



Sun City West Tennis Club
April 2nd, 2024, 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Larry Plaster (President), Butch Lynd (Vice-President), Monique Groothuizen (Treasurer), Gail Selander (Secretary), Vinnie Taibbi (Member at Large), Mike Kosanda (Platform Tennis), Steve Ribble (Web Content Manager), Jolene Piaskowski (Swing into Spring Chair), Bill Elledge (Drop-in Tennis), Nick Turner (Chartered Clubs Committee Representative), Joel Piaskowski (Publicity), Sandy Johnson (Hold my Court, Club Team Tennis, Gala), George Orchard (Swing into Spring), Pete Kosky (ITT Tennis), Bruce Dougan (e-blasts), Ron Wambach (Pebble Creek Mixer), Mark Johnson (Ball Machine)

Board Votes & Actions

- Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by Larry Plaster.
- Motion to approve the March Treasurer's report with the change to the accrued CD interest, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Motion to add credit card usage to the online registration forms, Gail seconded the motion, approved unanimously by verbal vote.
- Monique Groothuizen will remove the CD accrued interest from the Treasurer's Report.
- Bruce Dougan will send an e-blast with new permanent court times starting May 1st.
- Sandy Johnson will talk with the Monitors about not changing permanent court times.
- Joel Piaskowski will ask at the April Membership Meeting if someone will take on the Director role for SIS 2025.
- Jolene Piaskowski will see if PRIDES and Posse representatives can come to the April membership meeting to accept their checks.
- Larry Plaster will reach out to Karl Wilhelm and ask to talk before the Governing Board Workshop on April 12th.
- Bruce Dougan will send out an e-blast about the ITT tennis regional qualifier in Scottsdale, Vinnie will advertise on the bulletin board.
- Larry Plaster will talk with Kasey Huhta about the proposed ITT Team Tennis event at SCW in 2025.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. The meeting was adjourned by verbal vote.
- The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th, 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

Due to the late distribution of the March Board Meeting Minutes, the Minutes will be reviewed/approved at the next Board Meeting in May. (NOTE: after the Board meeting, the March Board Meeting Minutes were approved via email by the Board.)

Treasurer's Report

Monique Groothuizen presented the 3/31/24 Treasurers Report. Ending balance is of 3/31/24 was \$74,133.32. Please see the Treasurers Report for inflow and outflow details. Monique let everyone know that the CD has accrued interest of \$449.21. Larry suggested that this be removed from the Treasurers Report since we use a cash accounting basis. ACTION ITEM: Monique will remove accrued interest from the Treasurers Report. Larry made the motion to accept the Treasurers Report with the correction noted above, Gail Selander seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by verbal vote. Monique also noted that she needs to know how much SCW tennis members paid for the SIS tournament.

April Membership Meeting

Mike Kosanda said about 140 people are planned to attend the membership meeting/dinner so the meeting will be held in the large room in the Social Hall. Gail confirmed that the 3.5 Women's team is doing all check in and set up. Ron Wambach is working on happy hour provisions.

Membership Status

Larry reported that as of March 31, the tennis club has 369 members with two new members added in March (both table tennis). The February total data including table tennis has the club's participation rate at 70%. We are averaging 68.1% participation through February.

Table Tennis

No table tennis update provided in Debbie Ross's absence.

Drop-In Tennis Update

Larry informed the group that Elvine let him know that the drop-in tennis start time will change to 8:30am on April 9th through June 30th.

Hold My Court

Sandy Johnson said that an e-blast will go out letting club members know that permanent court times will change as of May 1st-Oct 31st. ACTION ITEM: Bruce to send the e-blast. New time slots will be 7:30-9:30am and 9:30-11:30am. Sandy asked for feedback on allowing the Monitors to change permanent court times. The consensus was that only Sandy should do this. ACTION ITEM: Sandy will talk with the Monitors and ask that they not change permanent court times.



Tennis Gala

The group discussed when/if to have a Gala in 2025 and consensus was to continue to have the Gala as it is an event that members look forward to. The group discussed ways of increasing member participation for next year including moving to a Saturday. Larry will try for Saturday February 22nd, then Tuesday February 25th as a back-up. There was agreement to also stay with Chef Peter as the caterer and Still Above Ground as the band.

Club Team Tennis

Sandy thanked everyone for stepping up in Sandy’s absence at the March team tennis event. There are four new captains for the next club team tennis event on November 16th - Sue Earp, Frank Mervyn, Gayle Stray and Karen Kirkman. Sandy also confirmed the team tennis dates for 2025 – January 25th, March 8th, and November 15th.

Publicity Updates

Joel Piaskowski provided the below updates on publicity:

- 45th anniversary event: all is good, Still Above Ground will be the band and Joel will have samples of what will be displayed at the event at the April Membership Meeting.
- Charities update: Reminder for all members to bring three canned food items to the membership meeting for the food drive.
- Publicity: The Rec Center ran a news article on table tennis and the club’s 45th anniversary. The SCW Independent featured the Gala, Ladies 4.0 tennis team, collecting tennis shoes and team tennis. Today’s Independent will feature the 3.0 Men’s WVU team.
- Table tennis: Joel secured a radio spot for table tennis that will run for 3 months (platform tennis still running).

Swing into Spring (SIS) 2024

Jolene Piaskowski reported that all went very well with SIS and acknowledged everything George Orchard did for the tournament. After discussion, Jolene is recommending SIS be March 26th-30th, 2025 since it may be too hot in April. Jolene also let everyone know that Joanie Frank is no longer able to take on SIS 2025. ACTION ITEM: Joel will ask at the April Membership Meeting if someone will take on the Director role for SIS 2025. Jolene also brought up raising the entry fee from \$25 to \$30 for next year. There was discussion about increasing the fee, but no decision made, will continue the discussion at future Board meetings. ACTION ITEM: Jolene will see if PRIDES and Posse representatives can come to the April membership meeting to accept their checks.

Monies to each charity SCW Prides and SCW Posse

Statz Insurance Agency	\$2,500.00	check from Statz
Edward Jones – John B.	250.00	check from Edward Jones
Money from Tennis Club	\$1,250.00	check from SCW Tennis Club
Total charity amount	\$4,000.00	TOTAL for each charity



50 / 50 Raffle

Total Dollars sold	\$1,230.00
50% to PASS.	\$ 615.00
50% of 50%	\$ 307.00 Virginia Henry
30% of 50%	\$ 185.00 Colin Gaetz
20% of 50%	\$ 123.00 Kathy Krezel, Kathy donated back 100.00 to PASS

Total donation to PASS \$716.00.

Committee Updates

Larry reported that the Budget Committee approved 6-1 to add resurfacing of the tennis courts to the budget for next year. The Budget and Finance Committee will move it forward to the Governing Board. Karl Wilhelm is presenting pickleball trending information at the April 12th Governing Board Workshop (workshop starts at 9:00am). The question was asked if we should talk with Karl before the workshop. ACTION ITEM: Larry will reach out to Karl to talk before the Governing Board Workshop.

Happy Camp

Larry reported that eight kids participated in platform tennis and ten kids participated in tennis, and both events went well. Larry thanked everyone who donated their time.

Website Manager

Steve Ribble tested the online registration form with SIS and George said it worked great. The online registration will be available for the 45th anniversary celebration and the fall general membership meeting. Steve asked to let him know of any other events that he can add to online registration. There was discussion about adding the ability to use a credit card for online registration. Steve said Stripe or Square can be used, and they charge a fee (like PayPal). Larry made the motion to add credit card usage to the online registration forms, Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by verbal vote. Steve also said to contact him if a QR code is needed for an event.

Bulletin Board

Vinnie Taibbi handed out SIS pictures and will hand out the rest to SIS participants at the April membership meeting. Vinnie showed frame option options for the Octogenarian photos. The group was split between the blue and white frames.

Facility Maintenance Update

Butch thanked Frank Meyerholtz and George Orchard for all their help during SIS. Butch said there were no reported incidents with desanding. We now have power wands that can be used to clean the courts. Rec Center Maintenance blows the courts off daily. The Rec Center is also replacing the foam squeegees and will now not store on the fences



but store in the tunnel. All new nets were in place for the tournament, and nothing is being done at Kuentz right now.

Butch also noted that platform tennis is being played regularly in the morning from 4-7am, and in the afternoons from 3-4pm. The afternoon sessions will move to the evenings starting in May. One couple who attended the Open House is now playing on a regular basis. Joel commented that there will be another open house in the Fall.

ITT Tennis Update

Pete Kosky talked about the opportunity to send SCW teams to the regional qualifier in Scottsdale, September 27th – 29th. ACTION ITEM: Bruce will send out an e-blast, Vinnie will advertise on the bulletin board.

For the proposed ITT Team Tennis event in 2025 here at the SCW courts, Nick Turner gave Pete some of the questions lawn bowling was asked to submit in a proposal to SCW. Pete sent the questions to the ITT owners to provide a written response. There was also discussion about Kasey Huhta being aware of this sooner rather than later. ACTION ITEM: Larry will talk with Kasey about the proposed event.

Pebble Creek Mixer

Ron Wambach let the Group know that the Pebble Creek Mixer will be held on April 14th and 26 members have signed up. Ron asked everyone to bring an appetizer to share. Kasey Huhta said we can only have twenty people come from Pebble Creek to abide by the reciprocal play rules.

MailChimp Update

Bruce Dougan compared the current tennis roster with MailChimp listing. 23 members were missing that Bruce added and 38 members are unsubscribed (either intentionally or unintentionally) but only 10 are active members.

Ball Machine

Mark Johnson reported that the balls have been changed out using the Pro Penns donated by Rays Rackets from SIS. That should get us through to late summer/early fall.

Sunshine Representative

No updates provided in Laural Swifka's absence. Larry let everyone know that Jim Hess passed away and Larry notified Laural.

New Business

For the CR-6, it was agreed to add another social event for October 28th, 2025, as a welcome back party.

Larry said that JR would do a clinic from 11-12:30pm on Mondays. The clinic will need to have at least three people and JR will charge \$80 a clinic. After discussion, both George and Bruce Dougan agreed to hold a monthly clinic free of charge starting in September. Monique volunteered to help.



Adjourn

Larry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm, Gail seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned unanimously by a verbal vote.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Selander".

Gail Selander
SCW Tennis Club Board Secretary