

Highlands Pickleball Association

Annual Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2022

Call to order by President Marissa Buell. Marissa opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending and for their continued support throughout the year. She mentioned she had sent the President's Annual Report to all members by email on Saturday for everyone to review before the meeting.

- JoAnn Jones opened up the nomination process for the positions of President and Vice-President. Mike Cook was a candidate for President and Tom Harris a candidate for Vice-President. Voting was done by a show of hands. The nominations were both seconded by Jim Widdows. They were both congratulated for being elected and thanked for their desire and willingness to act as leaders in our organization. The Treasurer and Secretary positions have one year left in their terms.
- Marissa Buell gave a summary of the outgoing President's Annual Report. She touched on the issues of court usage, instruction classes, future additional play capacity, new programs, and volunteers. The volunteers for each of these are listed in the HPA's President's Annual Report. The membership has 60 new members since this time last year. The total membership count ytd is 286.
- The Association Improvement Project Prioritization meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the ballroom. Marrisa, Jim Hefeale and Jim Widdows all spoke on the importance of all members attending to support the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee in getting 2 new courts.
- Bob Hassett presented Marissa with a gift of a wooden tray he made saying "Pickleball is my happy place" in appreciation of her years of faithfully supporting the HPA.
- Jim Hefeale stood and asked the members to give Marissa a standing ovation thanking her for all her hard work and support over the years.
- Newly elected President Mike Cook said he would like to add a 5th person to the HPA Board of Directors. He stated he would also like to add a New Member Committee, a Competition Committee for beginning, Intermediate

and advanced players, a Communication Committee and a Scheduling Committee. He said he would like to have regularly scheduled HPA meetings with an agenda posted in advanced.

- Bill Buell reviewed the finances and membership numbers for the past year. The Treasurer's Annual Report is included in the 2021 President's Annual Report.
- Questions & Answers period:
 1. Dave Epperson said his beginning classes have 30 new players this year so far.
 2. Lonnie Leiffer said he would be happy to help the new board with anything they needed.
 3. Tom Harris said that since he has lived at the Highlands, everyone has been friendly to the new players and he would like to see more established groups invite new players to play. He said even though we have a lot of volunteers, he would like the number to double.
 4. Scott Parfrey asked the new members to stand up and be recognized.
 5. Ray Kuhn stated he works at SaddleBrooke and they just got approval for 8 new pickleball courts. He said our membership dues of \$15.00 each year is very low.
 6. Jim Widdows said the membership is internal within our community, that our members are our neighbors and friends, not outside players.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Jones, HPA Secretary