



Sunrise Table Tennis Club, Inc
A 501(c)(3) Public Charity Organization

**MEETING
MINUTES**

February 28, 2016
Martin's House

Members Attending:

Martin Shapiro, *President*
Bill Robbins, *Vice President*
Carolyn Adams, *Secretary*
Igor Bubis, *Publicity*
Sam Surdi, *Fundraising*

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Old Business

Martin gave a financial report on the year to date, showing positive figures for the year.

Bright Sunrise campaign has raised \$1135.00 net to date, including \$500 from Dr Dan.

Carolyn reported that Membership numbers have increased by 13 over last year at this time. The membership requirement for the Senior Clinics, plus the \$15 charge for non-member coaching has been effective in generating new members. In addition, Sam and John Reynolds have been proactive in encouraging non-members to join.

Outreach: Martin gave a big thank you to Nancy Calderone for her exceptional volunteer effort contacting numerous organizations for STTCi's Community Outreach Program. Unfortunately, there have been no positive results in efforts to set up the free clinics by Coach Gary. Martin suggested we reallocate funds for that program to another.

Member Training Clinics Program: No volunteer has been found to facilitate this training program for Coach Yani. Martin suggested we reallocate the funds for this program.

Junior Training Program: Yani has three students in the program and all are now members. Yani passed out our Junior Training flyers and paid for a published advertisement at a large Chinese New Year party in hopes of getting more students, but has not gotten any yet. Other ways to find students were discussed with no conclusion.

Senior Program: Carolyn reported that 26 participated in the two sessions held so far this year. A third group was created for the second session due to demand. \$630 is left for the rest of the year. Carolyn requested funds to purchase a gross of training balls and a picker-upper. The request was approved.

Purchase of new tables: All the deals considered for our old tables have fallen through. Martin proposed that we re-allocate the \$2,800.00 from our reserves previously approved for our Member Clinics, Community Outreach and Equipment Purchase (dollies) programs, plus an additional \$606 from reserves, to our purchase of eight more tables for Long Center. The tables are not tournament quality, but sufficient quality for most regular play, and will solve



the problems of table setup for regular play and the upcoming Summer Camp program. It passed unanimously.

We decided to go ahead with redistribution plans for our old tables. We will move two to Safety Harbor and two to St. Pete Beach, to replace tables in worse shape. We will have eight tables to deactivate. Members will be asked if they want to make a donation for one.

The Dr. Dan fees were discussed. We decided to keep them the same for April and discuss afterwards. \$5 will be the price for STTC juniors for singles/doubles, or doubles only.

Carolyn proposed that since Keith's role as Tournament Director is key and he declined a free Clearwater Play Pass, he be offered a free STTC Basic Membership. The vote was 4-1 in favor.

Carolyn proposed that Martin be given one of our two free PlayPasses from the City. It was approved unanimously by four members of the Board, with Martin recusing himself from the vote.

New Business

Martin created a tournament format comparison for us to see the potential profit from each format. We decided to go ahead with the 6-event rated format for the Clearwater Fall tournament.

It was reported that John Reynolds may have interest in running the Summer Camp Program.

A proposal was made to convert the Educational Pizza Party into a free doubles tournament for the Tuesday/Thursday doubles players, including a pizza lunch. Martin and Carolyn will survey the Tuesday/Thursday players to see if they would participate.

Martin proposed revisions to the benefits for corporate sponsors. The vote to accept the changes was unanimous.

We voted unanimously to allow STTC to promote participation of our members in an upcoming charity poker tournament sponsored by PokerDawgs.net, on April 2nd. The STTC will earn \$25.00 in donations for each of our members that participate. The poker tournament is in compliance with the law, and will be held at the Derby Lane Poker Room in St. Petersburg.

Bill will look into hosting a tournament at St. Pete Beach sometime this year.

As Dr Dan's sponsorship donation amount this year does not entitle him to mention on our tournament entry forms, the question of renaming our Dr Dan tournaments was discussed. It was decided to leave it for the time being, to give Sam, our Fundraising Officer, time to solicit a further donation from him.



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It was announced that Rudy had finished the final quiz for our Jr Merit Awards program, and a copy was passed around.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.