

**SCTA Board/General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**November 1, 2023**  
**Pinckney Hall Ballroom, 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  
Diane Dowling, Director, Events  
Cindy Good, Past President

Absent: Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors

**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 advised that a quorum of the membership had not been attained. Chris verified that the October 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes (including Revision 1 dated 10-25-23) 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 October Board Meeting minutes including Revision 1 and the Board members voted their approval.

**Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen**

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

**DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS**

**Membership: Michael Sacks**

13 new members joined in October.

Billing will be submitted for \$650 to the CA.

As of 11/1, we have 798 members, compared to 781 at this time last year.

Total dues for 2023: \$38,350 (this figure reflects 31 members who joined in late 2022, each of whom got credit for the remainder of 2022 and all of 2023).

Currently, 12 members have signed up for 2024. There are 567 members who have signed up for auto-renew (71% of membership). Three targeted mailings will occur between now and year-end reminding members of their auto-renew status.

**Ambassadors: Deb Campbell**

Gail read Deb's report as Deb was not able to attend the meeting. At a prior General Membership meeting, someone had asked why we don't have ambassadors. SCTA does indeed

have ambassadors, six of them, as listed below. Each ambassador was asked to stand as their name was read so that the members could show their appreciation:

Men's 2.5 - PJ Mahoney

Women's 2.5 – Linda Borovich

Men's 3.0 – Mickey Romeo

Women's 3.0 – Linda Chasnov

Men's 3.5 & 4.0 – Tom Jones

Women's 3.5 & 4.0 – Debra Murray

A big thank you to all the Ambassadors for making it easier for people to play tennis in Sun City.

Beginning in January 2024, there will be the following changes:

Mickey Romeo will be stepping down and PJ Mahoney will take over as Ambassador for the Men's 3.0.

Taking PJ's place as Men's 2.5 Ambassador will be Bob Field. Deb met with Bob to provide an overview of the Ambassador's role.

#### **WTO: Barb Fluharty**

Treasurer's report: Total net proceeds for Tennis in the Pink were \$6,635.

Total budget at end of September is \$8,299.26.

The Wine and Cheese event on 10/18 was a success with 60 women attending.

The WTO mission and fund-raising events were described, followed by a Pro Exhibition run by Gavin Cox.

The Pavilion has been booked through Lifestyles for 4/5/24 for WTO's annual Spring event.

WTO has developed a Policy and Procedures manual which will be reviewed by the Steering Committee at its monthly meeting in November.

#### **Bucket Brigade: Greg Pavan**

Greg reported that the fencing at the back of court 4 has been repaired and the old windscreen removed. The excess material (clay, rocks, etc.) between courts 6 & 7 has been removed. There are two courts that need the red disks installed on the score posts. Greg also reported there was a complaint from a color-blind person who couldn't see the red disks. Greg also replaced nails that were lifting from the wood benches between the courts and replacing them with screws. The CA has started pressure washing canvas awnings, walkways, and spectator seating to remove algae.

#### **USTA Liaison: Bob Waite**

Bob reported that he had been made aware of some conflict of court times between USTA league and Intraclub league. Bob will work with Carolyn Walton on this matter. Bob is also working with the Ambassadors regarding a few etiquette issues that occurred at the courts.

The USTA league coordinator advised that the playoffs for the Fall leagues that were to take place on HHI are not going to occur. Instead the teams will hold playoffs in Sun City.

Please note: USTA captains are needed for the 2.5 Women's level and for the 3.0 Men's level.

**Intraclub Liaison: Rich White**

Rich reported that Intraclub is running well and he has not been made aware of any issues.

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

Chris reported that all participants will be guaranteed a minimum of 3 matches, and there will be some flexibility in scheduling play times.

**Fall Dinner/Dance Party: Diane Dowling**

Diane reported that Jameson's will be catering a buffet-style Italian dinner, and Jack Frost will be on site with ice cream available for dessert. Music will be provided by the popular DJ, Ed Fowler. Please register online at the SCTA website no later than the deadline of 11/11/23.

**Update on 2023 Timeline: Michael Sacks**

Michael provided an update on the items completed on the timeline up to this point. There will be an Eblast on 11/2 regarding the 2024 Budget election, followed the launch of the 2024 Budget election via email on Friday 11/3/23.

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

Martha reviewed the 2024 budget explaining each line item.

**Facilities: Chris Scott**

Chris reported that the water fountain between courts 2 and 3 isn't working. Logo staff has been made aware of this. Also the water fountain on court 12 isn't working which JoEllen Bitner reported to Logo staff over a month ago. Chris also reported that resurfacing of all courts is underway and torn windscreens are being replaced.

**NEW BUSINESS****Election Results: Chris Scott and Michael Sacks**

President – Dane Petchul

Vice President – Tyler Tollstrup

Secretary – Deb Ward

Membership Director – Deb Welsh

Ombudsman – Michael Ryan

Congratulations to all!

Chris will be forming a transition team to ensure the above new members are ready to commence their duties in January 2024.

Chris also spoke on the history of SCTA, the benefits provided to its members, the long list of past Presidents, and the importance of keeping Sun City Tennis a first-rate facility for the future. The complete presentation shown by Chris is included with these minutes as a separate document.

**Board portion of this meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.**

**Open Discussion on 2024 Budget Proposal and other topics:**

There were no questions on the proposed 2024 Budget.

Donna Ryan, tournament director for the **Mix & Match Tournament**, announced that this popular event will be held on **Thursday 4/25/24 through Sunday 4/28/24**.

The pre-tournament team party will be held Monday 4/22/24.

**Meeting adjourned 7:18PM.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

12/6/23 6:00pm at the Lakehouse Bayside Room