

SCTA Board Meeting Minutes/Executive Session December 7. 2022

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Bayside Room - Lakehouse
December 7, 2022

Board Attendees: Cindy Good, President
Sheryl Tschetter, Vice President
Kim Scoggins, Treasurer
Gail Fitzmaurice, Secretary
Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors
Greg Pavan, Director, Bucket Brigade

Board Absences: Michael Sacks, Director, Membership
Lyn Herrick, Director, Events
Chris Scott, Past President

Call to Order: Cindy Good

Cindy Good called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and Gail Fitzmaurice determined that a quorum of the Board was present. Cindy verified that the November board meeting minutes had been posted at the Logo bulletin board, the SCTA website, and in an E-Blast for members to review. The November minutes were then approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Scoggins, Cindy Good

1. November Treasurer's Report

Kim Scoggins provided an overview of the November Treasurer's report. There was a motion to approve and the Board voted its approval. The November Treasurer's report is included with these Board Minutes.

2. Board vote on January – October revised Treasurer's Reports

Cindy explained that she, Michael Sacks and Kim Scoggins reviewed all of the Treasurer's Reports going back to January, 2022. The minor corrections of the February, March and May Treasurer's reports had not been carried through to all affected months. After the appropriate corrections were made, Kim re-issued the January through October Treasurer's Reports for review by the Board. The Board unanimously approved these reports by electronic voting. The corrected reports for January through October were posted to the SCTA website for review by membership and also sent out in a subsequent E-Blast.

3. CC-90 Report and supporting documentation

Cindy designated Kim Scoggins and Martha Widgen to work on the CC-90 report which is required to be submitted to SCHCA by January 31, 2023. There was a brief discussion on potentially changing banks since the one that's been used by SCTA closed its branch which was located very close to one of the Sun City gates.

DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS:

Membership: Michael Sacks

Cindy Good reviewed the membership information in Michael's absence, as follows:

November: 8 new members, 789 total members, YTD membership revenue: \$38,450*
2021 YTD vs 2022 YTD: membership run rate is 6.3% higher
Combining 2023 registrations and 2022 auto-renewals, 664 members have joined SCTA for 2023 (85% of total current membership).

*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

Deb reported that the new ambassadors – Linda Chasnov for 3.0 Women and Mickey Romeo for 3.0 Men will begin their term, effective January 1, 2023. Photos have been taken and a new poster with all Ambassadors' photos needs to be made. The person who made the previous poster no longer has the required software. Fortunately, Steve Sandike was at the meeting and offered to help Deb with this project. He is skilled in the software used to create the poster.

In January, the "Getting Started" sheet will need to be updated for the Logo staff and will be posted to the SCTA webpage. Deb will work with the Logo staff to ensure agreement on any changes that are needed.

WTO: Barb Fluharty

The WTO Committee (comprised of 12 members) with the assistance from many volunteers conducted fundraising events throughout the year, making charitable donations as follows:

1. In February, the Food for Love Drive, raised \$2,460 along with 2 carloads of food, all of which was donated to Bluffton Self-Help. This popular event was chaired by Jo Ellen Bitner and her team.
2. In May, the Derby Day tennis social was held and raised \$3,600 for the Memorial Scholarship fund. This fund is used to award tennis scholarships to deserving local high school tennis players for tennis equipment, tournament fees, and training. The fund is also used for making donations to other selected charities. This popular event was chaired by Ellen Demeritt and Peggy Hill.

3. Also in May, WTO conducted a unique single elimination doubles match, called Match Point at the end of the Mix & Match Tournament. This event raised \$600.

4. In October, WTO donated \$4,100 to Pledge the Pink Foundation, a non-profit charity dedicated to local breast cancer screening, treatment and research. This successful event was chaired by Debbie Kniewel.

5. In November, WTO donated \$2,000 to Public Tennis, Inc. (a local non-profit) along with \$500 to Bluffton Self-Help.

It was a busy and highly productive year for the WTO in its endeavors to give back to the community and to promote the sport of tennis in Sun City and to the youth in our community. A job well done!

Bucket Brigade: Greg Pavan

Greg reported that he is still trying to fix the rosette mats that are deteriorating. Greg has asked Gavin Cox to order six more brooms and will follow up with Gavin who will return from vacation in early January. PLEASE NOTE: All players must use the existing cut-outs/hooks in the windscreens to hang the brooms. We have been advised by the SCHHCA to avoid cutting any new holes in the windscreens. Some brooms will touch the clay court when hung and Greg advised us that this positioning is OK. Greg placed plastic covers on the fencing between courts 3 and 4 to protect the netting from being torn. Greg fixed a torn windscreen on court 4 and will see if Gavin can ask the Community to order several new windscreens to replace those that are beyond repair.

USTA Liaison: Mary deCesare

USTA is expected to provide answers possibly by the end of this week to many questions about the upcoming Spring season. USTA year-end ratings were issued on 12/1/22. You can go to the USTA website to check your rating. In Sun City, there were 11 SCTA members who were moved up and all were women.

2.5 to 3.0:

Debby McMurray-Giuliano
Elizabeth Grobler
Caroline McGuire
Jacinta (Frannie) O'Driscoll
Judi Sharkey
Kristen Turino

3.0 to 3.5:

Karen Cline
Pam Harms
Zena Hundertmark
Sherry Jacob

3.5 to 4.0:

Barbara D'Angelo

Deborah Kniewel

Mary reiterated that she has make it clear to our USTA coordinator, Patricia Licata, the problems it will cause if changes are made to our USTA schedules. Presently, it appears that SCTA will have 18 teams playing in USTA spring leagues in 2023. There is one new captain who hadn't yet submitted the necessary paperwork. Many of the established teams are full; however there are still a few slots available on a couple of the 70+ teams and also the newest 55+ women's 3.0 team.

EVENTS

Club Championship: Cindy Good

Cindy reported that this popular event held November 7-13 was very successful and players enjoyed their participation. To get more people involved next year, it was suggested to have possibly two age groups at least for the mixed doubles, if not also for the men's and women's doubles --- 69 & under and 70 & over.

December Tennis Social: Jo Ellen Bitner

All 16 courts were filled in the mixed doubles social tennis that ran for 1.5 hours. In total, 123 registered for the event (100 of whom signed up to play tennis). Rich Fredericks did a great job as DJ for the dinner party portion and kept all the Hippies dancing. The event took in \$1476 and, after expenses, netted \$183. Cindy gave a big "Thank You" to Jo Ellen and her team for pulling off a great event for the SCTA membership.

SAVE THE DATE: MIX & MATCH TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD APRIL 27-30, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Policies & Procedures Update: Sheryl Tschetter

Sheryl reported that the document will be ready for membership by the February Board Meeting for discussion and electronic vote.

Two 2-hour time slots in Chelsea: Cindy Good

Thanks to Barbara Jaslow for bringing the need to Cindy's attention for a two-hour time slot for Intraclub play. Cindy approached SCHH Lifestyles to convince them of the need to change Chelsea to having two, two-hour time slots starting at 12 noon: one for Intraclub and the second time slot for USTA (with 1.5 hour slots thereafter each day). The justification was due to the extensive amount of Intraclub players, combined with the large amount of USTA participation (whose matches require a 2-hour slot). Approval from the General Manager, Brad Phillips, was received in three days. Gary Green and Steve Sandike will need to close down

Chelsea 1 day in late December (exact date to be announced) so they can make the necessary modifications.

Ball Hopper Update: Cindy Good

The new ball hopper has been purchased and is now in use on court 4. Thanks to Gavin Cox for finding a home for our old ball machine and convincing Brad Philips to apply those monies received to a new ball hopper.

PLEASE NOTE: TOP DRESSING OF THE COURTS WILL BEGIN IN LATE DECEMBER. THERE WILL BE A SCHEDULE AS TO WHICH COURTS WILL BE DONE ON WHICH DAYS. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

Project Request for Water Fountain: Cindy Good

Cindy met with Bill Martin of SCHH Facilities to walk the area on the north side courts and assess the feasibility of placing a water fountain between courts 14 and 15. Bill thought a water fountain could possibly be installed; however there is now a hold on capital projects unless SCTA is willing to pay for the entire project. Our budget of \$8,000 would cover only the fountain itself. A much larger expenditure would be needed to accomplish installation of the needed water line and electric connections. This is beyond the scope of what SCTA can afford, so once again, installing a water fountain for the north side courts is on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognizing Retiring Board Members: Cindy Good

Cindy thanked the retiring board members for their service. She also thanked all the board members for a great job in 2022. Thanks to everyone's individual efforts a lot was accomplished.

Welcoming 2023 Board: Sheryl Tschetter, 2023 President

Sheryl welcomed:

Tom Wright, Vice President

Martha Widgen, Treasurer

Diane Dowling, Director, Events

Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors (re-elected)

The remainder of the 2022 Board members are remaining in their respective positions:

Greg Pavan, Director, Ombudsman (Bucket Brigade)

Michael Sacks, Director, Membership

Gail Fitzmaurice, Secretary

New Intraclub Coordinator: Sheryl Tschetter

Deb Welsh will be the new 2.5 Intraclub Coordinator, replacing Laura Wenban, who stepped down as she has now been Club Rated as a 3.0. Thanks to Laura for her service and welcome to Deb!

Questions: Cindy Good

Charles Sapernakis asked why the time slots in Chelsea for the ball machine don't align with the 1 hour usage. Steve Sandike replied that this question has been raised previously, but Chelsea programming will not allow it.

Motion to adjourn Board Meeting: Cindy Good

Meeting adjourned 7:02PM.

Executive Session: Sheryl Tschetter

In the Executive Session which commenced at 7:10PM, Sheryl and the new Board members:

- verified and signed the CC50 form required for new Club Officers by Lifestyles;
- discussed how to institute Roberts Rules' of Order in Board Meetings and General Membership meetings;
- agreed to mirror last year's monthly Board meetings by not holding meetings in July and August due to many absences in those months. Gail will cancel these two room reservations;
- accepted that we will make ourselves aware of community events and plan SCTA events so as not to overlap;
- agreed that the printed directory will be updated with an electronic addendum containing all new members since the 2022 printing. The addendum will also include the new board members, the new Intraclub Coordinators, and the new Ambassadors. The electronic addendum will be posted on the SCTA website and sent out to the membership via E-Blast; and
- Sheryl provided each board member with their position description.

Executive session adjourned at 7:44PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, 1/4/23

6:00PM BAYSIDE ROOM - LAKEHOUSE