



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

**Votes & Actions**

- Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Larry Plaster.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm followed by dinner.
- The next membership meeting will be held on September 10, 2024.

**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 3.5 ladies for dinner/registration and Hazel Swailes and David John as bartenders.

**Presentation of Donations to SCW Posse and SCW Prides**

Joel Piaskowski presented donation checks of \$4,000 each to both SCW Posse and SCW Prides. Accepting on behalf of Prides was Kathy Estes and Gary Schroer (President) and from the SCW Posse, Carolyn Peterson (Commander) and Fran McElroy (Executive of Operations).

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Workshop Tennis Club Support**

Larry Plaster provided historical background information to the group regarding Kuentz and the shared space for pickleball and tennis. In February 2024, Karl Wilhelm from SCW Rec Center presented a plan to the SCW Governing Board proposing to convert the Kuentz courts to solely tennis and taking six of the court RHJ tennis courts and converting them to solely pickleball. Given the current state of the RHJ tennis courts, it was also proposed to bring \$160k out of the reserve fund this year to resurface the courts. Karl will now present to the Governing Board two options – keep all the RHJ tennis courts intact and resurface for tennis or convert six of the RHJ tennis courts to pickleball and resurface those as pickleball and the remaining as tennis. Larry also let the group know that originally both tennis and pickleball clubs were scheduled to present at the Governing Board Workshop this Friday, but both are now off the agenda. Larry showed the group the presentation he had prepared (NOTE: after this membership meeting, the tennis club and pickleball clubs have been invited to present their positions at several SCW Board Committee meetings).

**Treasurer's Report**

Monique Groothuizen reviewed the current Treasurer's report. Please reach out to Monique for a copy of the report for details.



### **Membership Update**

Larry informed attendees that as of 3/31/24, there were 369 tennis club members. 2 new members were added in March, both table tennis. For March 2024 participation data, there were 2,638 logins (2,257 tennis logins, 381 table tennis logins), 228 tennis participants and forty-eight table tennis participants. 62% of the tennis club membership participated in March and 66% membership participation average year to date. New members Beverly and Wayne Lantrip were recognized and welcomed to the Tennis Club.

### **2024 Tennis Club Gala Results**

Sandy Johnson informed everyone that the Tennis Club Gala was another success. 78 attendees enjoyed music from Still Above Ground and catering from Chef Peter. Sandy also thanked the Gala Committee – Jan Hardy, Karen Kirkman, Lisa Winkleman, Pat Cramer (and Sandy). Sandy also reminded everyone that the Gala is for everyone to attend, not just a couple's function. Next gala is scheduled for February 2025. More details to follow on the date once solidified with the Rec Center.

### **Hold my Court Status**

Sandy informed attendees that the permanent Hold my Court reservations will change starting May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. The new time slots will be 7:30-9:30am and 9:30-11:30am. Please text or email Sandy if you want to change any permanent court times or complete the Hold my Court form.

### **Club Team Tennis Status**

Sandy let everyone know that the March Team Tennis event had forty players with four teams. Sandy asked all captains to stand and be acknowledged. Dave Parrish and the blue team were the winners. The next event is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> with four new captains – Sue Earp, Karen Kirkman, Gayle Stray and Frank Mervyn.

### **Table Tennis Status**

Debbie Ross, Table Tennis Chair, introduced herself to the group. Please talk to Debbie if you would like more information about table tennis.

### **Platform Tennis Status**

Butch Lynd gave a shout out to Joel Piaskowski for all his work around platform tennis publicity. 60 people attended the platform tennis open house. Drop in is played from 7-8:30am Monday-Saturday and 1-3pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Butch encouraged everyone to come by and try it out. Butch noted that the 1-3pm drop-in sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays will be moved to evening hours starting in May.

### **Facilities Maintenance Status**

Butch asked if anyone sees any desanding on the courts, please let Butch know. Butch also said there are new rollers to use to brush the courts after any rain. The new rollers will be stored in the tunnel instead of hanging them from the court fences outside so that they will last much longer than in the past.

### **Ball Machine**

Mark Johnson reported that all is good with the ball machine. The SIS balls donated by Rays Rackets are now in the ball machine. If you are not ball machine certified and would like to be, contact Mark.



### **Club Bulletin Board and Photo Display Status**

All thanked Vinnie Taibbi for his great work with the club bulletin board.

### **Publicity, Newsletter, Charitable Social Events Status**

Joel Piaskowski updated attendees on the following:

- Tennis Club Octogenarians Recognition: There are seventy-four octogenarians and thanked all octogenarians that attended today and enjoyed the free dinner. Attendees also acknowledged and recognized that Phil Gensler, long time tennis club member, will be leaving SCW.
- Joel thanked everyone for bringing food tonight for the West Valley Food Bank Drive.
- Joel reminded everyone that the Club's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Joel shared that he is now on the Board of Directors for PASS and relayed success stories of PASS kids receiving full college scholarships.

### **Swing into Spring 2024**

On behalf of Jolene Piaskowski, Joel let attendees know that the Swing into Spring tournament had 124 players, 267 sets played representing 2,064 games. Joel thanked George Orchard, Kathy Kressel, Jan Hardy, Frank Meyerholz, Vinnie Taibbi, Steve Ribble, Sue Earp, Joanie Frank, Kathy Olson, Bill Elledge for all their work on the tournament, and to all club members that played and came out to support the tournament.

### **Impact Team Tennis**

Pete Kosky reported that there is an ITT regional qualifier in Scottsdale from September 27-29, 2024. Pete would like to put together team(s) to play. If anyone is interested, contact Pete. If the team(s) win, the next tournament would be the world championship held in Orlanda at USTA HQ.

### **Mixer with Pebble Creek**

Larry let everyone know that there will be a mixer held with Pebble Creek on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. See Ron Wambach for details.

### **New Tennis Club Board Candidates**

Larry informed everyone that Treasurer Monique Groothuisen and Board Secretary Gail Selander will term off their roles at the end of this year. Larry asked members to consider volunteering for these positions starting 1/1/25.

### **New Business**

No new business discussed.

### **Adjourn**

Bob Dimick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Syd Engel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned unanimously by hand vote.

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Respectfully Submitted,

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

Gail Selander  
SCW Tennis Club Board Secretary