

MINUTES OF THE STC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Hemmingsen at 3:00 pm

ATTENDEES: BOD members Hemmingsen, Ruffin, Jackson, Greenbaum and Lamb plus five additional STC members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to amend the STC Rating System for Organized Play was added to the agenda. The amended agenda was approved without objection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Craig McPherson reported that because Ironwood Oaks Country Club decided to no longer participate in the Robson Cup Tournament, the Robson Cup has been discontinued. Craig reminded the Directors that the Robson Cup was independent of the STC.
- Pres. Hemmingsen announced that the September Membership meeting has been rescheduled for September 27, and the November Membership meeting will be held on November 14 as previously scheduled.
- Director Jackson reported that the new STC website will be activated on Saturday, September 15, and court reservations for organized play can be made on the website at that time.
- On Monday, September 24th, HOA 1 will hold an official celebration of the completion of the patio extension. Light refreshments will be served. STC members Frank Brier and Tom Sacra will be among those honored for their contributions to the project.
- On Friday, October 5th at 1:00, the patio will be the site of a Memorial for Bob Lewis, a long time STC member who developed and for many years conducted the Tennis 1-2-3 program for beginning players.
- Director Greenbaum reported that although a number of STC members have completed CPR training, there has as yet been little or no support from either HOA for funding defibrillator equipment, CPR signage, or staff training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July 11, 2012, meeting of the BOD were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Riley Jackson

Account Balances as of September 10, 2012

Total Bank and Savings Account Balance: \$26,927.21

Charity Fund Total: \$1,371.00

Year-to-Date Income: \$38,448.50

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$25,488.35

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee: The Labor Day Social was a success and cost STC \$142.00.

A Halloween Social is planned for Sunday, October 28, from 4-8 pm.

Fall Classic Committee: Marsha Weiss reported that 54 women and 58 men had registered for the Fall Classic. On Saturday, October 6th at 11:30 am, a get-acquainted pizza party will be held on the patio.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve a proposal by Linda Depew to extend the optional pilot program for score-reporting in women's Organized Play for women in all STC play categories on Mondays only, was approved unanimously.

A motion to amend the STC Rating Process for Organized Play according to a proposal dated 9/12/2012 (Appendix I) was approved unanimously. The proposal essentially formalizes the current process. The proposal will be presented to the membership at the September 27th meeting. Assuming the proposal is approved by the membership, revised membership and appeals forms were also approved unanimously (Appendix 2).

A motion to seek a membership vote at the November meeting on approval of a \$5000.00 budget item to pay a pro in 2013 was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS

Marsha Weiss suggested that any amendments to the system of organized play should be approved by 2/3 of the entire membership, not just 2/3 of those attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm. Minutes submitted by David Lamb, STC Secretary

APPENDIX 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE RATING PROCESS FOR ORGANIZED PLAY (9/12/12)

THE RATING PROCESS FOR ORGANIZED PLAY

The goal of organized play is to produce balanced matches by employing a system of checks and balances on members' self-ratings into B, B+, and A categories. *(Members who self-rate into categories C+, C and D will not undergo any validation of their ratings.)*

USTA-RATED MEMBERS

If an STC member has a December, year-end USTA/NTRP rating (*not USTA self-rated*) and has played at least two USTA matches in that calendar year, the member will be assigned to play in the matching STC and NTRP category (4.0 = A, 3.5 = B+, etc.). The USTA data will be verified by the STC. Any member who self-rates into a lower category will be assigned to play in that category.

MEMBERS WITHOUT USTA RATINGS

Members without USTA ratings will continue to play in their current STC categories.

New members without USTA ratings who self-rate into B, B+, or A categories must report scores as "provisionals" until their appropriate STC categories are attained. Provisional matches will not take place during June, July, and August. *New members who join STC in the summer months will play in their self-rated categories until September, when they will start the provisional process.*

APPEALS TO MOVE TO A LOWER CATEGORY

A member who wishes to play in a lower category because of injury, illness or any other reason, may simply notify an STC coordinator, who will make the adjustment in the computer system. If at a later date the member wishes to return to the previous category, the member notifies an STC coordinator to make the change.

APPEALS TO MOVE TO A HIGHER CATEGORY

A member who wishes to play in a higher category may undergo the appeals process current at the time.

APPENDIX 2—MEMBERSHIP AND APPEALS FORMS
(To be used if amended rating procedure is adopted by membership)

SADDLEBROOKE TENNIS CLUB

(revised 9/12/12)

2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name (please print)	Gender (M or F)	Phone Number(s)			
		Local:		Mobile:	
Your e-mail address for STC Directory (optional):					
Please check correct box: Full Member <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Associate Member (Ineligible to play in Club Championships) <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal					
STC Coordinator Only					
Total amount paid: through (date):	Date paid:	Cash or Check #:		Paid	
<p>Please review the STC self-rating guidelines (<i>ask STC Coordinator for copy</i>) before selecting your STC rating category. If in doubt about which category to choose, please ask the Coordinator for assistance.</p> <hr/> <p>IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR USTA/NTRP RATING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal Members—You will be assigned to play in your current category, but you may appeal to move to a higher category by winning at least 45% of the games played in 15 completed sets. (Details available at the Tennis Center). New Members—Unless you self-rate in the C, C+ or D categories, you are required to validate your self-rating by winning at least 45% of the games played in your first 15 completed sets. (<i>If you join STC in June, July, or August, you will not be required to validate your self-rating until September. Details for this process are available at the Tennis Center.</i>) If you fail to win 45% of the completed games, you may repeat the process in progressively lower categories until you achieve the criterion of 45% wins. <hr/> <p>IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR USTA/NTRP RATING (NOT SELF RATING) AND HAVE PLAYED AT LEAST 2 USTA MATCHES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS: You should self-rate into the corresponding STC category (3.0 = B; 3.5 = B+; 4.0/4.5 = A). If you prefer to self-rate into a lower category, you may do so. USTA ratings will be verified by the STC.</p> <p align="center">Your USTA Rating (Circle one): 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0</p>					
<p align="center">For Membership Renewals Only Your <u>Current</u> STC Category for Organized Play (Circle one):</p> <p align="center">A B+ B C+ C D</p>			<p align="center">For New Members Only Your self-rating (Circle one):</p> <p align="center">A B+ B C+ C D</p>		
DATA ENTRY BY STC COORDINATOR					
Verification of current calendar year USTA rating:			Coordinator:		
Date of entry of member category:			Coordinator:		
Coordinator Comments:					

STC Rating Appeal Form

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Date: _____ Name: _____ Gender _____ (M or F)

Tel #: _____ E-mail: _____

CURRENT STC RATING CATEGORY: (Please circle one) **A B+ B C+ C D**

REQUESTED STC RATING CATEGORY: (Please circle one) **A B+ B C+ C D**

CIRCLE EITHER A) OR B) BELOW AS APPROPRIATE:

- A) I am a current STC Member requesting a lower rating category. I understand I do not need a review and that I may return to my original category simply by notifying an STC Coordinator.
- B) This is an appeal for a higher rating category. One appeal is permitted during each calendar year. Consecutive appeals must be separated by at least six months.

If you wish to be assigned to a higher rating category, you must report scores during sessions of organized play at one level higher than your current level: See attached procedures.

NOTE: BECAUSE FEWER MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZED PLAY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, APPEALS TO MOVE TO A HIGHER LEVEL WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.

Please submit this completed form to an STC Coordinator.

***** Below is for STC Club Use Only *****

STC Coordinator Only:

Date appeal request form was received _____ **Name of STC Coordinator:** _____

Date any change in category was made _____ **Name of STC Coordinator:** _____

If appeal is for a higher rating category:

Ask an STC Coordinator to provide score-reporting cards for your use. Record scores for 15 completed sets at the higher level, including play with at least 12 different players in that category. You must win at least 45% of the games played to move up one rating category:

Total games played _____ **Games won** _____ **Percent Won** _____ **Coordinator** _____

Verification by STC Board representative if required _____

STC RATING APPEAL: 15 SETS PLAYED AT A HIGHER STC CATEGORY

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You may appeal to be assigned to a higher STC rating category by reporting scores from sessions of organized play at the next higher STC rating category. **Because fewer members participate in Organized Play in the summer months, appeals will be suspended during June, July, and August.**

Process:

- 1) Obtain a **Rating Appeal** form at the Tennis Center from a coordinator. Fill it out and give it back to the coordinator. This will notify the coordinator that when you sign up for organized play until the completion of your appeal you should be assigned to a category one level above your current category.
- 2) Until your appeal is completed, for every Organized Play session at the higher level, obtain a **Score Reporting** form in advance from a coordinator and fill it out before leaving the court. Make certain that one of your opponents signs off legibly on each form to verify the scoring. Turn the form in to the coordinator on duty at the end of each session.
- 3) If you are injured during the course of an appeal, you may inform a coordinator that you wish to suspend your appeal (for not more than four weeks) and play in your current lower category until your health has improved. When you are well, you should tell the coordinator you wish to resume the appeal process in the higher category. If your health is not restored after four weeks, you will be required to start a new appeal process.
- 4) You may participate in Organized Play at your current level during the summer months or whenever the coordinators are unable to set up a match for you at the higher level without affecting your appeal.

Rules:

- 1) You may not link with another player when you sign up.
- 2) The round-robin format will be used, regardless of requests to link by other players on the court. (*You play sets with each of the other three players on the court*). When organizing appeals sessions, STC coordinators will ignore linking requests from other players in the category and will attempt to minimize repeat play with the same opponents. Members undergoing score-reporting appeals will be indicated with a "P" on the organized play website.
- 3) You may not report scores from mixed-doubles play.
- 4) Each **Score Reporting** form must be legibly signed by one of your opponents to verify the scores.
- 5) During the 15 consecutive complete sets, you must have played against at least 12 different players in the higher category. STC coordinators will assist in this process. If this standard has not been met in the first 15 sets, you must continue recording scores in consecutive sessions of organized play until you have competed against at least 12 different players in the category.
- 6) Scores must be reported for at least 15 consecutive sets in organized play when each of the three other players on the court is rated at the higher category. Sets reported must be consecutive; you may not skip reporting any results. (*This will be verified from court assignment records maintained at the Tennis Center.*) Only completed sets will be counted, but scores from incomplete sets must also be reported. **If you fail to turn in scores for a session of organized play after you have submitted your appeal form, your appeal will be terminated.**
- 7) After you turn in scores for 15 completed consecutive sets (assuming you have competed against at least 12 different opponents), an STC coordinator will calculate the percentage of total games played that you won. (*If you have competed against 12 different opponents in the 15 consecutive sets, only those 15 sets will be counted. For example, if you needed 16 or 17 sets to achieve the 45% wins criterion, you will have failed the appeal.*) The coordinator will move you to the higher STC category if you have won at least 45% of the games in the completed sets you have reported.
- 8) If you win less than 45% of your games, you may not repeat the process before the next calendar year. At least 6 months must separate consecutive appeals.

REPORTING SCORES AS A NEW MEMBER

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Welcome to the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club. We are certain you will enjoy playing tennis with members of similar ability.

When you complete the membership form you will be asked to self-rate into one of the STC rating categories: A, B+, B, C+, C, or D. The STC coordinator on duty at the Tennis Center will provide you with descriptions of each category. If you decide to self-rate as a C+, C or D member, no further action is required on your part. If you self-rate in the A, B+, or B categories, you will be required to verify your playing ability by reporting scores for at least the first 15 sets when you sign up for organized play.

Process:

- 5) The coordinator will enter your name into the computer software in your self-rated category. Your name will be shown followed by an "S," which indicates to the coordinators that they should attempt to arrange organized play sessions for you with at least 12 different opponents in the first 15 consecutive sets of organized play.
- 2) For at least 15 consecutive sets, obtain a **Score Reporting** form from a coordinator each time you play with three players in your self-rated category. **Make certain that one of your opponents signs off legibly on each form to verify the scoring. Turn the form in to the coordinator on duty at the end of each session.**

Rules:

- 1) You may not link with another player when you sign up.
- 2) The round-robin format will be used, regardless of requests to link by other players on the court. (*You play sets with each of the other three players on the court*). When organizing your sessions, STC coordinators will ignore linking requests from other players in the category and attempt to minimize repeated play with the same opponents..
- 3) You may not report scores from mixed-doubles play.
- 4) Each **Score Reporting** form must be legibly signed by one of your opponents to verify the scores.
- 5) During the 15 consecutive complete sets, you must have played against at least 12 different players in your self-rated category. If this standard has not been met in the first 15 sets, you must continue recording scores in consecutive sets until you have played against at least 12 different players in the category.
- 6) Scores must be reported for at least the first 15 consecutive sets in organized play. Sets reported must be consecutive; you may not skip reporting any results. (*This will be verified from court assignment records maintained at the Tennis Center.*) Only completed sets will be counted, but scores from incomplete sets must also be reported. **If you fail to turn in scores for a session of organized play after you have begun the process, you will be moved to the next lower category and must begin the score-reporting process anew in that category.**
- 7) After you turn in scores for 15 completed consecutive sets (assuming you have competed against at least 12 different opponents), an STC coordinator will calculate the percentage of total games played that you won. (*If you have competed against 12 different opponents in the 15 consecutive sets, only those 15 sets will be counted. For example, if you needed 16 or 17 sets to achieve the 45% wins criterion, you will be assigned to the next lower category.*) The coordinator will verify your self-rating if you have won at least 45% of the games in the sets you have reported.
- 8) If you win less than 45% of your games, you will be assigned to the next lower category and must repeat the score-reporting process at that level. This scenario will be repeated until you reach a category in which you win at least 45% of the games played.
- 9) If you find that your organized play sessions are too easy in the category in which you self-rated (e.g., if you win 85% of your games), you may file an appeal with an STC coordinator to move to a higher category. The process is similar to that described on this page, and details can be obtained at the Tennis Center.