



Sun City West Tennis Club
General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2024, 5:00pm
Meeting Minutes

Votes & Actions

- Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Larry Plaster.
- Motion to approve the 2023 Year End Treasurer’s report, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to approve up to \$3k in club funds for the tennis club’s 45th anniversary celebration event to be held in November, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm followed by dinner.
- The next membership meeting will be held on April 9th, 2024, and the dinner will be hosted by the 3.5 ladies.

Meeting Called to Order

Board President Larry Plaster called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Larry led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry recognized and thanked volunteers for this meeting. The 4.0 ladies for dinner, the Swifka’s for providing snacks, Hazel Swailes and David John as bartenders. Larry also recognized and thanked retiring 2023 Board Members Bruce Dougan and Joel Piaskowski for their service. Larry introduced the 2024 Board as well – Larry Plaster, President, Butch Lynd, Vice President, Monique Groothuizen, Treasurer, Gail Selander, Board Secretary, and Vinnie Taibbi, Member at Large.

Treasurer’s Report

Board Treasurer Monique Groothuizen 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. Jim Cawdrey made the motion to approve the 2023 Year End Treasurer’s report, Bev Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

BMO Bank Zelle Presentation

Representatives from BMO Bank presented a presentation on how to use Zelle. Any payment related to the tennis club can now be made online using Zelle. When a payment is made, all members need to use the email address associated with the tennis club. Please see the tennis club website for detailed instructions.

Membership Update

Larry informed attendees that as of 12/31/23, the club had 413 members which included sixty-seven new members. 218 members have paid their 2024 dues to date. 195 members still need to pay their dues by the end of January to avoid a late fee.



2024 Tennis Club Gala Plans

Sandy Johnson informed everyone that the Tennis Club Gala is on Tuesday, February 27th at the Palm Ridge Summit Room. It is \$35 per person and member guests and \$49 per person for non-members. Dinner, tips and set up are included in the price. It is BYOB. Chef Peter is catering, and the band is sun city west's own Still Above Ground. There will be sixteen tables at 6 per table. Dinner selections are prime roast beef, salmon, and vegetarian pasta. The Table Captains fill out a registration form (registration forms on the tables this evening) and put it in the lock box at the tower. Deadline for sign-up is February 14th. If you do not have a table captain and would like to attend, let Sandy know and she will assign you a table. Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 5:45pm.

Hold my Court Status

Sandy informed attendees that the Tennis Club Board approved to have just two reserved court times regardless of when the courts will be used during those times: 8-10am, 10-12pm November – April, 7:30-9:30am, 9:30-11:30am May – October. If a group needs to permanently reserve more than three courts, they must sign up for the later time slot. There is a maximum of five courts per group.

The question was asked regarding Drop-in tennis still at 9am? At this point, there is no change in the time but if there is a problem in the future, the time can be adjusted.

Club Team Tennis Status

Sandy let everyone know that the next club team tennis event is Saturday, January 20th. There are four teams. Members sign up individually, are assigned a team, then play against people of the same level. Captains are Klaus Saunders, Ginny Althoff, Joel Piaskowski, and Dave Parrish. The event is at no cost to members and there are complimentary snacks, beer, wine, and sodas. Members can sign up tonight. Sandy noted that she needs six more ladies and five more men. The deadline to sign up is January 15th.

Table Tennis Status

Larry informed the group that Debbie Ross is the Table Tennis Chair. Please talk to Debbie if you would like more information about table tennis.

Platform Tennis Status

Butch Lynd let attendees know that four new platform tennis paddles have been purchased for member use. Butch reminded everyone that our platform tennis courts are the only ones in the state, and we need to get more platform tennis activity, so we are not in danger of losing the courts due to non-use.

Facilities Maintenance Status

No facility maintenance updates were provided.

Ball Machine

On behalf of Mark Johnson, Larry let all know that Mark has the new 2024 ball machine cards for all certified users. Given the maintenance and cost of new balls, the Board voted on charging each certified user a \$5 annual fee to help subsidize the costs. The new 2024 card is needed to check out the ball machine. 2024 club dues must be paid to receive the new 2024 ball machine certification card. Please contact Mark to receive your new card.



Publicity, Newsletter, Charitable Social Events Status

Joel Piaskowski updated attendees on the following:

- **Publicity:** Joel has been submitting articles related to tennis club activities to the SCW Rec Center news and the Independent. Joel is also focusing on platform tennis. In December, Joel proposed a multi-channel promotion to the Board for platform tennis. One of those channels is promoting platform tennis on the SCW radio station for the next 6 months with promotions airing three times per day.
- **Club newsletter:** Joel would like to start a club newsletter but needs two-three more volunteers to help with it.
- **Lanny Leathers Memorial:** – If approved by the Chartered Clubs Committee, there will be a memorial in the tennis tower honoring Lanny for all his work and dedication to the tennis club. (Note: After the membership meeting, it was determined that the picture of Lanny could be placed in the Tower using an area of the Tower wall considered to be Club Space without approval of the Chartered Clubs Committee.)
- **Charities:** In 2023, the tennis club and its members financially donated \$16k to local area charities, most recently the Ronald McDonald house (~\$2k) which was featured with the Rip and Sew Club in the Independent. Joel also noted that there have been articles about PASS including the three sisters with Executive Director Tony who were invited to the national USTA conference in November.
- **45th Tennis Club Anniversary Celebration:** – The Tennis Club Board approved a 45th anniversary celebration in November. Joel noted that the tennis club is one of the oldest clubs in SCW. The plan for the celebration is to hold a dinner, dance and guest speakers at Palm Ridge. The event will be held on Friday night, November 8th with Still Above Ground playing. Joel asked for a motion to approve up to \$3k in club funds for the event. Jolene Piaskowski made the motion, Andy Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by verbal vote.

Swing into Spring 2024

Jolene Piaskowski let attendees know that the Swing into Spring tournament will be held March 20th – 24th. The plan is to run all money transactions through ARC (NOTE: after the membership meeting, the decision was made to run all money transactions through the tennis club). Jolene said that volunteers are needed, including help with the grounds. The Posse and Prides will be recipients of profits. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. 50% will be split between the 3 winners. Of the remaining 50%, 10% will go to ARC and 90% to PASS. Jolene noted that this will be her last year as Tournament Director. Someone will need to take over this role and ideally shadow Jolene during this tournament.

Impact Team Tennis

Pete Kosky reported that there is not an overwhelming interest to go back to Las Vegas this year so Pete will check in again with participants to see if there is interest for next year. There is a national qualifier tournament in Scottsdale during September and tournament in Phoenix during March that Pete will check to see if there is interest to attend.

Social Events Planning Status

Larry noted that there are only two social events planned right now for the year. If we want to have additional events, we need someone to step up into the Social Chair role. We also need someone to step up to take over the Tennis Chair.



Mixer with Pebble Creek

Larry informed attendees that Pebble Creek has reached out and would like to have a mixer with our tennis club. We need a volunteer to be the point of contact for this event.

501c3 Organization Issue

Larry let the group know that the Board is exploring applying for 501c3 IRS status which will allow the club to receive donations. Rocky Goodhope is assisting the Board with the preliminary process. If the Board determines it is advantageous for the club to move in this direction, there will be a membership vote, a change in the club's name and a change in the Bylaws. Larry will keep members informed as to the status and recommendation.

New Business

No new business discussed.

Adjourn

Joel Piaskowski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm. Andy Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned unanimously by hand vote.

The next membership meeting will be held on April 9th, 2024, and the dinner will be hosted by the 3.5 women.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Gail Selander
SCW Tennis Club Board Secretary