

## STC MEMBERSHIP MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2012 MINUTES

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

**ATTENDEES:** 40 STC members, including all five members of the Board of Directors, were in attendance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Riley Jackson reported that the development of new software for various STC functions is progressing more slowly than anticipated because of unexpected complexity in the system.
- Bonnie Johnson and Kathy Majer noted that after serving as co-chairs of the STC Social Committee for nearly 6 years, they have decided they will not serve as chairs in 2013 and are seeking volunteers to take over the reins. In the meantime, Tami Graeber and Pam Jackson have agreed to chair the social aspects of the Club Championship tournament at the end of April; and Bonnie and Kathy will again chair the December Holiday Party and New Year's Eve Party. Chairpersons for other social events during the year are being sought. Bonnie and Kathy requested that the Board of Directors arrange storage space in the Tennis Center for the audio equipment used for STC socials.
- Leon McKinzie reported that the January, 2012, edition of the STC Directory is now available at the Tennis Center.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the membership meeting of November 9, 2011, were approved as previously distributed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT—Riley Jackson

#### Account Balances as of January 24, 2012

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| STC Capital One Savings             | \$10,202.97        |
| STC Bank of the West Checking       | <u>\$34,544.48</u> |
| <b>Total Bank and Cash Accounts</b> | <b>\$44,747.45</b> |

**Net Worth** **\$44,747.45**

**Charity Fund Total:** \$1,430.43

**Membership** as of January 24: 412 paid members, approximately 18 fewer than in January, 2011.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **2012 Robson Cup:** Craig MacPherson reported that the Robson Cup Tournament will be held at SaddleBrooke on Saturday, March 31. This is not an STC-sponsored event and is open to all SaddleBrooke residents. All 19 courts will be used. Notices will be forthcoming about qualifying for the event and other details.
- **2012 STC Club Championship Event.** Kris Donovan explained in her report the rationale for the CC Committee's proposal for the 2012 event. A motion to approve the proposal was adopted without opposition. Kris also noted that the committee plans to request at the next Board meeting approval of the expenditure of STC funds to subsidize the cost of T-shirts for CC participants. Cost details will be presented at the meeting. (The approved proposal is shown on page 3 of this document.)

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

### NEW BUSINESS

Following extensive comments and debate, a motion to adopt an amended version of the *Rating Process for STC Members* (as previously distributed to the membership and shown below) was approved by a vote of 21-7.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by David Lamb, STC Secretary

## **THE RATING PROCESS FOR STC MEMBERS**

*(adopted by STC membership 1-25-12)*

### **THE GOAL**

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

**THE PROCESS FOR SELF-RATING** Self-rating guidelines are available at the STC Tennis Center and on the STC website. They are consistent with guidelines used by the USTA/National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) to rate players' skill levels:

A = NTRP 4.0 and above    B+ = NTRP 3.5    B = NTRP 3.0    C+ = NTRP 2.5    C = NTRP 2.0    D = Beginner

When STC members pay their annual dues for membership each December, they will be provided with the list of guidelines for self-rating. Having reviewed the guidelines, members will self-rate into what they perceive to be appropriate categories, i.e., A, B+, B, C+, C and D

### **VALIDATION OF STC CATEGORIES FOR USTA/NTRP-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. 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.

### **VALIDATION OF STC CATEGORIES FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE NO CURRENT USTA/NTRP RATINGS**

#### **Annual Selection of Tentative Rating Category for Organized Play**

Upon submitting the annual membership form, the member's self-rating will be entered into the STC computer system, and the member will play in the self-rated category until the validation process has been completed. Depending on circumstances, this process may take several months.

#### **Validation Process**

- On two separate days within a 6-month period (e.g., Nov. 2 & Jan. 9, Dec. 10 & 16, Jan. 11 & Mar. 5), the pro will observe each non-USTA-rated member and complete a skill rating sheet for the member that includes the date and time of the observation, the names of the other players on the court, and the court number.
- No advance notice of the observations will be given to members, although the pro may ask the names of any players on the court whom he does not recognize.
- The pro is prohibited from requesting or considering the opinions of anyone when making his validation decisions.

#### **Notifying Members of Validation Decisions**

- After completing the second observation of a member's play, if the pro determines that the member has inappropriately self-rated, the pro will contact the member by telephone to relay the validation decision and the rationale for the decision. *(Describing the decision on voice mail is not acceptable.)* The pro will invite the member to meet with the pro to review the decision if the member so wishes.
- If the pro determines that a member has self-rated appropriately, an STC coordinator will inform the member of the decision by telephone, e-mail, or personal contact.

#### **Appeals of Pro Validation Decisions**

At any time following a validation decision by the pro, a member may appeal that decision. If the results of this first appeal are unsatisfactory to the member, a second appeal may be filed at any time. *Not more than two appeals will be accepted within a 12-month period.* Appeals are filed by submitting a written "Rating Appeal" form to an STC Coordinator. *(No appeals requested orally or by e-mail will be accepted.)* The Coordinator will process the appeal as appropriate, depending on the appeal option selected by the member. Appeal options are posted on the STC website and are available in hard copy from STC coordinators.

#### **Annual Adjustments of Self-Ratings**

Validations of all non-USTA-rated members' self-ratings will occur annually.

**PROPOSAL FROM THE 2012 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

*Approved at STC Membership Meeting, January 25, 2012*

The 2012 Club Championship Committee recommends the following title, schedule of events, and procedures for the 2012 Club Championship Event.

1. The title of the tournament should be: The SaddleBrooke Tennis Club Championship Event.
2. A new category should be added: 140+ Mixed Doubles (combined ages of partners)
3. The 2012 STC Club Championship Event should be held April 9-April 28 for three consecutive weeks as follows:
  1. April 9 through April 14—Singles; 70+ Gender Doubles; and 140+ Mixed Doubles
  2. April 16 through April 21—Gender Doubles
  3. April 23 through April 28—Mixed Doubles and Awards Celebration
4. The match format should be two out of three sets; seven-point, Coman tiebreak at 6-6. There will be a consolation draw for each event having more than four entries.
  - In the event of unforeseen circumstances, alternative scoring may be employed.
  - Round robin format will be used in draws with four or fewer entries.
5. The deadline for sign-ups for all events should be March 22, 2012.
6. A special tee-shirt will be available for each player in the tournament
  - No player will receive more than one shirt, unless they choose to pay full price for additional shirts.
  - Players may choose not to purchase a shirt.
  - The costs of the shirts will either be paid for entirely by the entrants or a portion of the cost will be contributed by the STC.