



## **Sun City West Tennis Club**

### **March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3:00pm – 5:10pm**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Larry Plaster (President), Butch Lynd (Vice-President), Gail Selander (Secretary), Vinnie Taibbi (Member at Large), Debbie Ross (Table Tennis Chair), Mike Kosanda, Steve Ribble (Web Content Manager), Bill Elledge (Drop-in Tennis), Nick Turner (Chartered Clubs Committee Representative), Joel Piaskowski (Publicity), Joanie Frank (Swing into Spring), Pete Kosky (ITT), Ron Wambaugh (Pebble Creek Mixer), Geneta Plaster (Member)

#### **Board Votes & Actions**

- Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by Larry Plaster.
- Motion to approve the February Board Meeting Minutes, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to approve the February Treasurer's report, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to have the member cost of the April membership dinner be \$11 per person, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to move SIS to the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup> next year, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to have all club member Octogenarian's attend the April membership dinner for free, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion for the tennis club to subsidize JR for offering a clinic to tennis club members (3.0 and below) once a month, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to approve \$100 for drinks for the Pebble Creek Mixer, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Joel Piaskowski to let all club member Octogenarian's know about the April membership dinner.
- Larry Plaster will talk with Sandy Johnson about changing the Gala from a Tuesday to Saturday.
- Bruce Dougan will include bringing three non-perishable items to the April membership meeting in an e-blast.
- Joel Piaskowski will inform the SCW Governing Board about the Tennis Club's involvement with PASS.
- Larry Plaster will inform the Dog Club about the SCW Governing Board decision to convert 5-6 tennis courts into pickleball courts at RHJ.
- Larry Plaster to talk with JR regarding monthly clinic.
- Pete Kosky will put together a package for Larry to present to the Governing Board with information about the ITT regional event request.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm. The meeting was adjourned by verbal vote.
- The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 February Board Meeting Minutes. Vinnie Taibbi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Larry reviewed the 2/28/24 Treasurer's Report in Monique Groothuizen's absence. See 2/28/24 Treasurer's Report for details. The club's net worth increased from last month and the inflow for the Gala will be recognized in April 2024 as the \$4k donation from Statz arrived late. Gail Selander moved to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Vinnie Taibbi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

### **April Membership Meeting**

Larry reported that Janet Kosanda and the 3.5 Women are planning the dinner for the April 9<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Janet and Sue Earp (co-captain) are having Olive Garden cater a pasta buffet at \$14.25 per person with an additional 10% tax and \$100 delivery fee to SCW. They do not charge a gratuity fee and furnish paper plates, napkins, utensils and warming trays. Janet asked that the tennis club pay Olive Garden by check upon delivery of the food.

After discussion, Gail made the motion to have the member cost of the dinner be \$11 per person, Larry seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by verbal vote. The motion was also made by Larry to have all club member Octogenarian's attend the dinner for free, their guests still pay \$11. Vinnie seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by verbal vote. ACTION ITEM: Joel Piaskowski will let all club member Octogenarian's know about the April dinner.

### **Membership Status**

Larry reported there are currently 367 members, 16 new members in 2024 (67 new members in 2023 as a comparison). February participation rate was at 65%. Club track logins for February was 1,806. Data has not yet been provided for non-club track and table tennis logins. Larry did note that we lost about 60 people who did not renew from 2023.

### **Table Tennis**

No table tennis update provided.

### **Hold My Court**

In Sandy Johnson's absence, Larry reported no issues with Hold My Court.

### **Tennis Gala**

Larry provided the below financial report for the Gala (all expenses previously approved by the Board) on Sandy's behalf:

#### **INCOME**

\$2,730.00      78 attendees x \$35 PP = \$2,730



\$1,000.00 Donation (Statz)

\$3,730.00

### **OUTFLOW**

\$3665.22 \$46.99/pp X 78 = \$3,665.22 Chef Peter Catering

\$400.00 Still Above Ground – Band

\$4065.22

Club subsidized - \$335.22.

Karen Kirkman donated her time and materials for the place cards and table decorations. Karen also recruited 22 people to attend the Gala. Sandy suggested that the Board try for Saturday, February 22, 2025, for the next Gala. ACTION ITEM: Larry will talk with Sandy about changing it from a Tuesday to Saturday and will continue the discussion during the next Board meeting.

### **Club Team Tennis**

Larry reported on behalf of Sandy that everything is set for Club Team Tennis on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Ron Wambach said that white wine is needed for the event. Larry will bring tennis balls.

### **Publicity Updates**

Joel Piaskowski provided the below updates on publicity:

- Joel is working on a radio spot for table tennis in April. Joel suggested that all attendees at the April membership meeting bring a minimum of 3 non-perishable food items to donate to the West Valley Food Bank. All agreed. ACTION ITEM: Bruce Dougan to send out in the meeting email blast.
- Joel let everyone know that 4 PASS kids received full scholarships for college and that Gail and Pat Cramer are included in PASS's new marketing collateral. ACTION ITEM: Joel will inform the SCW Governing Board about the Tennis Club's involvement with PASS.
- Joel found all the past tennis club Presidents from the last 45 years.
- Joel passed around the plaque for Lanny Leathers that will be displayed in the tennis tower.

### **Swing into Spring (SIS) 2024**

Joel reported for Jolene Piaskowski said that only 60 people have signed up and the deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup>. PASS will receive proceeds from the 50/50 raffle. Rays Rackets donated the tennis balls, and Rays will be at the event on Friday. Jolene said that George Orchard is encouraging the club to move the tournament to April next year due to the Indian Wells tournament conflict. Butch made the motion to move SIS to the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup> next year, Vinnie seconded. The motion passed unanimously by verbal vote.

### **February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 SCW Governing Board Meeting**

Butch reported that at the SCW Governing Board Meeting, SCW Operations Management informed the Board of the decision to investigate allocating 5-6 RHJ tennis courts for dedicated pickleball courts. There will be a March 8th Governing Board Workshop starting at 9am where this item will be discussed. We need several Board members to



attend. The \$50k designated to look into changing the Kuentz courts was disapproved by all Committees. Discussion ensued about the tennis club becoming more proactive in attending meetings, asking pickleball/tennis club members to advocate for not turning RHJ tennis courts into pickleball courts. ACTION ITEM: Larry will let the Dog Club know about the decision of the Governing Board. Also discussion on documenting the history of tennis and pickleball so it is known to all.

### **Happy Camp**

Larry reported that everything is all set for Happy Camp.

### **Website Manager**

Steve Ribble discussed adding online forms for various items (including adding a Medallion of Honor form) to the website, and online interactive printable PDF's. All agreed on adding online forms where we can to help with club professionalism. Steve also asked if there is a process in place for materials to be published and reviewed prior to publication (no process in place at this point) and there is not an online location (yet) where all materials can be shared for review. Steve also recommended that we continue making the website welcoming and informative.

### **Pebble Creek Mixer**

Ron Wambach reported that Pebble Creek is coming to SCW on April 14<sup>th</sup> for reciprocal play. Ron will be sending an e-blast out and will have a sign-up sheet in the tower. Larry made the motion to approve \$100 for drinks, Butch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

### **Bulletin Board**

Vinnie Taibbi said the bulletin board will take on a St. Patrick and Easter theme. Vinnie also needs a list of upcoming events for March.

### **Facility Maintenance Update**

Butch reported that that the courts more than likely will not get cleaned prior to SIS and the platform tennis courts have been cleaned (by Mike Kosanda and Butch).

### **ITT Tennis Update**

Pete Kosky reported that we can send teams to Scottsdale September 27-29<sup>th</sup> for ITT regional play if there is interest. Pete also informed the group that he has been asked if SCW would be open to hosting an ITT regional event? ACTION ITEM: Pete will put together a package for Larry to present to the Governing Board with the information.

### **MailChimp Update**

Larry reported on Bruce Dougan's behalf that Bruce will do a member match against our membership files to ensure accuracy and consistency between the two. A couple of members are still reporting issues with not consistently receiving the e-blasts.



**Ball Machine**

No ball machine updates in Mark Johnson’s absence.

**Sunshine Representative**

No updates provided in Laural Swifka’s absence.

**New Business**

To continue attracting new members and showcasing tennis, Larry made the motion for the tennis club to subsidize JR for offering a clinic to tennis club members (3.0 and below) once a month. Butch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote. ACTION ITEM: Larry will talk with JR.

**Adjourn**

Larry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm, Gail seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned unanimously by a verbal vote.

The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, in the Stampede Room at The Men’s Club at 3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Gail Selander  
SCW Tennis Club Board Secretary