

SCTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2024
Lakehouse, Bayside Room, 9:00AM

Board Attendees: Chuck Hirsch, President
Tyler Tollstrup, Vice President
Martha Widgen, Treasurer
Michael Sacks, Director, Membership
Laurie Williams, Secretary
Deb Campbell, Director, Tennis Ambassadors

Absent: Carolyn Walton and Michael Ryan

Intra club league vs Social league Chuck Hirsch

The group discussed the lottery courts assigned for Intra club leagues and the format at which the leagues are run. Courts set aside for this type of group play is expected to function on a competitive level keeping track of wins/losses versus a group of individuals gathering for social play at the same rating level. Captains will be informed of this expectation for a more structured format that will take effect in January 2025. Chuck is to create a policy statement that will be shared with all Intra club coordinators and captains.

Intraclub Chuck Hirsch

The group discussed the competitive play during intra club activities and concerns that individuals may not be appropriately rated or may not be playing at the level of tennis represented by their rating. Currently, there are formalized options that individuals are rated/assigned a rating:

1. USTA - individuals who participate in USTA leagues are assigned a rating by USTA and able to participate in league competition based on that rating.
2. SCTA Club rating clinic - the club pros offer a monthly clinic allowing individuals to be rated based on their knowledge, skills, court positioning and decision making during play with others. Following the end of the clinic, a rating is assigned to each player who participated. The staff in the Logo building is made aware of the assigned ratings and the individuals each receive an email from the pros with the rating assigned. If the individual does not agree with the rating, they are able to appeal and discuss the rating with the Pros.
3. Intra club Rating is being proposed to offer a third option for individuals to obtain a rating. As a result, "Self" rated individuals would have to achieve a rating from one of these three sources in order to play Intra Club-related events. If the individual chooses to remain "self" rated (USTA S or SCTA S), they will not be eligible to participate in Intra Club events. This could impact someone moving up OR down in a rating so that they are adequately playing at a level representative of their skill set during Intra Club events only. Individuals who choose to play social tennis will be able to maintain a "Self" rating.

Tennis facilities at Argent West Chuck Hirsch

Chuck was invited to a meeting with individuals from the Community Association (CA) regarding planned facilities at Argent West. Currently, three tennis courts and 12 pickleball courts are expected to be added. The Board has addressed the need to have additional court grooming tools as well as a drinking fountain/water source. Chuck will reach out to the CA to confirm what will be included with the tennis courts and what the SCTA may have to contribute so that the facilities mirror the current courts (i.e. scoring, shade structures, wind screens, etc). The Board will continue to report on the progress and discussions with the CA.

Ice Machine - South Side Chuck Hirsch

The group discussed the loss of the ice machine in the Pavilion; that is limited to use for activities to be held in/at the Pavilion. The tennis association previously had an ice machine, however, it was removed and replaced with a water/ice machine that is currently located at the back of the Logo building next to the Women's restroom. The machine is not adequate for the amount of players and ice needed to support the organization. Mike Ryan is working with Facilities Maintenance on location and installation of the Ice Machine that we would like to cost-share with the CA. More to come on this. Michael Sacks moved to approve the purchase of the ice machine and Deb Cambell seconded the motion, and the group unanimously approved the purchase of an ice machine. Cost and location will be discussed with the CA.

Community Improvement Project Chuck Hirsch

The group discussed having a committee to investigate and create a 3 to 5 year plan for future developments for our tennis association. Dane Petchul originally brought up the idea and will be asked to lead the committee. Michael Sacks moved to approve the committee, Tyler Tolstrup seconded the motion, and the group unanimously approved that the committee should be formed and a plan be created.

Logo Staff cost sharing Chuck Hirsch

The group discussed the current cost associated with the Logo staff and the possibility to share that cost with the Pickleball club. Chuck also brought this up with the CA during recent discussions who supported the idea. In addition to the cost of the Logo staff, the shared expense of a water source will be discussed. More information will be shared as discussions begin.

Club Championship Chuck Hirsch

The group discussed the format of the Club Championship and is expected to be similar to the format used last year with the two age groups. Play may be round robin or brackets, depending on how many individuals sign up. A suggestion was raised that if the format is round robin, the winners of each age group would play against each other.

A food truck was discussed. More information is being obtained before being presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

