

SATA Meeting
April 14, 2009

The SATA Board meeting was called to order by the President, Cherie Kassinger. In addition to Cherie, the members attending were Elissa Sherlock, Jerry Smith, Roy Salinas, Joe Alderete, John Canby, Margaret Canby, Gary Bruehler, Marianne Ryan, Bruce Wills, Sharyn Kramer, Cherie Croom, Pam Coleman, Mary Lynn Gayler and Barbara Lasho.

After the minutes were read, a motion was made by Joe Alderete to accept the minutes. The motion passed. The minutes will hereafter be posted on the SATA website. The financial reports are available upon request from the SATA office.

Cherie Croom distributed the financial reports which showed all bills from previous tournaments have been paid. She reported the tournament incomes are up approximately \$3200 from last year, largely in part from an increase in fees on the major zone tournaments. SATA expects a large turnout for the Champs Tournament in June, despite a small decline at the Zats this year.

Cherie Croom reported there is still many improvements needed at McFarlin. It was suggested the leagues participate in a volunteer workday. Joe Alderete will attempt to work with the city to accomplish these various tasks. If that mission fails, then Cherie will compile a list of the tasks to be distributed among the leagues as it is essential that the McFarlin facility stay in top form to ensure further major tournament participation.

In league news, Barbara Lasho reported the SAWSTT league had its first grievance this year. Jerry Smith stated the Lone Star Levels Tournament drew 202 entrants. There is a possibility of two new leagues forming: Margaret Canby has volunteered her services to revive the Tuesday morning Ladies League, and Roy Salinas plans to begin a Wednesday night Mixed Doubles League, both under SATA. Since these leagues will be played at McFarlin, the city must approve them thru Al Theodore. To expedite matters, Joe Alderete suggested a meeting between city officials, board members and league representatives to discuss the leagues, the work needed at McFarlin, and any other concerns SATA may have in reference to McFarlin. Margaret reported that the senior summer leagues are having organizational meetings starting with the men at the end of April, and the women in early May. In addition, fliers will be sent out in May for the Combo Leagues. Our Super Senior 8.0 Ladies will be traveling to Arizona in late April to hopefully regain the National title they won two years ago.

Interviews were held the previous Thursday with all nine candidates vying for the League Coordinator position. As Executive Director of SATA, Cherie Croom made her recommendation, and Bruce Wills made the motion to the Board to accept Debbie Lowry as our new League Coordinator. Barbara Lasho seconded, and the motion passed.

Elissa Sherlock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn Kramer
Sec./Treas.