

SCTA Board Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2023
Lakehouse, Bayside Room, 6:00PM

Board Attendees: Chris Scott, President
Dane Petchul, Vice President
Martha Widgen, Treasurer
Gail Fitzmaurice, Secretary
Michael Sacks, Director, Membership
Greg Pavan, Director, Bucket Brigade/Ombudsman
Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors
Diane Dowling, Director, Events
Cindy Good, Past President

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chris Scott

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and Gail Fitzmaurice determined that a quorum of the Board was present. Chris verified that the June Board 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 June Board Meeting minutes and the Board members voted their approval.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen

Martha Widgen reviewed the June, July and August Treasurer's reports. There was a motion to approve and the Board members voted their approval. The June, July and August Treasurer's reports are included with these minutes as separate documents.

DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS

Membership: Michael Sacks

For June: 6 new members (\$300 billed to CA), bringing the total to 754 members
For July: 8 new members (\$400 billed to CA), bringing the total 762 members
For August: 18 new members (\$900 billed to CA) bringing total to 780 members (compared with 772 members at this time last year)

Michael presented a detailed timeline for the Board nominations, election and budget proposal process (the report is included with these minutes).

Ambassadors: Deb Campbell

It has been a quiet summer (the Peachtree event was canceled due to not enough players from Peachtree able to participate). All ambassadors have been notified of rating clinics' results.

WTO: Angela Bossu Wolfe

Angela reported total revenue of \$5,167.74 for Trivia Night; \$1,150 for Match Point.

The Tennis in the Pink fundraising event to be held on **9/23/23** is in final preparation. Online registration is open and flyers have been posted. Gavin has agreed to organize tennis drills/activities in the morning. Scholarship winners, parents and coaches have been invited to attend. Luncheon and scholarship presentation will take place after the morning tennis activities.

The Wine and Cheese event committee has been formed. This event provides information on the WTO mission and its fundraising activities. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars for **October 18 from 4:00-6:00PM**. No registration needed – just show up at the grandstand/gazebo area by Court 1. Gavin will organize a Pro Exhibition and speak about the overall tennis facility.

Bucket Brigade: Greg Pavan

Greg thanked all the volunteers who help prepare the tennis courts for the storm. At the end of hurricane season, Gavin will order new windscreens. Greg will be ordering new signs (without a glass encasement) for all the courts showing the sweeping times/info. Greg will be looking into some type of durable replacement for the damaged windscreen at the far end of court 4.

Chris Scott commented that it was Bruce McConnell who created the storm-readiness plan and that SCTA followed this plan and it worked great!

Events: Diane Dowling

Diane provided information on the Fall-themed party/dance to be held at the Pavilion on the evening of Saturday, **November 18** (which falls on the Saturday during the Club Doubles Tournament). There will be dinner (menu in the planning stages) and a DJ (already booked) for dancing. Registration will be online and will be announced at a later date.

Diane informed us that Mary deCesare's 55+ team 3.0 level of which Diane is a member won the State USTA Championship and will be headed to Sectionals in Little Rock, Arkansas to be held 9/15 to 9/17. Good luck to this talented team!

Old Business

Club Championship: Chris Scott advised the following regarding the November Club Doubles Tournament: participants will play a minimum of 3 times, the format is nearly finalized, there was input from Milt Neuman and others concerning format ideas, further details to be covered in an upcoming Eblast.

Northside Water Fountain: Chris Scott and Michael Sacks met with CA representative, Bill Martin. SCTA had budgeted \$8,000 toward the cost of a water fountain. Bill advised it's too difficult to put in a water fountain since concrete has to be dug up and other costly, related

work. However, Bill advised that he may have a solution and Chris awaits further update from Bill.

Chris is recommending that the Pickleball Club should contribute toward the Court Scheduling staff fee contribution we pay to the CA every quarter as well as contribute toward the cost of a Northside water fountain.

Chris met with CA about using part of the grassy area near the Logo building for tennis social gatherings by building a raised deck or some other solution. The CA said it was no possible due to underground watering and drainage issues.

Chris advised that SCTA members have asked that the Wall of Champions be brought back. The CA will approve this and the location will be near the Logo building using a part of the grassy area by court 5.

Chris advised that there are candidates for all open positions on the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Scott and Martha Widgen are working on the proposed budget for 2024. Membership dues will not be increased in 2024.

Facilities: Court 9 has been repaired and is now open for use. The CA advised it will not be replacing courts 15 or 16 in 2024.

Diane asked why Har-tru is being applied by Gavin's staff over the next several weeks in the midst of hurricane season. Chris will speak with Gavin about this, but Chris is aware that some of the courts need this to be done now.

Chris discussed the continuing water issues on Court 4 in spite of the French drain previously installed (which helps somewhat but not enough). New solution(s) will be investigated.

Board Meeting Session adjourned at 6:50PM.

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

Milt Neuman commented that he has observed damage to the court fences and nets and he thinks the damage is being caused by Gavin's staff. Chris will bring this to Gavin's attention. Milt also advised that Court 10's net is low by 1" or so. Gail Fitzmaurice reported this to Logo on 9/7 so that the crew can make the adjustment.

Jack Kikta commented on the lack of availability of court 4, that the lock on the shed isn't working and the ball sweeper is off track.

Cindy Good asked about the red dots for all the scoreposts. Greg will be working on this. Another member said that ball machine users aren't showing up and haven't canceled their reserved court time so that someone else could reserve that slot. This will be mentioned in a future Eblast and Chris will discuss this problem with Logo staff/Gavin. Chris Scott asked Donna Ryan if the Mix & Match Tournament sponsors might be interested in placing an ad in the next SCTA membership directory. Chuck Hirsch introduced himself as a returning Sun City resident and former and current SCTA member. He stated he has applied to run for Ombudsman and mentioned his prior experience on the SCTA board.

OPEN DISCUSSION FOR MEMEBRSHIP SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:10PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023 (yes, it's the 2nd Wednesday this month due to a week-long Sun City CA event occurring the first week of the month)

6:00PM

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