTO also has started looking into ideas for fundraising for the Spring of 2023.

USTA Liaison: Mary deCesare

Cindy presented Mary's report. The Tri-Level league has started. In Spring 2023, USTA will have the noon court times while Intraclub will have 2:00 PM or later until the Spring USTA season concludes.

Bucket Brigade: Greg Pavan

Greg reported that many SCTA volunteers worked diligently to prepare the courts/windscreens, etc. for the storm and the aftermath. Greg has contacted Bill Martin/Community Maintenance Manager to see if his personnel can install wiring for the tops of the windscreens, which would greatly help in their continued maintenance. If approved, it would be tried on one court first --- most likely Court #13.

It is recommended that all SCTA members make an ID badge/tag containing the name and phone number of your emergency contact and have this badge attached to your tennis bag. Or for those who bring their cell phone to the courts, you can enter this information in Settings. This field is accessible to everyone, including emergency personnel, without needing your phone passcode. Greg mentioned the nets at the courts really need cleaning. A date for the Bucket Brigade is in the works and a notice will be sent out in a future E-Blast. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated!

Chris Scott reported that courts 15 and 16 have holes in the underground ballasts which apparently are manufacturing defects. There is no action plan at this time for such a major project. Cindy and Chris are working on having a French drain installed to alleviate the water problems on Court 4. Chris also reported that Sun City has recycled over 40,000 tennis balls YTD and over 10,000 tennis cans YTD. Also, the Pickleball Club is in the process of ordering recycling containers for their plastic balls, as well as their plastic bottles and cans. Chris will be responsible for cutting up and recycling their plastic balls.

EVENTS

Harvest/Halloween Party: Carolyn Walton

Cindy provided Carolyn's report that as of 10/5, about 160 tickets have been sold. Centerpieces have been completed, and the photographer and DJ are confirmed. The final headcount is owed to the caterer by 10/7.

Club Championship: Cindy Good

Cindy reported that this year the Club Championship will be held during the 2nd week of November (November 7th – 13th). Brett Robertson will again be the Tournament Director. He will need 1 or 2 volunteers per day to assist with checking in players, providing tennis balls to the players, assigning them to their court, etc. Cindy is looking into some creative gifts to use as awards and for volunteers for the Grill on Saturday and Sunday --- November 12th and 13th.

December Celebration: Cindy Good

Cindy reported that the December 2nd event “Get Your Groove On” is in the planning stages. The Pavilion has been reserved, the DJ secured, and JoEllen Bitner is working on securing catering numbers. There was discussion as to the feasibility of having another event so close to the Halloween/Harvest party and the Club Championship.

OLD BUSINESS**Policies & Procedures Update: Sheryl Tschetter**

Sheryl and her committee met for the final time. There is a certain amount of formatting that needs to be addressed, but the updated document will be ready to present to membership in December. The updated P & P will be sent to membership in an E-Blast with electronic voting to follow. Sheryl thanked her team for all their efforts, as it has been a long process but one that needed to be addressed.

Ball Machine Delivery: Cindy Good

The new ball machine is here. There will be no new training session required for previously trained members to use this machine, since it is not that different from the previous machine.

Bench Provided by Woodworkers Shop: Cindy Good

The third bench built by Sun City’s Woodworkers Shop has been received and placed by Court 4. There is one more bench being made which will be placed at Court 12.

NEW BUSINESS**Nominating Committee Presentation**

Cindy reported that the Committee met via email and contacted people they thought might be interested. As of 10/1/22 (the deadline for the Committee to present to the Board), there were candidates for: Events Director (Diane Dowling), Ambassadors Director (Deb Campbell) and Treasurer (Martha Widgen). Since then, two people have submitted petitions to the President for the Vice President position: Tom Wright and Karen Benedict. An E-Blast with this information will be sent out on 10/18 and electronic voting will commence on 10/19 – 10/21.

Motion to adjourn Board Meeting: Cindy Good

Meeting adjourned 7:32PM.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Thursday, November 3, 2022 (PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE --- IT IS ON A THURSDAY)
6:00PM Lakehouse Ballroom

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED TREASURER'S REPORTS:

AMENDED TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND MAY, 2022

AND

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2022