

**SCTA General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**June 26, 2024**  
**Pinckney Hall, Edisto River Room, 6:00PM**

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

**Absent:** Carolyn Walton, Director, Events

**Call to Order: Chuck Hirsch**

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and determined that a quorum of the membership was present; 78 members signed/attended the meeting and were verified against the SCTA membership list. Deb moved to approve a quorum was present/established; Martha seconded the motion and the membership/Board unanimously approved a quorum was present.

**Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen**

Mix and Match expenses are coming in rapidly; other than food, we shouldn't have big expense reimbursements checks to write.

Account balance as of May 1, 2024: \$59,559.91

**Cash Inflows**

\$ 600.00	2024 Membership Dues	
\$2,940.00	Event Registration	WTO Trivia \$2775/ WTO MP \$165
\$3,540.00	Total Inflows	

**Cash Outflows:**

\$ 11.56	Mix & Match Expenses	Additional ground sign holders
\$ 35.00	WTO – Misc Exp	Card printing/Admin
\$ 46.56	Total Outflows	

Net Cash Flow: \$3493.44

Account balance as of May 31, 2024: \$63,053.35

SCTA balance: \$ 52,090.02

WTO balance: \$ 10,963.33

Chuck advised the Treasurer's report will be approved at the September monthly Board meeting.

## DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS

### Membership: Michael Sacks

- 5 members joined during June to date.
- As of today 753 members have joined compared with 749 members at this time last year. The 2024 budget is based on 750 members.
- I will be submitting a bill to the CA this month. There are seven new members since the last billing, and one member is owed a refund.
- Total dues for 2024 are \$36,750. Note that  $753 * \$50 = \$37,650$ . The difference is 18 newbies who joined late in 2023 and got credit for the remainder of 2023 plus all of 2024.
- When we start work on the 2025 Budget, I suggest we base the budget on 775 members since 750 members has been consistent and may be too conservative.

### Ambassadors: Deb Campbell

I became the SCTA ambassador chairperson to make sure new residents and players have the support that is needed to begin playing the game. I remember how frustrated and anxious I was when I started to play tennis six years ago. I believe that having our ambassadors to guide new players helps tremendously.

In the past year I have made changes to our ambassadors and **added a Men's 3.5 and a Women's 4.0** ambassador.

Every month the ambassadors receive a listing of new SCTA members and Rating Clinic changes. They contact the players in their level and make sure they have the support they need to feel comfortable in their new level.

<b>Men's 2.5</b>	<b>Bob Field</b>
<b>Men's 3.0</b>	<b>Rich Koncicki</b>
<b>Men's 3.5</b>	<b>Rick Biethman</b>
<b>Men's 4.0 &amp; over</b>	<b>Tom Jones</b>
<b>Women's 2.5</b>	<b>Linda Borovich</b>
<b>Women's 3.0</b>	<b>Linda Chasnov</b>
<b>Women's 3.5</b>	<b>Debra Murray</b>
<b>Women's 4.0 &amp; over</b>	<b>Debbie Kniewel</b>

I want to thank them all for their support and for making my job easier!

### Bucket Brigade: Michael Ryan

- **Old business/questions:**
  - Logo building remodel completed.
  - Logo building sunshade replacement completed.
  - Pergola sunshade chains changed to coated wire rope.
  - Located another catch basin behind Court 11. Removed all dirt and grass and cleaned out the catch basin. This location is now documented.
  - Steady progress on Har-Tru and standing water in walkways after heavy rain.
  - Finished the outside trench on the south end and west side on court 12.

***Shout out to Chris Scott, Gary Roy, and Rick Beithman for their continued efforts.***

- **Current work**
  - Removed rocks and excess Har-Tru material from the sidewalk closest to Court 2.
  - Added fabric to the base of the fence to help keep the Har-Tru material on the court.
  - Windscreens in good shape.
- **New Business:**
  - Work order submitted to sand and paint AED enclosures.
  - Website update has been tabled to this fall.
  - Wall of Fame update
    - 2 individuals have volunteered to be on the committee; hoping for a total of 5-6 individuals to be on the committee; please send me your information if you would like to be on the committee. We are seeking individuals with various skill sets and knowledge to ensure those of the past, present, and future are honored.

**FYI:**

- Thursday morning (June 27, 2024) at 8:00 AM, a group of volunteers will gather to clean out the shed.

**Womens Tennis Organization (WTO):            Angela Bossu Wolfe**

- Treasurer's Report: ending balance for June is \$11,299.53.
- Tennis in the Pink committee has met and are in the beginning stages of organizing the event which will take place on September 28 th . Save-the-date reminders will be going out the last week of June and another week in July.
- WTO voted on a new logo which will be placed on all outgoing correspondences and websites.
- Since SCTA voted unanimously to allow WTO to be a Special Interest Group (SIG), a separate webpage has been developed off the SCTA club page on the community association website.
- An informational statement will be posted in the August edition of the SunSations under the club section.
- The WTO Sport Gear committee has named co-chairs, Carol Humpherys and Michele Oltman, to work with Christina Bloxsom. The committee has met with Bluffton Custom Images and is formulating the type of gear to be sold.
- The WTO
  - Moved the Wine and Cheese event to March 2, 2025;
  - will host Trivia Night later in the month with a date to be determined.
- More information will be available in the future.

**USTA Liaison: Bob Waite**

Registration is open for Combo and Tri; Currently 3 teams have signed up for Combo. Captains are listed on the website. If you would like to start a team, information for starting a team is available on the website. If you would like to join a team, network with other tennis players or check out the current teams formed on the website. If the teams are full, consider being a captain and starting a new team. Information on starting a team is also available on the website along with begin and end/cut-off dates.

**Intraclub Liaison:**    Rich White    No report was provided.

**Event Director:** Carolyn Walton

No report/update was provided.

**Reminder:**

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - "The Grand Slam Dinner Dance"; menu will be from the different countries hosting the tournaments.

- Australia: BBQ shrimp and Lamb Chops
- USA: New York hotdogs with all the fixings
- France: Beef and Vegetable Stew
- England: Tea Sandwiches and Strawberries and Cream

The cost per person is \$35, all inclusive. The DD band is scheduled to play for 3 hours

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee                  Chuck Hirsch**

We will need individuals to step up and volunteer to fill the positions that will be vacated at the end of this year: Vice President, Treasurer, Ambassador, and Event Coordinator. A Nominating Committee is required to assist in the process of gathering resumes and offering insight into the roles, answering questions pertaining to the roles/responsibilities, and ensuring the individuals volunteering have the abilities to take on the various roles. The goal was to gain a cross-section committee of 5-6 individuals that represent all of our membership. The following have stepped up and volunteered:

- Debbie Ward, Chair (4.0)
  - Becky Nesta (3.5)
  - Joanne Patterson (3.0)
  - Milt Neuman (4.0)
  - Paul Wright (3.5)
  - Mark Vosburgh (2.5+)

Please thank them when you see them!

**Club Championship** - will occur the first or second week in November; target is 11/11 - 11/17; format is being finalized so sign-ups can begin..

**New Business                                  Chuck Hirsch**

- **Capital Improvement Projects    Dane Petchul**
  - Dane presented a discussion beginning with the Community Association that has money to maintain our facilities, but does not have extra money for capital improvements.
  - Discussions have begun and a committee is suggested to address upgrades/enhancements to our tennis facilities/community. Some suggested improvements include
    - drinking fountain and shade structures on the North side
    - Clubhouse lounge
    - Grilling area complete with a grill
    - Additional ball machine
- More information on this will be forthcoming.

## **SCTA Website Tutorial      Steve Sandike**

Steve provided an overview of the SCTA website and where individuals are able to locate

- Documents Tab
- League play - intraclub and USTA
- Court schedule - intraclub and USTA

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **Diane Clary**

Questioned the budget amount set aside for the Northside water fountain. Martha advised there is currently \$8,800 set aside and funds are being allocated so that when the time comes, more will be available.

Questioned the courts to be built/available in Argent West and what is needed. Chuck advised that he will be attending a meeting on July 9, 2024 and this item will be discussed; no details are known, however, tennis courts are an agenda item.

Questioned the reason for the locks on the ice bin in the Pavilion and the need/use by tennis members. Chuck and Donna suggested contact Lifestyles to discuss further.

NOTE: If any activities are to be scheduled/occur in the Pavilion, and ice will be used/needed, this MUST be cleared with lifestyles prior to the event.

### **Gail Richards**

Questioned the Wall of Fame and if the plaques from prior accomplishments will be included on the wall. The captains have the plaques for their teams. Mike advised we need to identify what we already have that needs to be displayed, what is intended to be displayed, where the wall will be put up and how much it will cost. Bids are being obtained from the Wood Shop and other sources.

### **Corinne Miller**

Questioned whether the lines needed to be cleaned when the courts are swept. Not all do the lines, however, it was suggested the lines be cleaned for USTA matches. It definitely helps when the lines are kept clean to identify ball marks and for the crews cleaning/maintaining the courts if the lines are maintained. There was a concern raised about the har-tru on either side of the lines being reduced resulting in the tape being more prominent - this was not confirmed.

## **The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM**

### **World Team Tennis**

Information is being updated on the website and interested members will be able to sign-up shortly. Court allocation will depend on sign-ups. A written tutorial is being put together to assist in the understanding of the format. Tennis matches are expected to occur Thursday evenings, details to follow so **watch for the eblasts and visit the website!**