

Meeting Minutes: Membership Meeting January 23, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: President Ruffin called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

ATTENDEES: BOD members Ruffin, Murphy, Prass, and Quigg plus eleven additional STC members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- F. Ruffin introduced how the 2013 Board of Directors will approach to the Board responsibilities. The SaddleBrooke tennis strengths and weaknesses or areas that could be improved as identified by the new Board, were presented to the membership.
- M. Murphy presented the results of a limited poll of club members conducted by the Board in December 2012. The purpose of the poll was to obtain an understanding of member thoughts about the tennis in SaddleBrooke and to get some insight about the issues that are important to members.
- D. Quigg reported on the new hours and services in place for January and February for the Club Pro. These activities which are available to all SB tennis players are:
 - On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month the Club Pro will be available on a designated court to provide individual player assistance from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.
 - On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday the Club Pro will hold free clinics from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.
 - On Wednesdays the Club Pro is available to rate renters and new members who do not have a USTA rating so they can participate in Organized Play.

Member Requests: Continue with advance sign-up for clinics. Improve promotion of the clinics to membership. Send an e-mail on Tuesday to confirm the Club pro 1st and 3rd Wednesday court and time. Track attendance at clinics and the open court time and provide feedback via BOD meetings.

- D. Quigg announced the dates for the **2013 Club Championship Tournament to be held April 8, 2013 through April 27, 2013.**
 - **April 8 – 13:** 70+ Gender Doubles; Singles; and 140 Combined Mixed Doubles;
 - **April 15 – 20:** men and women's Doubles;
 - **April 22 – 27:** mixed doubles;
 - **Sign-up begins February 21, 2013** and ends two weeks prior to the start of each event.
- Member raised a question about how entry levels for club Championship will be determined for those without a current USTA computer rating. To be discussed at BOD meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT—K. Prass

Account Balances as of January 16, 2013

Total Bank and Savings Account Balance: \$31,031.00

Savings account Balance: \$4,889.00

Charity Fund Balance: \$1,411.35

Year-to-Date Income: \$26,566.00

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$12,099.00

Active members: 403

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Membership Status: Discussion about whether membership is on the decline and suggestion made that club be more open to membership. Announcement that we now have a news reporter and that we will be having more press notices in all available publications (SB Progress, SB Notes, Two's News).

Direct TV Discussion: A member request made to discontinue Direct TV contract and divest of the TV to save money. Additional comments supported keeping the TV and the contract service because cost is minimal (\$1.50 per member per year). Suggestion to purchase a DVD player to view educational tennis DVDs. Board needs more member input before taking any action.

Timeline for SB member Rating Appeals: Question raised whether time between appeals is 12 consecutive months or 12 calendar months. Should it be 6 months or 12 months? Member felt that keeping scores disrupts the "fun and relaxation" on the court. Member requested that the frequency that appeals can be taken be revised.

Recognizing Volunteer participation: Volunteer Participation is very low. Discussion of the need to make volunteering more attractive.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Melanie Murphy STC Secretary