

Highlands Pickleball Association
Board Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2022

At 1:00 p.m. meeting was called to order by President Mike Cook. Mike welcomed the group and thanked everyone for coming. All HPA Board Members were in attendance.

Mike Cook said Megean Vicino brought to our attention that we need to update the HPA Rules and Regulations with the new changes, etc. Mike asked that each HPA member review the Rules and Regulations now posted on the website for any input to be considered.

Mike said he would consult with our legal counsel regarding voting electronically for any future bylaw changes and/or Board member elections. This would be reviewed by all HPA members before anything moves forward. Members voted to allow for electronic voting on all HPA activities assuming we are in accordance with our legal representation.

We are still waiting on news regarding our new pickleball courts. Mark Oswald is still meeting with outside suppliers, etc. for prices and will report to us sometime in August, 2022.

Mike reviewed the concept of the Competition Committee. The HPA has participated in competitive events in the past with other clubs such as the Gallery, SaddleBrooke, Oro Valley, etc. and many HPA members are interested in continuing to do so again. Mike asked the members to think about who might be interested in volunteering to be on the Committee.

The Committee then proceeded with a period of questions and answers regarding the summer schedule and Court Reserve.

1. Changes were made on Court Reserve so that court #4 can reserve the ball machine with just 1 person. The system was originally set up for 4 players.
2. Court Reserve will be sending out reminder notices to all “registered” players 12 hours in advance of play. This replaces the original 6 hour period which most thought wasn’t sufficient notice.
3. In the Mixed Doubles group when one signs up he puts his partner’s name in the notes area then that person needs to sign up separately. In June or July the Court Reserve system will be changed to allow the first partner to “register” the second partner. No further action needed on this item.

4. The question was asked does a person signing up for an HPA Sponsored Event have to be a paid HPA member? All Highlands residents are allowed to play on the courts but must register on Court Reserve. Although they must be a paid HPA member to play in HPA Sponsored Events with the exception of “Drop In” events. Any Highlands resident may register for drop in.
5. It was brought to the Committee’s attention that 2 players cannot reserve a court on “On Demand”, there needs to be 4 players listed. It was suggested that for “non-prime” times, the Scheduler make those adjustments and allow 2 members to reserve a court.

Dave Epperson asked everyone to share with their groups that when using the ball machine to be careful and considerate. Most of the parts are plastic and very fragile. The parts and rollers need to be replaced fairly often. Also, if you hit a pickleball over the courts, it is your responsibility to retrieve it when you are finished playing.

Currently, the Lost and Found is located in the Fitness Center. It was suggested that there be a lost and found locker at the courts for the pickleball players. Marissa Buell offered to order one from Amazon that matches the lockers we presently use for extra paddles, first-aid kit, etc.

When members have family members visiting it was suggested that a member be able to book a court before the 7 day period. The Scheduling Committee said there was an option to over-ride the system for specific requests. The Scheduling Committee will provide a recommendation to the Board as to how to accomplish this.

Treasurer, Bill Buell reported that we currently have a record amount of over 300 HPA members.

A request was made asking if the Board Meeting minutes could be posted for all HPA members to review. Administrator Mike Frere is working on setting up a Folder on the HPA website so all minutes can be added for all members to review.

There being no further discussions or actions, meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Jones, HPA Secretary