

**SCTA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 7, 2023**  
**Lakehouse, Bayside Room, 6:00PM**

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Board Attendees: Bruce McConnell, Vice President  
Martha Widgen, Treasurer  
Gail Fitzmaurice, Secretary  
Michael Sacks, Director, Membership  
Greg Pavan, Director, Bucket Brigade/Ombudsman  
Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors  
Cindy Good, Past President

Absent: Chris Scott, President  
Diane Dowling, Director, Events

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**Call to Order: Bruce McConnell**

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and Gail Fitzmaurice determined that a quorum of the Board was present. Bruce verified that the May Board/General Membership Meeting minutes had been posted to the Logo bulletin board, the SCTA website, and emailed in an E-Blast to the members. There was a motion to approve the May Board/General Membership Meeting minutes and all Board members present voted their approval.

**Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen**

Martha Widgen reviewed the May Treasurer's report. There was a motion to approve and all Board members present voted their approval. The May Treasurer's report is included with these minutes as a separate document.

There was a brief discussion about using some of funds remaining in the SCTA account. Cindy Good mentioned that the Board should consider spending some of this money on projects before year-end. Corinne Miller, an attendee at the meeting, asked if SCTA could obtain an award wall to commemorate winners of SCTA club tournaments, USTA State Championship results, and similar accomplishments. This idea met with enthusiasm from the Board and the guests attending the meeting. Cindy Good reported she had drawings from the Woodshop for a display case and will get pricing. More details to follow.

**DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Membership: Michael Sacks**

Current members: 748 (last year at this time there were 749)  
2023 Budget calls for 750 members

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May membership billing submitted to CA  
9 new members - \$450  
Total dues collect year-to-date: \$35,850

SCHHCA has asked each Club to submit only one billing per month:

May membership billing	\$450
Match Point event	\$1035
Mix & Match refund	<u>\$ (20)</u>
Total May billing	\$1465

The online membership directory is up-to-date including results from the May and June rating clinics.

The newly printed membership directory includes members who joined through 5/15/23.

**Ambassadors: Deb Campbell**

Deb reported that Sun City Peachtree (GA) tennis players will be visiting us on 9/7 (Thursday) and 9/8 (Friday) to play tennis. Approval from Health & Wellness and Lifestyles has been obtained for these dates. Once Deb has received a response from Peachtree as to the number of players, their age ranges, and ratings, she will communicate to SCTA membership to see who would like to play in this 2-day event. Gavin Cox will then set up a format for playing for both days (Thursday afternoon and Friday morning). Health and Wellness approved our use of courts 1-3 on Friday morning which will allow Sun City Peachtree to travel back home in the afternoon.

A committee for the social part of this event has been formed and will be meeting this weekend to discuss food, player's fees and anything else that may be needed to make this an enjoyable event. Next year, we will be invited to play at Peachtree, GA. Hopefully, this will become an annual event for both Sun Cities.

**Bucket Brigade: Greg Pavan**

Greg reported that all the scoreboards on the south side have been cleaned. Courts 10, 11, and 12 await a supply of red discs for the scoreboards. Another kickboard has been added to Court 4. The brooms arrived and now each court has 2 brooms.

Debra Murray advised that line rollers are missing throughout the courts. Greg will look into this and discuss with the Logo staff.

One attendee asked about improving the courts on the north side, especially the dead spots, and to add a water fountain. Bruce and Cindy explained how SCTA has repeatedly requested such improvements and a water fountain (even offering to pay the cost of the water fountain, if the CA would pay for providing the electricity and the water lines), but the CA has declined each time on the basis of excessive cost to fix these courts properly and excessive cost for electrical work and water lines. The CA has also responded that the tennis players (and pickleball players)

can bring their own water and refill from the ice/water dispenser and water fountain located outside the golf building/Argent Lakes Pub. An attendee asked if a petition could be circulated in support of these items and Bruce and Michael replied that would be fine. If they prepare a petition, we could have it on the table by the Logo building when SCTA is conducting distribution of the new Membership Directories. The petition could be open to all residents of Sun City and would be used as part of SCTA's supporting documentation on a future request to SCHHCA.

**WTO: Angela Bossu Wolfe**

Angela reported that two scholarship awards have been issued in the amount of \$576. She also reported that the Tennis in the Pink committee has started planning for this event which will be held on 9/23/23. A budget is being developed including securing sponsorship to defray costs. The committee is planning to order pink and white T-shirts for attendees and is developing a program booklet. A save-the-date notice will be submitted for inclusion in an Eblast in June. Scholarship award winners will be invited to participate in this event and will receive their award certificates during the luncheon.

**USTA Liaison: No report this month**

**Intraclub Liaison: Rich White**

Rich had nothing new to report. Please feel free to contact Rich with any questions.

**EVENTS: No report this month**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Five-Year Plan: Bruce McConnell**

Bruce reported that the preparation of a Five-Year Plan has been tabled due to the fact that Bruce as Interim Vice President and Chris Scott as Interim President will both complete their term of service on 12/31/23, and therefore thought it best for the 2024 President and Vice President to decide on whether or not to create a Five-Year Plan.

**Club Championship: Bruce McConnell**

Bruce reported that possible changes to the format of the Club Championship are being considered, such as using a combo partner format (3.0 player with 3.5 player, etc.) or that partners would be determined by a draw for each level and type of doubles (men's, women's, mixed).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Status of candidates interested in open positions for 2024: Bruce McConnell**

Bruce reported that 8 people had responded to a recent Eblast about the open positions for 2024. This information was provided to Chris Scott who appoints the nominating committee in accordance with the SCTA Bylaws.

**Appointment of USTA Liaison: Bruce McConnell**

Bruce asked for a motion to appoint Robert (Bob) Waite as the USTA Liaison, replacing Mary deCesare who will be away for much of the remainder of this year and had to step down. The motion was seconded and the Board members present voted unanimously to appoint Bob Waite to fill this position. We thank Mary for her service and dedication.

**Board Meeting Session adjourned at 7:00PM.**

**OPEN DISCUSSION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
(Comments to be limited to 10 minutes)**

Milt Neuman read from a document that had not been submitted to the Board prior to the meeting; therefore it will not be included with these minutes. Milt covered a list of questions and concerns, to which Bruce and other Board members responded, since many of the issues were ones that had already been addressed. Some matters concerning grievance/complaints about non-compliant behavior by SCTA members came up; however, the results of a grievance are not made public and are kept confidential between the ad-hoc grievance committee members and the person who is the subject of the grievance.

At one point near the end of Milt’s presentation, he was advised by Michael Sacks as follows: “Milt, as an SCTA member you have the right to speak out at any Board meeting, but you do not control the Board’s agenda.”

Milt also submitted a memo to the Board in which he volunteered for the position of Nominating Committee Chair/Committee Member which is being forwarded to Chris Scott.

Other attendees asked questions of a general nature, all of which were answered by Bruce or other Board members.

**OPEN DISCUSSION FOR MEMEBRSHIP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:40PM.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:  
WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2023  
6:00PM  
Lakehouse, Bayside Room**