

**SCTA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2023**  
**Lakehouse, Bayside Room, 6:00PM**

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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  
Cindy Good, Past President

Absent: Diane Dowling, Director, Events

**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 September 6, 2023 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 September Board Meeting minutes and the Board members voted their approval.

**Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen**

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

**DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Membership: Michael Sacks**

5 new members joined in September

Billing submitted for \$250 (membership dues) and \$2,800 (WTO Tennis in the Pink)

As of 10/11, there are 794 members, compared to 779 at this time last year

Total dues for 2023: \$38,150 (this figure reflects 31 members who joined in late 2022, each of whom paid \$50 covering the remainder of 2022 and all of 2023)

**Ambassadors: Deb Campbell**

Deb reported that she, Michael Sacks and Steve Sandike represented SCTA at the Club Fair on 10/7. Most people who stopped by the SCTA table were checking to see if they were on auto-renewal for their membership dues. There were also some new residents who wanted to take up tennis or were interested in returning to tennis. They were given the contact info for the appropriate Ambassador. The auto-renewal option has been received favorably and many attendees expressed their appreciation of this option.

**WTO: Angela Bossu Wolfe**

Treasurer's report: Angela reported that \$300 in scholarship money was funded bringing the final balance to \$8,418.72 as of 8/31/23. **Tennis in the Pink** was a HUGE SUCCESS – raising \$6,635.19 for the **Pledge the Pink Foundation**. There were over 120 participants, 6 scholarship winners and their parents, and 18 honored breast cancer survivors. A special award was presented to SCTA member, **Mo Shabana**, recognizing his annual contribution to this event every year since 2011. A second special award (the Pink Sneaker Award) was presented to **Jill Mosse** for her outstanding contributions to the WTO throughout the year.

The WTO's **Wine and Cheese** event is going to take place on Wednesday, 10/18/23, from 4-6PM at Court 1/the grandstand/the gazebo area. Registration is open (refer to the SCTA website) and flyers have been posted. As of 10/9, sixty-seven women have registered. This is a fun and informative event and, did we mention, there's **free wine and cheese**?

**Bucket Brigade: Greg Pavan**

Greg reported that the red disks have come in and were installed on the scoreboards. Greg also installed a metal strap on the outside lower edge of the fence at the back of court 4. This should keep the tennis balls from rolling under the fence. Greg has removed the hooks from the windscreens as they were causing the windscreens to tear.

**USTA Liaison: Bob Waite**

Bob reported that he had been made aware of a few incidents related to tennis etiquette not being followed by some attendees at USTA matches in Sun City. Bob met with Steve Sandike and Chris Scott to discuss how to eliminate this behavior. Bob and Chris will attend some matches before the Fall USTA season ends and they will educate all the USTA team captains on the proper behavior for fans/attendees. The USTA rules are posted on the SCTA website.

**Intraclub Liaison: Rich White**

Rich reported that several Intraclubs are currently underway (including Men's 70+).

**Events: Diane Dowling**

Gail presented Diane's report in her absence. The SCTA Dinner Dance is being held at the Pavilion on Saturday, 11/18, from 5:00-9:00PM. Dinner will be a catered Italian buffet from Jameson's. DJ, Ed Fowler, had been booked from 6:00-9:00PM. This event is open to all SCTA members (you do NOT need to be a participant in the Club Doubles Tournament). Flyers will be out soon and there will be registration information in an upcoming SCTA eBlast. Attire: casual and it is suggested you wear your dancing shoes!

**OLD BUSINESS****Club Championship: Chris Scott**

Chris reported that there will be age brackets; each participant will play a minimum of 3 matches. Other details and all relevant information will be contained in upcoming eBlasts.

**Update on Year-End Timeline: Michael Sacks**

The slate of candidates for open Board positions was sent to membership on 9/24. We presently have 2 candidates running for each of the open positions. Corinne Miller and Paul Wright were appointed as election auditors. The entire timeline including the 2024 SCTA Budget will be covered in the 10/15/23 eBlast.

**Update on 2024 Budget Process: Chris Scott and Martha Widgen**

Martha reported that the budget is nearly done and will be presented to the membership in an upcoming eBlast.

**Facilities: Chris Scott**

Chris reported that the rocks between some of the courts on the south side are being overrun by weeds. The CA did spray the weeds recently. The clean-up to remove the dead weeds and reposition the rocks will mean that the affected courts will be closed for a day or two.

Chris also reported on the ongoing drainage issue at Court 4. The CA has committed to fix this problem with a new French drain and other drainage improvements.

Chris advised that he replaces all balls in the ball machine every week (using collected tennis balls from the courts and the bins near the bulletin board which he re-pressurizes with his own equipment). That's the great news. The bad news is someone poured an entire jar of salsa on the balls in the hopper at Court 4! Chris attended to the cleanup of the hopper and over several days was able to refill the hopper to capacity.

**Vote to Approve Date for 2024 Board Member Election: Chris Scott**

This Sunday's eblast will cover the details of the election. The proposed dates for voting are Monday, 10/16 through Wednesday, 10/18. Every SCTA member will receive an email with a link to the voting site which will list all candidates running for the five open positions and the biographies submitted by each candidate. There was a motion to approve this timeline/electronic voting process and the motion was approved by the Board. On 10/19, the election auditors will verify the results of the vote. SCTA will announce the winners of the election as soon as the auditors complete their verification and notify the Board of the results.

**NEW BUSINESS****November General Membership Meeting: Chris Scott**

Chris announced that the General Membership Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 11/1/23, from 6:00-8:00PM at Pinckney Hall (ballroom).

**Board Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.**

## **INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ELECTION TO THE SCTA 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Each of the 10 candidates had 10 minutes to describe their background and qualifications. The candidates are grouped below by position sought (which doesn't reflect the exact order in which they spoke):

Jack Kikta – President  
Dane Petchul – President  
Stewart Jackson – Vice President  
Tyler Tollstrup – Vice President  
Deb Ward – Secretary  
Laurie Williams – Secretary  
Milt Neuman - Membership  
Deb Welsh – Membership  
Chuck Hirsch – Ombudsman  
Michael Ryan - Ombudsman

**Candidate Session adjourned at 7:50PM.**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, 11/1/23, 6:00 to 8:00PM  
Pinckney Hall Ballroom