

SCPA BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2024
Tyus Park SCPA Office

SCPA Members

- I. **Call to Order** – Wynn Harris made a motion to call the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Stew Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- II. **Invocation** – Mike Gumbinger offered an opening prayer.
- III. **Attendees:** Brandon Barkley, Connie Baldwin, James Corbett, Everett, Wynn Harris, Stew Stewart, A.J. Pollard, Mike Gumbinger, Linda Vaughn
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes** – Wynn Harris made a motion to accept the January 8th minutes. Connie Baldwin seconded the motion. 8-YEAS 0-NAYS Motion carried – Minutes approved.

V. **Old Business:**

A. Accountability for SCPA Trainers

Mike distributed a copy of the contract which was signed by each individual who interviewed for the SCPA Pickleball Trainer position. Final proposals regarding accountability for SCPA trainers will be submitted via James’ committee report at the next board meeting.

James is planning these Pickleball 101 classes twice a month, beginning March 3, 2024. Connie Baldwin distributed flyers she had created to promote Pickleball 101 Classes.

B. Contract with Southern Pickleball Association (SPA)

All dates for our tournaments have been set up through SPA. We will be responsible for volunteers for check-in, volunteers for medals, and volunteers for concessions. SPA will provide medals, balls, and staff to run the tournaments. We want all of our tournament names to be shown on T-Shirts with sponsors’ names on the back of the T-shirts.

C. Open-Play Policy:

Mike proposed a question regarding current open-play policy: “Do we remove the current policy from our webpage for the time being and come up with a shorter version?” A.J. said that we currently practice open play throughout all open hours, but there’s no organized, closed-play on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. That’s why we need to discuss what “open play” is as the Board. Connie made motion that we table this; Linda seconded the motion. YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

D. “South of 30” Round Robin:

We approved the “South of 30” Round Robine. Ben will determine the best dates and times to host this event (most likely, summer).

E. Tournament Schedule

*Doc Holliday Tournament	April 12, 2024
*Southside Sizzler	June 22-23, 2024**
*Peanut Butter Classic	September 21-22, 2024
*Winter Classic	November 16-17, 2024

**For the Southside Sizzler, we are going to include Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles (No Singles).

F. Food Bank Tournament

Everett is going to post about this Food Bank Tournament on our webpage, and we will post this on social media.

G. AED Update

Linda will assist Everett by researching a box for outdoors and will send information to board members.

VI. Old Business:

A. Bylaw Change Recommendations

The Board members discussed potential changes to the SCPA Bylaws. Once these proposed changes are finalized, they will be available for all SCPA Members to review for at least 45 days prior to adoption.

B. Use of Credit Card Apps

As James and Mike are reviewing budget and costs of the use of credit cards, Mike said that we'd have a better grasp of the cost of credit cards shortly. However, if we continue to use SPA to host our tournaments, we will not absorb the costs of different methods of payment.

C. Round Robin/Ladder Leagues

Clarification was made that Round Robin and Ladder League events are for SCPA Members only. Stew brought up the exception of two annual Round Robin events that require donations. Also, the "South of 30" Round Robin event does not require SCPA Membership to participate.

D. Dividers Between Courts

An individual has agreed to donate court dividers to prevent players from walking behind other players during court play. James Corbett motioned that we allow this individual to donate the dividers. Connie Baldwin seconded the motion.

YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

E. Backdrop. Mike suggested that we buy our own backdrop for our stand where medals are awarded, etc. The cost is approximately \$600 and includes a stand. Linda Vaughn motioned that we purchase the \$600 backdrop. Connie Baldwin seconded the motion.

YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

- F. Podium Stand. Mike said that he and Ed Baldwin are getting the materials together to renovate the podium stand.
- G. Background Checks. Mike shared that all Board members will be receiving information from Sterling regarding mandatory background checks.
- H. Instructor Certifications/Background Checks. All instructors who teach certified classes will need the NAYS Certification and background checks.
- I. Headshots of All Board Members. Mike asked that all Board members send him a headshot.
- J. “Thank You” Notes. Connie inquired about “Thank You” Notes. Mike said that the notes had arrived and are in the SCPA office.
- K. Signage. Mike reminded all Board members that all signs have to be approved by the County.
- L. Gravel Road. Mike said that the gravel road is a service road only – not for pickleball players.
- M. Bathroom Changing Tables. It was recommended that we put up hooks near the changing tables so that people can hang their personal items rather than utilizing the changing tables (and leaving them open).
- N. New Cooking Grill for SCPA. Wynn Harris will be ordering a new cooking grill for our SCPA events and concessions.
- O. High School/College Pickleball Sports. If we ever want to host anything for high school or college players, we would have to communicate with the high school club team at the schools.
- P. Human Trafficking Signs. Mike showed the Board members a sign regarding Human Trafficking that the County is requiring to be hung up at County facilities.
- Q. Inglett and Stubbs Appreciation. Stew said that Inglett-Stubbs saved us a lot of money by mitigating the installation charge on court lights. Stew thinks that we should put up a sign of recognition of Inglett and Stubbs. Linda Vaughn motioned that we approve this sign and purchase. A.J. Pollard seconded the motion. YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 Motion carried. Stew will design sign and send to the Board.
- R. Sponsors.
 1. Stew distributed our SCPA current sponsors’ list. There were 22 registered sponsors. The total commitment amount was \$15,250.00 (of which we haven’t received \$165,000).
 2. The following members will now be serving with Stew on the Sponsorship Committee: Christi Allred, Susan Pelchat, Ken Bozeman, and Larry Jones. A.J. will also assist Stew on this Committee. Stew said, with regard to approaching sponsors, he would like to know who Peter may be approaching so that we do not duplicate efforts.
 3. Stew wants to approach larger corporations about their names being on championship courts with their logo being displayed permanently.
 4. Stew clarified that, on the big board at the entrance of our walkway, sponsors at different levels receive corresponding sizes of placards which are different, depending on donations.

VII. Adjournment:

Wynn Harris motioned for adjournment of the Board meeting at 8:40 p.m. Connie Baldwin seconded the motion.