

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

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**Board Attendees:** Tyler Tollstrup, Interim President  
Cindy Good, Interim 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: Tyler Tollstrup**

Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Minutes and Quorum: Laurie Williams**

Laurie determined that a quorum of the Board was present, however, a quorum of the membership was not met. The Board Minutes from October 9, 2024 had been posted on the SCTA website and Logo bulletin board and emailed in an E-blast to the members. Regarding the minutes from the October 9, 2024 meeting Tyler called for a motion to:

- Waive the reading of, and approve the minutes; Carolyn moved to approve the motion; Martha seconded the motion; the board unanimously approved to waive the reading of the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report: Martha Widgen**

SCTA Treasurer's Report for October 2024; actual report follows at the end of the minutes

**Cash Inflows:**

\$ 575.00	Aug 24 CAM Payment 2024 Membership Dues
\$ 2,390.00	\$2270 WTO TIP / \$120 Dinner Dance
<b>Total deposits for Oct:</b>	<b>\$2,965.00</b>

**Cash Outflows:**

\$ 23.34	Court Maintenance reimbursement to Michael Ryan/Padlock purchased
\$ 6,500.00	Q4 Payment to SCHHCA
\$ 4,217.06	Dinner Dance Expenses
\$ 66.34	WTP Tennis Gear - Printing Expense
\$ 577.09	WTO Scholarships
\$ 5,669.63	WTO Tennis in the Pink Expenses

**Total expenses:** \$ 17,053.46

**Net cash flow :** 14,088.46

**Net cash flow YTD 2024:** + \$ 31,774.61

The bank balance as of Oct 31, 2024: **\$47,171.75**

\$40,915.26 for the Club

\$ 6,256.49 for WTO

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

## **DIRECTOR/LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Membership: Michael Sacks**

During the month of October

- 7 members joined SCTA for 2024;
- As of October month-end, 786 members have joined compared with 796 members at this time last year. The 2024 budget is based on 750 members;
- I have submitted a bill to the CA for October membership. Included in this is \$3,760 for the Grand Slam Dinner Dance. The total billing submitted is \$4,110;
- Total dues for 2024 are \$38,400. Note that  $786 \times \$50 = \$39,300$ . The difference is 18 newbies who joined late in 2023 and received credit for the remainder of 2023 plus all of 2024.

### **Ambassadors: Deb Campbell**

Thanked all the ambassadors for their support of all new SCTA members. Ambassadors are the first impression new members receive informing members of what SCTA has to offer and open a whole new world to them. Playing tennis here offers an opportunity to meet new friends, join leagues that make one feel a part of something wonderful. We have the best people as ambassadors, who go out of their way to make our players feel welcomed. The following were acknowledged:

Linda Borovitch	1.5 to 2.5 Women's Ambassador
Bob Field	1.5 to 2.5 Men's Ambassador
Linda Chasnov	3.0 Women's Ambassador
Rich Koncicki	3.0 Men's Ambassador
Debra Murray	3.5 Women's Ambassador
Rick Biethman	3.5 Men's Ambassador
Deb Kniewel	4.0 Women's Ambassador
Tom Jones	4.0 Men's Ambassador

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

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

- Wall of Fame - no pictures of the prior wall have been received.
- Rocks removed/replaced between courts;
- Drainage ditches added or enhanced on court perimeters;
- The SCTA Board thanks Chris Scott, Gary Roy, Rick Beithman, and George Walton for their great efforts and continued commitment to the SCTA. Again, following a heavy rain, courts were playable the following day!

#### **Current Work:**

- Windscreens are being replaced and/or adjusted;
- Ice machine will be at the Logo building; we are suggesting removal of the water fountain so that the ice machine that will include a scoop and the current ice/water dispenser sit side-by-side.

#### **New Business:**

- Bucket brigade entourage will meet this Sunday, November 10 at 6:30 AM at the Logo Building. Work to make the courts and stands ready for the Club Championship. Email to follow as we get closer.
- Website project update - a meeting will be held next week;.

- Wall of Fame project - review of other facilities on/off property; will approach the Community Association with a plan and information collected; will create a budget item.

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

- Scholarships - Ten students were awarded with scholarships
  - 3 John Paul II, 2 May River High School, and 5 Bluffton High School;
- Food for Love 10th annual drive was a success; collected and donated \$2,550.00 in cash and checks and loaded their van with an assortment of food.
- Tennis in the Pink had 123 registrants; Total amount raised minus expenses came to \$8,585.90 which was sent to Pledge the Pink Foundation. Event Highlights included:
  - Cindy Vander Berg presented with a plaque and breast cancer survivor tennis towel for her dedication to WTO and our community.
  - Jamie Haight, Treasurer for Pledge the Pink Foundation, spoke at the luncheon;
  - Six Scholarship winners plus parents attended the luncheon and received their certificates in-person;
  - Joyce McGaughan received the Pink Shoe award; and
  - Team Fireballs won the “Bling a Bra” contest which raised \$1,031.
- SCTA Sports Apparel is available for purchase. Presently we have received
  - 86 orders totalling \$3,961. The next week of in-person sales will take place during the club championship November 11, 13, 15, & 16.
- WTO Steering Committee has pursued and developed the following:
  - New logo in June of 2024
  - Policy and Procedure manual was written and approved in May 2024;
  - Special Interest Group – approved by both WTO Steering Committee and SCTA June of 2024.
  - Moved all registrations to on-line format through Fillout
  - Purchased a yearly subscription to Canva for development of all posters/flyers/letterhead documents.

**USTA Liaison:              Bob Waite**

- Steve Sandike is updating the website that currently includes: Calendar of Events, how to register on the website and/or captain a team. If unable to locate what you are looking for, reach out for assistance by phone or through the website.
- Lottery meeting is coming up; Gary Green is the coordinator and will set p court times.

**IntraClub Liaison:      Rich White**

Coordinators are gearing up for the spring 2025 Intraclub League; Jim Hannah has stepped up to replace Steve this spring. No other known changes.

**Event Director:              Carolyn Walton**

The CPR class is scheduled for January 30, 2025 at 1:00 in the Pinckney Ballroom; sign-ups are being accepted at this time.

**2025 Election Results** - out of 774 voters, 311 members voted.

- Tyler Tollstrup              President

- Bob Durst Vice President (unopposed)
- John Bell Treasurer (unopposed)
- Fiona Harwood Director, Ambassadors (57% of votes)
- Events Coordinator No volunteers

**Community Improvement Committee: Dane Petchul**

- Committee members: Dave Tashjian, Karen Benedict, David and Pam Geatz
- The committee is gathering ideas/suggestions for projects as well as funding ideas. A draft survey will be presented to the Board and then to members for consideration.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2025 Budget**

**Martha Widgen**

- \$42,000.00 Begin budget
- 775 members expected; membership dues will remain \$50.00
- \$0 Events - based on break-even expectation
- Revenue remains \$56,750 (costs are unchanged)
- Bi-annual payments to the CA totalling \$26,000 (began in 2020); CA confirmed expenses will not be increased.
- Standard maintenance items - \$2500
- Ice Machine - two quotes/machines to be considered
  - \$3,600.00 - Machine will produce 300 lbs. of ice in 24 hours; can store 300 lbs of ice.
  - \$2,400.00 - produce 250 lbs of ice in 24 hours; can store 95 lbs of ice
  - Both machines account for melting and will continually produce ice as the amount is depleted.
  - Suggestion for the logo building to store ziplock bags to be used during hours if/when injuries occur. This will be considered, however, after hours, players must bring their own ziplock bags/ice packs.

Wall of Honor - committee of 7 individuals will begin meeting regularly to begin selecting the space, method of display. Bud will check for archived pictures and videos of the prior Wall.

Capital Projects other - \$20,000 has been committed

**RECAP:** The CA expectation/request is that the Club end with a balance of \$11,250. Member dues will be applied to capital expenditures. For court set-up, the CA (Pulte) will provide a court and net, any items beyond that will be the responsibility of the Club. Only events are expected to break even.

**Club Championship Update**

**Dudley Kay**

- First day of Championship Play will begin Monday, November 11, 2024 (Veteran's Day)
- Will be using the combined ages; 118 players between the ages of 57 and 81 results in a median age of 70. Times are noon, 2:00 and 4:00 pm. Subsequent to the meeting, the beginning schedule of players and times was sent out through email.
- Chuck Hirsch championed the idea and George Kreick created the Plaques that will be presented to the winners; a wooden plaque with a tennis ball that will be attached. Runners' Up will be presented with a medallion.

## **Timeline Remainder 2024**

## **Michael Sacks**

Michael presented the timeline showing what has been completed and what remains. A copy will be included with the minutes.

Tyler acknowledged and thanked the many volunteers that are desperately needed to support the SCTA and all of the activities that go on.

## **New Business Tyler Tollstrup**

**Updated Ratings Policy** - the Board has developed a revised ratings policy that if approved will replace the current policy. Tyler discussed the top 5 complaints by members regarding the current rating policy/practices and will assist in resolving going forward. It is important for all members to know and understand that the Pros will discuss the end results if they are not clear.

- Making sure an appropriate rated/skilled individual will be hitting with/against the individuals in the Ratings clinic;
- Appeal Process - statistics from the Intraclub Coordinators may be used to assist in the evaluation/appeal process;
- Criteria that will be evaluated;
- Positive/negative assessment of meeting/not meeting the criteria to be included in the email sent to the individuals along with the decision of the rating;
- Pro to player ratio to ensure the individual is being assessed on abilities that day.

The revised policy will be sent out through email allowing the membership to view it two days after the meeting.

## **Electronic Voting**

- On November 15, 2024, an email will be sent to all SCTA members allowing each member to vote Yes (Y) or No (N) on the following two items that will appear:
  - 2025 Budget
  - Updated Ratings Policy (replace 2023 Ratings Policy)

The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024; Pinckney Hall Kiawah River Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

## **Open Discussion**

Jane Koncicki questioned if Bunny will be replaced? Tyler confirmed that Gavin will be contacted for further discussion.

Donna Ryan requested confirmation of the dates for Mix and Match 2025. The “meet your team” party will be on 4/21/2025 and matches will be played on 4/24-27/2025.

Chris Scott informed the membership that the CA has agreed to **REPLACE** all windscreens; the wind portal will be larger and much more durable. This activity will take time due to the different sizes/measurements of each of the fencing/screens. We are truly grateful for all of Chris Scott’s efforts and dedication to making our tennis facility world class!