

SCTA Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2024
Pinckney Hall Kiawah River Room, 6:00PM

Board Attendees:

2023 Board

Chris Scott, President
Dane Petchul, Vice President
Martha Widgen, Treasurer
Gail Fitzmaurice, Secretary
Deb Campbell, Ambassadors
Michael Sacks, Membership
Greg Pavan, Ombudsman
Carolyn Walton, Events

2024 Board

Dane Petchul, President
Tyler Tollstrup, Vice President
Martha Widgen, Treasurer
Debbie Ward, Secretary (absent)
Deb Welsh, Membership
Mike Ryan, Ombudsman (absent)
Carolyn Walton, Events
Deb Campbell, Tennis Ambassadors

Call to Order: Chris Scott

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and Gail Fitzmaurice determined a quorum was present. Gail verified the Dec. 6 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 December meeting minutes and the 2023 board members voted their approval.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen

Martha reviewed the December treasurer's report. There was a motion to approve the report and the 2023 board members voted their approval. The December treasurer's report is included with these minutes as a separate document.

DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS

At this point of the meeting, Dane took over and ran the meeting.

Membership: Deb Welsh

- 6 members joined during December. We finished 2023 with 810 members vs. 798 members for 2022
- Total dues billed for 2023 was \$39,100.
- We start 2024 with 731 members. In 2023 we did not reach 731 members until March 26.
- December's billing has been submitted to the CA. Amount billed this month was \$35,470:
 - \$300 for 2023 membership
 - \$35,250 2024 membership
 - a refund of \$80 for members double charged for the Club Championship

Ambassadors: Deb Campbell

The new Ambassadors poster has been placed in the bulletin board court 1 area. Changes to ambassadors: Mickey Romeo has resigned, and Bob Field has taken the Men's 2.5 position. PJ Mahoney has moved to the Men's 3.0 ambassador, and the rest of the ambassadors have remained the same.

I have updated the "Getting Started" sheet and the page with the ambassadors photos for all beginners. This information was given to the logo building, and to Bud to update our website.

WTO: Angela Bossu Wolfe

- Treasurer's Report: Final balance for December and therefore the 2023 fiscal year is \$5,250.94. Board approved a \$2,000 donation to Public Tennis Inc., and a \$200 donation to Bluffton Self Help.
- SCTA completed their final review of the WTO P&P manual. The final approved copy was sent to both the WTO board members and SCTA secretary.
- Both the Scholarship and Spring Event committees are meeting this month. Online scholarship applications will be completed and sent to coaches by February 1st. Deadline for all application is March 1st. Spring event will again be a Trivia Night and will take place in the Pavilion on April 5th from 4:30-7:30.
- Gail Richards is stepping down as treasurer from WTO. She will help with the transition once a new treasurer is named

Bucket Brigade: Mike Ryan

Join the bucket brigade! We need volunteers to help with projects such as cleaning the nets and court maintenance. No pay, but you'll have the satisfaction of helping your tennis community. Two areas are involved - standard bucket brigade stuff, and also hurricane preparation. Please email michaelryan0813@gmail.com if you would like to be on the bucket brigade list, and let me know with which (or both) area you will help."

The bucket brigade will meet on Sunday, January 7 at 6:30 AM. Volunteers are welcome!

Event Director: Carolyn Walton

See "New Business"

Intraclub Liaison: Rich White

No report this month

USTA Liaison: Bob Waite

No report this month

OLD BUSINESS

Pro Event: Dane Petchul

The event is scheduled for 4/26 but trying to get the date changed to 4/27 starting at 6:00 or 6:30 on Courts 1, 2 and 5.

Court 4 Water issue update: Dane Petchul

A contractor hired by the CA is to examine the drainage issue in the next two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Mix N Match: Carolyn Walton

Mix & Match tournament dates are Thursday April 25 - Sunday April 28. The team party will be held at the pavilion on Monday April 22.

Thank you to Chris Scott for getting the sandwich boards printed and set up near the LOGO building and at court 13. Also thank you to Dudley Kay for orchestrating the artwork for the signs. The cost of the signs was \$332.22 which did not include the banner artwork which was done by Lindsay Kay. Note that the printing cost of the sandwich boards was covered by the extra \$500 from our Hughes Dental and Vaden sponsors.

A budget estimate for the tournament will be presented at the February board meeting.

Registrations will begin January 12. Participants of last year's M&M tournament who fill out the satisfaction survey will be sent the registration form on January 12. Entire membership will be sent the registration form on January 15. Registration will be open until January 31. At that time registrations will be broken down by ranking to determine if more participants are needed at specific levels.

An email will be sent to new SCTA members before January 15 to make them aware of the tournament and let them know what a great opportunity the tournament is to meet other SCTA members.

I have commitments from 8 captains, and we will begin meetings sometime in January. The captains are Mike McCombs, Fiona Harwood, Sherry Conrad, Deb Campbell, Lee Soloman, Christina Bloxsom, George Walton, and Jill Ford. Thank you to these people for taking on the big task of team captain.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:20PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 7, 2024 at Pinckney Hall, Kiawah River Room, 6:00PM