

## Highlands Pickleball Association

### Board Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2022

At 6:00 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 34 attendees, including the Board.

Mike Cook asked for all new HPA members present to stand up and introduce themselves. There were no new members in attendance.

At the last HOA Board Meeting the Board approved the creation of 4 new pickleball courts from one tennis court being refurbished. They are moving at a good speed, hopefully they will be completed by mid-year 2023. Mike asked members to thank Mark and the HOA Board when they see them for making this happen.

Regarding the Court Reserve Usage Committee, Mike Cravens gave an update on Court Reserve and reviewed the usage of courts. Patrick Callahan gave an update on the Bylaws to be changed (see attachment) and of the concern residents play 40-50 times a month. We want to allow everyone to get a chance to play equally. Questions and Answer period to follow.

Mike Cook mentioned that the Court Reserve Usage Committee would be looking for a few new members for the next year. He also announced that 2 HPA Board Member positions would be available effective February 5, 2023. Anyone interested in pursuing these Board positions should contact an HPA Board Member.

Mike Cook said the HPA is interested in starting a new Competition Committee next year when the new courts are finished. We can invite other groups like the Gallery, Dell Webb, etc. to play at the Highlands in a competitive manner. We were invited to compete in a tournament at the Gallery several years ago and it was a lot of fun and companionship.

Helen Yarmoska made an announcement that the Tucson “Senior Games” signups will be January 25, 2023. It will be held at Randolph Park, and you must be an USA Pickleball Association Member to participate. More information will be posted at the courts.

Mike Cook welcomed Megean back as the Highlands Fitness and Wellness Director. We are all happy to have her back.

Coach Dave Epperson stated that the beginner lessons “Level I” are open to anyone new to the HPA. Dave will need to be sure the member can pass the basic skills before starting the next level. Jim Widdows will lead Intermediate lessons “Level II”. Jim is a nationally certified instructor. He is available to teach classes (4 classes – progressive). Individual classes can be arranged. We have volunteer instructors for groups on specific issues.

The Demo Day will be presented at the December meeting by Jim Widdows. Jim will arrange to have 2 courts available to demonstrate the Selkirk merchandise sometime in December. A notice will be sent out at a later date.

Mike Cook announced that we have a new Social Committee. JoAnn Jones introduced each member and thanked everyone for attending the Welcome Back Potluck on Thursday, November 17. There were a lot of members attending and it was well received by all. The Social Committee is working on a new event to be held in January, 2023 for all new members. This will be a fun time for our new members (within the last year or so) to meet and get to know each other better. There will be appetizers, "stupid" games, prizes, raffles, etc. Notices will go out in mid-December.

Steve Wendt volunteered to host the Ambassador function to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at the courts. This originated several years ago and needs to be reinstated for new members to obtain the information they may need regarding pickleball questions, how to get in a group, etc.

It was requested that the HPA donate more this year to the "Employees Holiday Fund". In the past a \$100 check was issued by the HPA Treasurer, Bill Buell. The proposed increase was \$300. Since the HPA dues increase in January, this request was approved.

Dave Epperson, Member at Large for the HPA, introduced Fran Terrell to the group. Fran has been selling Highlands pickleball shirts and merchandise for several years now and is always available to have merchandise on hand for special events.

Mike Cook reminded everyone that we should all be aware of the "Being Kind Initiative" and be nice to everyone, all employees, players, etc. Treat others like you would like to be treated.

There being no further discussions or actions, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Jones, HPA Secretary