

**SCTA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 4, 2024**  
**Pinckney Hall Edisto River Room, 6:00PM**

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

**Call to Order: Chuck Hirsch**

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

**Minutes and Quorum: Laurie Williams**

Laurie determined that a quorum of the Board was present. The Board Minutes from May 29, 2024 had been posted on the SCTA website and Logo bulletin board and emailed in an E-blast to the members. Deb moved to approve the minutes and Carolyn seconded the motion; the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen**

Summary of June/July/August 2024; reports follow at the end of the minutes The Summer of 2024 was quiet for the financial sector of the Club.

**Cash Inflows were as follows:**

**June:** \$5,876.00 SCHHCA payments - \$4,825 M&M CAM / \$1,051 Match Point / \$100 Dues  
**July:** \$0.00

**Aug:** \$325.00 SCHHCA Dues payment

**Total deposits: \$ 6,301.00**

**Cash Outflows consisted of:**

\$ 45.20 Erosion Prevention Screening materials /reimbursing Gary Roy

\$ 1,600.00 – WTO awarded 5 Scholarships to students in the area

\$ 6,500.00 – Q3 Installment payment to SCHHCA

\$ 34.03 – CSB – check reorder fee

\$ 104.78 – WTO Card stock / flyers / posters

**Total expenses: \$ 8,284.01**

Net Cash Flow: **\$ -1,983.01**

Net Cash Flow YTD 2024: **+ \$ 31,618.77**

The bank balance as of August 31, 2024: \$61,070.34

\$50,760.79 for the Club and \$10,309.55 for WTO

Deb moved to approve the reports; Michael Sacks seconded the motion, and the reports were unanimously approved by the Board.

## **DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Membership: Michael Sacks**

- 24 members joined during July and August
- As of August month-end, 776 members have joined compared with 777 members at this time last year. The 2024 budget is based on 750 members.
- I have submitted a bill to the CA for August billing. Billing for the months June and July had already been submitted. Twelve members joined since the last billing. o \$650 of membership dues
- Total dues for 2024 are \$37,900. Note that  $776 * \$50 = \$38,800$ . The difference is 18 newbies who joined late in 2023 and got credit for the remainder of 2023 plus all of 2024.

### **Ambassadors: Deb Campbell**

The Sun City Club Fair will take place on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 -1:00. ● I will be going to Life Styles tomorrow to sign up for the fair and select our table in the Pavilion.

- Michael Sacks will attend to check for auto renewals;
- Steve Sandike will help with any questions new members may have.
- Chuck Hirsch and Tyler Tollstrup will also attend.
- Due to the auto renewal system we don't see as much traffic as we used to. It is a great way for new residents or individuals new to tennis to come and ask questions and be referred to an ambassador.

I have informed all ambassadors that I will not be the chairperson next year and for them to please let me know if they want to continue as ambassador.

### **Bucket Brigade: Michael Ryan**

#### **Old business/questions:**

- This is the best the south side court area has looked in years. The drainage is so good that we're able to play after a heavy rain. The newly installed sod makes our courts top notch compared to other communities.
- Shout out to Chris Scott, Gary Roy, Rick Beithman, and George Walton for their continued and much appreciated efforts.

#### **Current work:**

- Added rocks to Court 3 sidewalk;
- Windscreens are in good shape;
- Work order opened for windscreen on #16;
- Court #15 is being resurfaced;
- North side water fountain project to be handled by Capital Improvement Committee;
- Net fixes on courts 3 and 8.

#### **New Business:**

- Website updates completed;
- Wall of Fame update;

- Researching an ice machine for the Logo Building.

### **Women's Tennis Organization (WTO): Angela Bossu Wolfe**

- Treasurer's report: ending balance for August was \$10,294.67.
- Scholarship committee, working with Wayne Lilly of Public Tennis Inc.
  - providing scholarship info to girls' varsity tennis teams during the month of September as well as attending several of their matches.
  - Scholarship applications opened September 1, 2024; closing date is March 1, 2025.
- Publicity chair established a WTO fundraising page on the Pledge the Pink Foundation for people who wish to donate but cannot attend the event on September 28, 2024. ● Anne Clemmitt and Angela Bossu Wolfe met with Joe Turino to start discussing an article about WTO slated for the December SunSations magazine.
- The WTO Sports Gear committee is organizing the selling of attire.
  - Committee chair, Christina Bloxsom, finalized attire/colors/pricing for on-line ordering forms to be developed by Jenny Perusek.
  - Sales are expected to occur from October 28 - November 17, 2024 either online or in person.
- Room reservations have been secured for 2025 in the Pavilion:
  - Trivia Night will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025.
  - Tennis in the Pink (TIP) will be held on September 27, 2025
- WTO would like to give a special thanks to SCTA and Chris Scott for donating the A-frame stands to post TIP posters.

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

Bob was not able to attend the meeting; no report was provided.

Mike Ryan reminded everyone that the Men's 3.0 team will be headed to Pelham, AL for sectionals. Congratulations and good luck to the team!

### **Intraclub Liaison: Tyler Tollstrup for Rich White**

- Intraclub supports organizational/structural play by teams or round robin; coordinators are responsible for determining the structure to be played.
- Women's 4.0, represented by Deborah Kniewel, presented their case to continue playing in a competitive round robin structure where scores are kept and the players agree this is the format they wish to continue playing under. Depending on participation the group uses 2-3 courts. The Board unanimously agreed that no changes are required of the group.

### **Event Director: Carolyn Walton**

The CPR class is scheduled for September 26, 2024 in the Pavillion and is full; 30 participants.

A second class is being planned for January 2025 to accommodate the wait list. An indoor room will be reserved and an update will be provided with the location once the room has been

confirmed. Even though my term will be over, I will continue to be responsible for that class.

The Dinner Dance is coming along. Ticket sales will continue through September at assorted times; Tyler will advertise those times in the E-blasts.

#### **Nominating Committee: Debbie Ward**

Deb was not in attendance; no report was provided.

Subsequent to the meeting, Chuck informed the Board that the Event Director position does not have an individual running at this time.

#### **Community Improvement Committee: Dane Petchul**

Dane was not in attendance, however updates were provided:

- two meetings have been held to discuss fund raising
- Focus is on the water fountain purchase and installation on the north side; discussions will continue to include other clubs and updates will be provided as the process continues.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Club Championship Chuck Hirsch**

- The matches will be held November 11 - 17, 2024;
- There will be two age groups; similar to last year;
- The start time has been moved to 10:30 instead of noon.

#### **SCTA Board positions Chuck Hirsch**

- Election for the four open Board positions will occur in November.
- The slate of candidates for the positions must be provided to the Board on or before October 1, 2024. The Board will then provide the information to the membership.
- Late October we will begin working on the budget for next year.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024; Pinckney Hall Edisto River Room

#### **Open Discussion**

**Rain** - when it is raining or has rained and the tennis courts are wet, players are expected to refrain from playing on the courts until they have been cleared/opened for play. The Board is working on additional ways to communicate to membership and community members when the courts are not available and when they are available for play when the Logo building staff is no longer available to assist or answer phones. This also includes updating the Chelsea website to advise when courts are or are not available. Walking and/or playing on the courts while they are wet, or not dry enough yet for use, causes damage to the courts. In some cases, the courts will have to be closed until they can be repaired. In addition, the moisture within the har-tru on the courts will transfer to the balls being used for play. Please do not use or attempt to use the courts while they are wet.

### **Ball machine and balls in the machine Deb Campbell**

- Reminder, the ball machine should only be reserved by individuals who have completed the ball machine course.
- DO NOT use the ball sweeper on the court; the sweeper is to be used around the court and another method used on the court to pick up the balls in order to prevent damage to the court.
  - An individual was recently identified on the court, using the sweeper on the court and reminded not to do this; the individual continued to use the sweeper on the court.
  - This same individual, after several bouts of drizzle, decided to continue using the ball machine until a steady rain developed. The machine had to be unplugged and secured in the shed, wet. Then the chore of picking up the balls, rendering them wet and useless for anyone unfortunate enough to use the machine next.
- “Pop up” rain showers are not predictable, however, if anyone is caught in this situation, they should notify the Logo building so that the wet machine/balls can be exchanged out with the back-up machine and balls. The wet machine and balls can then be addressed; the wet balls should **not** be placed back in the machine for the next unsuspecting player to clean up your mess.
- We are working to address any misuse of the courts and/or ball machine equipment. If you see something, say something and report it to the Logo staff; a message can be left on the answering machine.

### **SCTA Membership Database Michael Sacks**

An individual looking for players to join a team recently reached out asking for players who may fit criteria for a specific rating and/or age group. The question is whether to add/include an age or age range (55+, 65+) in the directory. Further discussion will occur to define the age and/or age groups and members will be allowed to decide if to participate or not.

### **E-blast messaging Milt Newman**

A request was made to adjust the tone and/or filter the commentary that is contributed to and/or appears in the messaging. This will be taken into consideration with the remainder of the e-blasts.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm