

Sandwich Croquet Club
Board Meeting
August 11, 2025, via Zoom
4:00 – 5:45 pm

Attendance: Jean Dorcus, Jack Madden, Ware Cady, Kit Sullivan, Bob Spalding; and Phyllis Welby
Excused: Karen Manning

MINUTES

Kit presented the minutes of the July Board meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes which was seconded and unanimously approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jack's report stated that the beginning balance of the SCC checking account, as of 7/1/2025, was \$20,837.68. Since then, there have been deposits of \$984.50 (clinic and tournament fees) and disbursements of \$12,182.48, including liability insurance (\$910.00); courts maintenance contract (\$10,190.00); club awards (\$465.95); Bob Kroeger fees (\$480.00); and other tournament costs (\$136.32) The checking account balance as of 7/31/2025 is \$9,639.70. The Club's CD is currently valued at \$13,827.32 and will mature in December 2025, making the total cash assets of the Club \$23,467.02. A motion was made to accept the financial report which was seconded and unanimously approved.

UPDATES

Membership

Phyllis said that there had been no change in membership numbers since the last meeting. Jean said that there were 11 new members this year and that she would contact the 5 or 6 who had not yet played.

Tournaments and Leagues

Ware reported that the Nantucket Exchange at the Sandwich courts went well and expressed his appreciation for Maureen Villiotte's help in transporting Nantucket participants from Hyannis. Thirteen Nantucket players had signed up to participate in the exchange.

Both the second Golf Croquet Tournament and the 9-Wicket Tournament went well. For the Golf Croquet tournament, the winners were Laurie Loughlin, Dawn Habgood, and Peter Holland in that order. And the winners of the 9-Wicket Tournament were Alan Holmgren, Ed Gardella, and Diane DiLeo in that order.

This year's Cranberry Classic Tournament went forward with eight players (4 from SCC, 2 from Marion, 1 from Edgartown, and 1 from Vermont). Jean said that it went well despite being a financial loss. The winners of the tournament were Sara Mitchell from Marion and Ed Gardella in that order.

Bob reported on the League results. The winners of the Doubles League were Bob Habgood and Kit Sullivan; Mike Sayler and Linda Gudas, and Nancy Spalding and Jack Madden, in that order. The winners of the Singles League were Heather Welch and Eric Hieser, in that order.

Jean said that prizes would be awarded after the Golf Tournament #3.

Kit suggested that the instructions for the Leagues should state that the person who requests a schedule change is responsible for contacting the other players to reschedule the game within one week of the originally scheduled time.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Tournaments

Jean said that fourteen members had already signed up for the Golf Tournament #3. The goal is to have 32 participants. Gail B. will be in charge and a cut-off date for signups will be determined. Ware said that he would ask Mike Sayler to oversee the set-up for the event since he would be travelling.

The Women's Wicket Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th from 9am to 12 noon. The registration fee (\$15) and other donations will be given to the Sandwich Food Pantry.

The USCC Heritage Classic needs about 12 participants, at least 5-6 SCC members and 5-6 members from other Clubs. The cost will be \$60 per person. Bob Kroeger will serve as the Tournament Director. Jean will send invites for the SCC Golf Croquet Tournament #3 and for the Heritage Classic to all SCC members.

Jean said that she would check with Audrey about plans for the Rickard Memorial Tournament to be held on September 28th.

ESPRIT Program

Jean said that the ESPRIT Pizza Party would take place at the Clubhouse on August 26th and that Mark McGowan had agreed to allow pizza to be brought in for the end of season celebration. Jack Madden offered to cover the pizza expenses for the party. SCC will cover the other expenses.

Last Day of Play for 2025 Season and Possible New Patio

The Board agreed that the last day of the 2025 SCC season will be Saturday, September 25th.

Jean agreed to talk with Dave Polidor about the possibility of cutting tree roots to redo the patio in front of the shed. After that, the Board will investigate potential costs.

SUG Update

Jean said that she will meet with Karen to set up the SUG play signups from October 25th on. Karen has asked for the Board's approval to resign from the Board in October. She will remain on the Board, if necessary, but she prefers to continue helping with SUG as a Club volunteer. The Board agreed to accept her resignation.

Nominating Committee Report/Recommendation/ and Board vote

Ware announced that the Nominating Committee (Ware, Kit, and Carolyn Sartory) had met to discuss the three letters of intent that had been submitted by Club members to join the Board. The Committee discussed the letters and selected Patricia Lewis Murphy and John Clark as the Committee's nominees for the soon-to-be open position(s). Ware presented the nominee's credentials to the Board. A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. All the applicants will receive a letter from the Committee informing them of the result.

Annual Dinner and Meeting- October 8

Kit reported on the recommendations of the Social Events Committee regarding the Annual Dinner. The Board agreed to accept the Committee's recommendations. After some discussion, most of the Board agreed to charge members \$40 per person for the dinner this year. The Club will cover any additional cost.

Jean raised the issue of awards to be given out at the Annual Dinner. The Board agreed to eliminate awarding Golden Mallets now and in the future. There will be recognition of the Tournament and League first-place winners. Jean asked the Board members to send recommendations for 2025 SCC Recognition Awards (Volunteer of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Most Improved Player) to her for discussion at the next meeting. A motion was made to approve a \$350 budget for the 2025 awards which was seconded and unanimously approved.

It was agreed that two ESPRIT members will be invited to attend the Annual Dinner as guests of SCC.

Details about the Annual Meeting will be discussed by the Board at the September meeting.

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will include tournament reviews and the September/October calendar.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2025 @ 4:00pm

Submitted by Kit Sullivan

Date: September 15, 202