

Highlands Pickleball Association
Board Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2022

At 6:36 p.m. President Mike Cook called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Mike Cook, Tom Harris, Bill Buell, JoAnn Jones, Dave Epperson, and Marissa Buell. There were 42 attendees in the room, including the Board.

Mike Cook reported that we are still waiting for clarification if the tennis court will be converted to four pickleball courts. Jim Hefele stated they are waiting for a financial response.

Mike Cravens introduced the Scheduling and Court Usage Committee to the attendees. Gail Epperson reviewed the new schedule starting November 1, 2022. There were 23 groups that submitted their desired times. A lottery will be held Friday October 21st at 2:00 in the Catalina II Room. Each group leader or designated person will receive a number. Then numbers will be drawn by the HPA Secretary. Gail will then enter that name on the spreadsheet for their first choice. After all the numbers are drawn for the first drawing, they will be entered into the pot again, and the process is done for their second choice. Each group can then select their second choice from the remaining available group times.

Dave Epperson announced that 3 years ago the average age of residents in the Highlands was 73. Now 3 years later the average age is 66. Many of the new residents are also pickleball players,

Mike Cook talked of the “Be Kind Initiative”. Everyone in the community should treat others like they would like to be treated.

Mike Cook reported that JoAnn Jones will head up the new Social Committee. He asked for anyone interested in being on the Committee to contact JoAnn. JoAnn announced that on Thursday, November 17, 2022 the HPA will sponsor a “Welcome Back” potluck for everyone returning for the winter. A notice will be available at the courts for sign-ups. Also, the HPA Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., then dinner to follow. At this meeting, elections will be held for two Board members, Secretary and Treasurer. Anyone interested please see an HPA Board member.

Mike Cook asked if anyone was interested in attending a Referee Clinic to let him know. They can schedule an outside person to come to the Highlands. Plans for a “Competition Committee” will be starting soon so we can start scheduling tournaments.

Tom Harris will be heading a new third group for the Sunday Group play starting in November. There are two other Sunday Groups headed up by the Levys and Bermans. This will give other players a choice of three time slots. It was determined that most couples like playing with their partners other than switching each game. Tom said he would work with whatever the group wanted.

It was noted that the pickleball website and the HOA website have different information on them. Megean said she submits the info the members give her but changes aren't always done promptly. The process is very old and needs to be redone.

Marissa Buell is relinquishing her responsibilities for ordering pickleball balls, replacing balls, etc. Lonnie Leiffer volunteered to take over the responsibilities. Marissa said many "new" balls end up in the ball machine and suggested we change the color of the balls for the machine. She said she would order a large supply in a different color for that purpose. Dave Epperson said that if you use the ball machine please do so with caution. It is very fragile and will last a lot longer if more care is taken.

A reminder to all HPA players that play on Fridays to wear RED. It is to remember all of those military folks that are deployed.

The next HPA Board Meeting will be held late November after the HOA meets. The HOA Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 17 and we hope to hear more about the new pickleball courts then.

There being no further discussions or actions, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Jones, HPA Secretary