

SCTA Board Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2024
Pinckney Hall, Kiawah River Room, 6:00 PM

Board Attendees: Chuck Hirsch, Interim President
 Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors
 Martha Widgen, Treasurer
 Laurie Williams, Secretary
 Michael Ryan, Director, Bucket Brigade/Ombudsman

Absent: Tyler Tollstrup, Vice President
 Michael Sacks, Director, Membership
 Carolyn Walton, Director, Events

Call to Order: **Chuck Hirsch**

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Laurie confirmed that a quorum of the Board was present. Laurie confirmed the April 17, 2024 Board meeting minutes had been posted to the Logo bulletin board, the SCTA website, and emailed in an E-blast to the members. Deb moved to waive the reading of the minutes and Martha seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved to waive the reading of the minutes. Deb moved to approve the minutes and Martha seconded the motion; the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Treasurer’s Report: **Martha Widgen**

Donna and I have been corresponding and are in agreement that all the expenses are accounted for M&M. The revenue will not be recognized until we receive the actual payment in June. We ended with a profit exceeding \$3k. Congratulations to Donna and her team who did an amazing job with this event!

Account balance as of April 1, 2024: \$74,248.08

Cash Inflows

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| \$5,183.00 | Event Registrations | \$5,033 WTO Trivia / \$150 M&M |
| \$1,582.00 | Event Misc Income | \$1522 Grill & Food / \$60 T-Shirts for M&M |
| \$ 485.25 | Advertising | M&M Sponsor – Shelf Genie |
| \$7,250.25 | Total Deposits | |

Cash Outflows

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| \$ 54.62 | Court Maintenance | Erosion prevention - Wood and netting |
| \$6,500.00 | Court Scheduling | Q2 2024 |
| \$13,967.03 | M&M Expenses | |
| \$ 58.86 | WTO office expenses | |
| \$ 1,357.91 | WTO Trivia Night Expenses | |
| \$21,938.42 | Total Outflows | |

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| Account balance as of April 30, 2024: | \$59,559.91 |
| SCTA Balance | \$51,501.58 |
| WTO Balance | \$ 8,058.33 |

Deb moved to approve the report; Michael seconded the motion, and the report was unanimously approved by the Board.

Director/Liaison Reports:

Membership

Michael Sacks

- 2 members joined during May; we will be announcing new members in the eblast messages;
- 748 members have joined compared with 744 members at this time last year. The 2024 budget is based on 750 members;
- A bill will was not submitted to the CA this month as there are only two new members;
- Total dues for 2024 are \$36,500. Note that $748 * \$50 = \$37,400$. The difference is 18 newbies who joined late in 2023 and received a credit for the remainder of 2023 plus all of 2024.

Ambassadors

Debra Campbell

- Very quiet month:
 - Logo advised the Ratings Clinic was cancelled for this month. The next one is scheduled for June 1.
- There were two new SCTA members this month, the ambassadors were provided their contact information.

Ombudsman

Michael Ryan

Old business/questions:

- Logo building remodel in progress;
- Water fountain fixed on courts 11 & 12;
- Player seating areas have been sanded and painted;
- Discovered and opened drains by courts 2 and 6;
- Steady progress on Har-Tru and standing water in walkways after heavy rain;
- Drainage ditches completed on courts 3 & 4;
- The continued efforts by Chris Scott, Gary Roy and Rick Biethman are appreciated by all!

Current work:

- Drain to be installed on court 12;
- Wood strips are being added to courts to divert water and Har-Tru;
- Beveled gate strips being added;
- Overall, windscreens are in good shape; a work order was put in for Court 3.

Work to be done:

- Logo building sunshade replacement out for estimates.
- Pergola sunshade chains being changed soon.

New Business:

- Work order submitted to sand and paint the AED enclosures;

- Website updates will be tabled until fall. The following have been noted to require updates: Remove the expired 5-year plan approved by the Board; remove items that are out of date.

Womens Tennis Organization (WTO)

Angela M. Bossu Wolfe

- Treasurer's report: ending balance for May was \$11,999.53
- Match Point registration officially closed on April 27th. Total of \$1,198.95 was raised. 103 registered to play MP; 76 registered online and 32 registered at the MP table during M&M tournament. Approximately 60% participated in the event itself.
- Scholarship committee has decided to open registration on September 1st with the closing date of March 1st. We also plan on visiting each team practice with information concerning the application process and opportunities available. The committee will be working with Wayne Lilly who has a unique connection with the players.
- Publicity chair has provided Match Point material for the SCTA website, Slice of Life and SCTV. A new on-line platform called Fillout has been approved and will be developed immediately.
- New proposed WTO logos will be ready to be viewed by the Steering Committee at the June meeting.
- The WTO Steering Committee voted to become a Special Interest Group (SIG) under SCTA to improve our visibility. If approved by SCTA, this level allows WTO the following:
 - to be recognized by SCHHCA;
 - establish a webpage linked from the SCTA club page located in SCHHCA Resident Central webpage;
 - a monthly statement in SunSations under the Charter Club section;
 - ability to obtain two 4-hour free space/year;
 - establish own checking account if desirable.

If approved

- A roster and annual financial report will be submitted to SCTA.
- The WTO would become a SIG under SCTA.

Chuck called for a motion to approve WTO to become a SIG under SCTA. Deb moved to approve and Martha seconded the motion; the Board unanimously approved WTO recognition as a SIG under SCTA.

INTRA-Club Liaison

Rich White

- Things are running smoothly.
- M 3.5 league has been reduced from 6 to 5 teams; will need 6 courts instead of 9 giving back 3 courts now available through Chelsea. The goal is to return to 6 teams in the fall and 9 courts.
- 2.5 mixed hybrid league is in their second week playing Tuesdays at 5:30; 6 courts will be reserved for next week.

USTA Liaison

Bob Waite

Congratulations to the M 3.0 SC USTA Champions, Captain Mike McCombs and Co-Captain Mark McMurtry! The team will be heading to Pelham, AL for Sectionals in September.

- The 65 and 75 leagues will wrap up 6/18/2024.

- Mixed, Tri-Level and Combo are coming up.

Questions continue to be fielded regarding joining USTA, who to contact to get on a team and sign up for USTA leagues. All information is available on the SCTA website including:

- Membership directory
- League schedules and forms
- Teams/captains

If you are not able to get on a team and would like to play, consider being a captain and start your own team. There are plenty of seasoned individuals who are willing and able to help answer questions and get you started.

Beaufort Bluffton Tennis League (BBTL) – communication has been slow in coming, however, we expect additional information to be available shortly so you can plan for the fall.

Events

Carolyn Walton

- The Fall Grand Slam Dinner Dance is to be held 10/12/2024. Tickets are \$35/person. Food will be provided based on the four regions participating in the Grand Slam.
- Deb moved to approve the event and Martha seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the dinner dance.

Mix & Match Summary

Donna Ryan

Mix & Match was very successful. We received a high response to the satisfaction survey, 148 respondents; those who replied will be given the opportunity for early sign-up next year. We will review the format/length of tournament based on the responses.

The Mix & Match will occur the last weekend in April next year, April 24-27, 2025; the “Meet Your Team” party will occur the Monday of the tournament and the volunteers are expected to be included. Laurie will reserve the Pavilion.

Dudley Kay has truly gone above and beyond in securing sponsorship donations for the tournament of which we all benefit, and we would like Dudley to know how much we appreciate his efforts as well as Pam Harms and John who successfully reached out to returning sponsors. Great job Dudley, Pam and John!

Chris Scott will work to secure the Pro Tennis Event which must be booked in advance so that we can all watch some amazing tennis up close! Thank you Chris!

OLD BUSINESS

Wall of Fame

Michael Ryan

- Michael is working to identify the best resource for the Wall of Fame. Research is ongoing as to where to place the Wall in addition to the materials that will make up the wall. Many of the plaques have been given back to the team captains; how recognition will be displayed is also being researched and has not yet been finalized.

WTO – T-shirt Sales

Angela M. Bossu Wolfe

- WTO will be handling sales of shirts and is gathering information as to how this will be handled; this fall is being targeted for sales ahead of the Club Championship tournament in November. Team captains may receive outreach to

see if they may be interested in securing shirts/colors for their teams. More information is coming related to the shirt sales.

NEW BUSINESS

- Year end timeline – Michael Sacks has created a timeline for the remainder of 2024. This will be included in the minutes and posted to the website and bulletin board near court #1.
- Nominating Committee – we are working to secure the nominating committee is in place prior to the election for the open positions later this year. More to come on this topic; the committee will need to be identified and in place by September 4, 2024.
- World Team Tennis (WTT) – currently 4.0 level WTT is being played. Steve Sandike has been working on this and has received a lot of positive feedback/interest within Sun City. We expect to introduce a league at the 3.0 and 3.5 level as well as 4.0 this fall with modified rules currently being worked on. Teams/set up will depend on the response received. Steven advised he can help the 3.0s and 3.5s make a signup list for their people, like we made for the 4.0s. This would have to be available to the membership by August. The fall season will be early September to mid October and run through the first week in December. We expect the league will play Thursday evenings at 5:30 and include all 12 courts on the South side depending on sign-ups. The four courts on the North side will be available through Chelsea. More information to come through the e-Blast messages and website.
- Tennis Shed clean out – Michael Ryan has committed to cleaning out the tennis shed on court 4; there are plaques in plastic tubs that are in the shed as well as other odds and ends. Michael plans to lead a group that includes the Board to clean out the shed at the June 27, 2024 at 8:00 AM.
- Club Championship tournament – Steven Sandike shared that the tournament is currently scheduled to occur on November 18-24th. The following week is Thanksgiving.
- Website feedback link – we have been informed that individuals submitting feedback through the link are not receiving a response. Michael Ryan has reach out to Bud Brooks who manages the website to have the link to both Bud Brooks and Michael Ryan so they can manage and respond to anyone who has submitted feedback/questions and ensure a response is provided.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Debbie Ward inquired about the Tennis Directories – they are available for pick-up from the Logo Building.

Hurricane Response Team – Chris Scott brought up that a team should be identified to respond to any threat from a hurricane. Michael Ryan advised that the Bucket Brigade has been tasked with response to hurricanes and preparations ahead of and after any hurricane threat. A list of names along with a checklist currently exists to ensure that our tennis environment is handled appropriately.

Ann McCarl

- Questioned the upkeep of the website and its contents. Michael Ryan confirmed Bud Brooks handles the website and will be contacted. Subsequent to the meeting, Michael reached out to Bud requesting the removal of the 5-year plan, approved by the Board as well as updates to outdated information.

- Wall of Fame – Michael Ryan confirmed the Wall of Fame is still being researched and will be reaching out to individuals aware of the Wall prior to its removal for feedback and suggestions moving forward. Who, what, and how accomplishments, past and present will be displayed is still being worked out. More information to come on this topic.
- Nominating Committee – questions were asked; the Board intends to secure a Nominating Committee as required by the By-Laws; both the SCHCA and SCTA By-Laws require a Nominating Committee be in place prior to elections. Anyone considering to run for an open position on the Board should have a good idea of what the position entails and if they have the skill set required to fulfill the position before running. The committee is expected to be secured by September 4, 2024. Chuck plans to reach out to Debra Murray for feedback and assistance. The following positions are expected to be open for the next term:
 - Vice President; Tyler Tollstrup will be moving from Vice President to President
 - Treasurer
 - Director, Tennis Ambassadors
 - Director, Events

June 26, 2024 General Membership Meeting, Pinkney Hall Edisto River Room 6:00 pm

- In order for a Quorum to be established, 10% of the membership MUST attend the meeting. That means that a minimum of 75 attendees must be at the meeting. The Board members, as members of SCTA, does count towards that 10% minimum requirement.

REMINDER to membership: Anyone attending the meetings in person should sign in and be accounted for, whether it is a monthly meeting or the general membership meeting.

Adjourn 7:36 PM.