



Sun City West Tennis Club
January 4th, 2024, 3:00pm – 5:20pm
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Larry Plaster (President), Butch Lynd (Vice-President), Monique Groothuizen (Treasurer), Gail Selander (Secretary), Vinnie Taibbi (Member at Large), Bruce Dougan (Past-President), Debbie Ross (Table Tennis Chair), Sandy Johnson (Club Team Tennis/Hold my Court), Mike Kosanda, Steve Ribble (Web Content Manager), Jolene Piaskowski (Swing into Spring Chair), Bill Elledge (Drop-in Tennis), Mark Johnson (Ball Machine), Ron Wambach, Rocky Goodhope, Nick Turner (Chartered Clubs Committee Representative)

Board Votes & Actions

- Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by Larry Plaster.
- Motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to approve the December Treasurer's report and Year End report, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to approve a \$100 annual petty cash fund for table tennis and platform tennis, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to hold a food drive at the membership meeting in April, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to have a 45th anniversary event in October, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to approve a \$5 annual charge for every ball machine card holder, approved by majority vote.
- Jolene Piaskowski to put Rocky Goodhope in touch with the person who filed for Desert Garden Club.
- Rocky Goodhope will find out what other SCW clubs have done to convert to 501c3 status and get back to the Board.
- Bruce Dougan will send an e-blast reminding members to pay their dues before 1/31/24.
- Larry Plaster will send out the list of unpaid members to this group to reach out to members.
- Larry Plaster will send the log-in reports to Debbie Ross showing table tennis log-ins.
- Nick Turner will ask the rec center to look at monitor training again regarding table tennis member check ins and recording tennis club membership.
- Monique Groothuizen will submit the CR-15 report.
- Larry Plaster will create a position description for the Tennis Chair role.
- Debbie Ross to contact Joel Piaskowski and Joel can show Debbie where the supplies are kept (in the tunnel).
- Bill Elledge will let his group know that pickleball players can use any open Kuentz courts even during tennis allotted hours.
- Gail Selander will change the Organization Chart to show Bruce Dougan will continue to do e-blasts and send it out to everyone.
- Bruce Dougan to send out an e-blast about Club Team Tennis. Vinnie Taibbi will also do flyers for the membership meeting for each table and include the Tennis Gala.



- Butch Lynd and Mike Kosanda to start thinking about a date or dates for the Platform Tennis Open House and let Joel know.
- Bruce Dougan will check to see if he has the email address associated with the Tennis Club Facebook page and provide it to Steve Ribble.
- Nick Turner to follow up with Carl at the Rec Center regarding court resurfacing.
- Nick Turner to follow up with the Rec Center regarding advertising on Rec Center TVs.
- Jolene Piaskowski will work with Vinnie Taibbi regarding new bulletin board magnets.
- Bruce Dougan will send an e-blast out with the \$5 ball machine charge.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm. The meeting was adjourned by verbal vote.
- The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, in the Stampede Room at The Men's Club at 3:00pm.

Meeting Called to Order

Larry Plaster called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Butch Lynd moved to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. Vinnie Taibbi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

Treasurer's Report

Monique Groothuizen introduced two BMO bank representatives - Anmarie, Manager and John, Lead Banker. Emory and John will be presenting at the January Membership Meeting on how to use Zelle as well as inform members of perks available at BMO for tennis club members.

Monique presented the 12/31/23 Treasurers Report. The ending balance is \$69,465.39. Revenue for the month included meeting revenue (\$132) as well as 2024 membership dues (\$780). Expenses included ball machine repairs/balls (\$489.29), table tennis room repairs (\$863.72) and office supplies (\$116.70). Butch Lynd made the motion to approve the 12/31/23 Treasurer's Report, Gail Selander seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

Monique provided an overview of the Year End Treasurers Report. Total revenue for the year is \$9,558.02, total expenses are \$12,516.86 with an ending balance of \$69,465.39. Butch made the motion to approve the Year End Treasurers Report, Vinnie Taibbi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

Monique also informed the group that a \$35k CD has been secured for 13 months, generating \$6k in interest when the CD has matured.

501c3 Charitable Organization Process

Rocky Goodhope did preliminary research regarding the tennis club applying for IRS 501c3 status. We need to be mindful of:



- % of gross receipts from membership dues (this can include meeting revenue or other member payments).
- IRS regulations state that an organization must apply within the first 27 months of the organization's existence.
- Will the Rec Center allow us to refile as a separate organization, dissolve and start new? Feedback was provided that the Rec Center is encouraging clubs to become their own separate 501c3.
- We will need to change the name of the club and update the Bylaws to show the new name of the club. ACTION ITEM: Jolene Piaskowski to put Rocky in touch with the person who filed for Desert Garden Club.
- The cost is \$275 to file forms with IRS.
- Since we are amending the Bylaws, we will need membership and Rec Center approval prior to applying for 501c3.

ACTION ITEM: Rocky will find out what other SCW clubs have done to convert to 501c3 status and get back to us.

Membership Status

As of today, 230 members have paid their 2024 membership dues. ACTION ITEM: Bruce will send an e-blast reminding members to pay their dues before 1/31/24. ACTION ITEM: Larry will send out the list of unpaid members to this group to reach out to members. Larry will also send the log-in reports to Debbie Ross showing table tennis log-ins. There was discussion regarding the training of monitors to put in the correct tennis club code when table tennis members check in. ACTION ITEM: Nick Turner can ask the rec center to look at monitor training again. Larry said he has not received the club track report yet for December. December's participation rate was 49.9%. ACTION ITEM: Monique will submit the CR-15 report. The CR-5 needs to be signed which Larry has at this meeting.

Sandy Johnson asked about the position description for the Tennis Chair role. ACTION ITEM: Larry will create a position description.

Table Tennis

Larry let Don Dauterive, Rec Center Facilities, know that if tables are not being used during club time, non-club members are welcome to others use them. Debbie said that Lanny gave her the petty cash and they will have a pizza party and photo shoot on January 28th, 2024. Debbie also said she needs supplies for the event. ACTION ITEM: Debbie to contact Joel Piaskowski and Joel can show Debbie where the supplies are kept (in the tunnel).

Larry made the motion to approve a \$100 annual petty cash fund for table tennis and platform tennis. Gail seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

Kuentz Courts Use Issue

Larry asked if Bill Elledge would let his group know that pickleball players can use any open courts even during tennis allotted hours. ACTION ITEM: Bill will let his group know.



Organization Chart

Larry let the group know that Bruce Dougan agreed to continue doing e-blasts. ACTION ITEM: Gail will make the change on the Organization Chart and send it out to everyone.

Hold My Court

Sandy Johnson reported no issues with Hold My Court. Sandy will let members know at the membership meeting about the new 2-hour blocks during prime-time play.

Tennis Gala

Sandy said that the Gala flyers and registration sheets are out in the tower. There are also flyers in bathrooms and the bulletin board.

Club Team Tennis

Sandy let the group know that the next Club Team Tennis event is set for January 20th. About thirty-five members have signed up to play but Sandy needs more to sign up. Ideally the number would be 40+ players with the limit of 56. ACTION ITEM: Bruce to send out an e-blast. Vinnie will also do flyers for the membership meeting for each table and include the Tennis Gala.

Publicity Updates

Larry provided an update on publicity in Joel Piaskowski's absence.

Joel is asking for board approval to hold a food drive for West Valley Food Bank (one of our charities) at next the membership meeting in April. All coming will need to bring a minimum of 3-5 nonperishable food items. Jolene and Joel will collect at the meeting and deliver to the food bank. Larry made the motion to hold a food drive at the membership meeting in April, Monique seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous verbal vote.

Nick Turner, our club liaison, gave a "shout out" about the club and for all the charities we supported in 2023 at a Chartered Clubs Committee meeting in December.

Newcomers Event: Joel will staff the table from 5-6pm and provide the following: nice framed arial pic of courts, SIS Poster, squish tennis balls from Statz for giveaways, clip board with signup sheet for Platform Tennis open house clinic, date TBD in Jan. or Feb. ACTION ITEM: Joel asked Butch and Mike Kosanda to start thinking about a date or dates and let Joel know. Larry, Butch and possibly Debbie will also be at the Newcomers Event.

Publicity: All is on track. Joel will manage all publicity for SIS. On club newsletter, one person contacted Joel to help. Need minimum of three more. Does not look promising.

NOTE: 2024 (October) is the **45th Anniversary of the SCW Tennis Club**. Joel has started and will include through the year related to Publicity. Larry made the motion to have a 45th anniversary event in October, Vinnie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.



Pickleball Ambitions

Larry reported that the President of Pickleball club said her goal is to take the RHJ tennis courts for pickleball use. All agreed we need to be diligent and watch for any action/change by the Rec Center. Nick reported that the Chartered Club Committee is not willing to approve the \$50k for design at Kuentz without understanding the SCW master plan.

West Valley Leagues

Larry said that Kasey Huhta is pushing for reciprocal agreements to be in place for all leagues. The Tennis Club is viewing league play as a non-club activity right now. All agreed to continue playing as is for now.

Brochure Flyers

Vinnie reported that brochures are being taken from the brochure box and other locations. Vinnie will monitor and make sure there are brochures in each place.

Swing into Spring (SIS) 2024

Jolene let everyone know that using ARC to run SIS funds through may no longer be an option with the change in Presidents. Ron Wambach suggested calling PORA to see if they would consider doing it. Jolene also said that George Orchard may be out of town during SIS and will train someone else to run the software if he is.

Happy Camp

Larry confirmed that the dates are set for Happy Camp, March 18th and March 25th. We just need volunteers to support it.

Website Manager

Steve Ribble said no updates with the website but did ask what email address is used for the tennis club Facebook page. ACTION ITEM: Bruce may have it and will provide it for Steve.

Bulletin Board

Vinnie let everyone know that the magnets on the bulletin board beneath the tower are not working and expensive to purchase. ACTION ITEM: Jolene will work with Vinnie on getting new magnets. Vinnie also said that anything we want to put on the bulletin board, just let Vinnie know. Vinnie will also put up the memorial for Lanny Leathers.

Facility Maintenance Update

Butch provided an update on facility maintenance work including fixing the gate on court 15. Larry asked about the plan to resurface the courts. ACTION ITEM: Nick will follow up with Carl to see if it is in the reserve study.

Butch also commented on how much Joel is doing to promote platform tennis. Jolene asked about advertising on the Rec Center TVs. ACTION ITEM: Nick to follow up with the Rec Center.

MailChimp update

Bruce had nothing new to report but did say that only 70% of people open the emails.



Ball Machine

Mark Johnson re-proposed charging for ball machine use due to continued maintenance and ball replacement costs. Monique made the motion to charge \$5 to each ball machine card holder, Gail seconded the motion. The motion was passed by majority vote, noting that Butch Lynd opposed the motion. ACTION ITEM: Bruce will send an e-blast out with the change.

Sunshine Representative

No updates provided.

New Business

Sandy Johnson brought up that we need to be tracking guests at each event.

Adjourn

Joel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm, Monique seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned unanimously by a verbal vote.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Selander".

Gail Selander
SCW Tennis Club Board Secretary