

LCTA Board Meeting Minutes

1-8-23 6:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM

Facilitator: Bill Ennis-President

Note Taker: Andrea Weinstein-Secretary

Board Members Present: DJ Barnwell, Ken Edwards, Bill Ennis, Meg Farrelly, Charlotte Gerber, April Gift, Dee Mack, Jen McCool, Cile Perich, Nancy Pitcarin, Steve Speer, Becky Williamson, & Andrea Weinstein +

SC ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK/ CTA GUESTS: Sheryl Mc Alister & PJ Fulmer

The meeting was opened by the President, Bill Ennis, at 6:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the LCTA Board meeting of 10-2-2022.

2. CTA Check Up:

- a. Sheryl McAlister - Head of Community Development - USTA S.C. Sheryl noted that
 1. her visit is a requirement for the annual CGPG grant LCTA receives;
 2. USTA SC strategy is an aggressive focus on finding/creating new places to play tennis;
 3. LCTA should bring tournaments back to Charleston; and
 4. there are 18 new CTA leaders in SC.
- b. PJ Fulmer- Director-Team Play- USTA S.C. (Susan Turner's replacement) PJ noted that
 1. LCTA is the 2nd largest League in Southern;
 2. LCTA Mixed League numbers were down last season;
 3. Charleston has had Pro Leagues in the past and PJ questioned if it could be played again; and
 4. LCTA registration growth: 9% growth from 2021-2022 and 11% growth from 2019.

3. Two New LCTA Board Members Bill introduced 2 new LCTA Board members: Cile Perich and April Gift.

4. LCTA Budget -updated through November 2022 Bill reviewed last year's Budget and various line items were discussed. The LCTA Budget is in post-pandemic stabilization. A new 2023 budget will be available next week.

5. LCTA Compensated Scheduler - Meg Farrelly was introduced as the LCTA Compensated Scheduler.

6. Additional Bylaw- A new LCTA Bylaw regarding Suspension/Removal of LCTA registrants who display chronic bad behavior or significant incident(s) was distributed for review. The Proposed Bylaw will be discussed and voted upon at the next LCTA Board Meeting.

7. LCTA Invitational Night at Credit One Open Bill announced that rather an a "VIP" Night at the COCO, LCTA will have an "Invitational" Night and increase the size to 150-200 on the 1st Monday or Tuesday. We will invite politicians; Recreation Department Heads; and Heads of Facilities. SEE ADENDUM I re exact date.

8. Dee Mack Scholarship Recipient Piper Charney, a senior at Lucy Beckham High School, is the female recipient this year. The scholarship will be awarded on Saturday, January 13th at 12 noon at Snee Farm Tennis Center.

9. State Championship Committee Update - Charlotte and Becky. Charlotte reported the following:

- a. they have reached out to both the USTA SC and Southern re Championships;
- b. they have contacted Kathleen Cartland, Executive Director, Charleston Area Sports Commission, Charleston Convention & Visitors Bureau, who will be very helpful with our applications;
- c. they are favoring a Senior Championships as that requires fewer courts; and
- d. they are investigating the requirements and deadlines for the applications.

10. April Gift Community Review April reported the following:

- a. she can help with Pro Leagues and Social Leagues;
- b. she has started new tennis 101's;
- c. Hannahan has 6 new courts;
- d. Bishop England has 5 courts which are available for League play;
- e. Maybank will be putting lights on their clay courts;
- f. Toni Young is looking for 2 new pros to teach young kids; and
- g. the 2nd reading of the Mt. Pleasant referendum will occur as part of the referendum process.

11. LCTA Local League Coordinator's Report: Dee Mack

- a. 2023 Spring Registrations: Dee reported the following number of teams have registered per age division:
 - 1. 18 & over: 141
 - 2. 40 & over: 93
 - 3. 55 & over: 63
 - 4. 70 & over: 11
- b. Registration Credits: Dee will apply these credits to future registrations when requested.
- c. Tennislink Cost Increase: Dee reported that there will be a 15 cents increase per registration for Tennislink starting on January 1, 2023.
- d. COCO is seeking Ball staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

ADENDUM I

LCTA Invitational Night at Credit One Open will be Monday, April 3rd at 5:30 pm. All Board Members will receive 6 tickets.