

Highlands Pickleball Association
Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2023

President, Mike Cook, called the meeting to order @ 4:00 p.m. All Board Members were present as well as the past president. There were 34 attendees including the Board Members and past president.

AGENDA:

1. New Members: Mike welcomed any new member(s) in attendance to stand and introduce themselves. Two new members were Jackie Craig and Tim Thackeray

2. Scheduling Committee Update for Upcoming Season:

Gail Epperson updated the following: a). New courts by reservation only until January 2024 with a limited number of reservations. (b). A survey will be sent out to all members by mid-October. The members will be asked their opinions on what to do with the new courts allowing the opportunity for members' feedback.

As of the meeting date, the scheduling committee had received requests for group play time. 28 groups responded equaling 52% of play time. The lottery is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2023 @ 4:00 pm. The Scheduling Committee will post online what courts are available. Revised schedule available Monday afternoon before the 9/25/2023 lottery date. Revisions were specifically made optimizing court use of 2 court spots specifically designed around requests the committee received.

Changes made include: (1). Club Organized Open Play (previously known as Women's Drop In) has been changed from Tuesdays @ 11:30 to 1:00 TO 8:30 to 10:00 play time. (2). HPA Mixed Doubles on Sundays have been reduced from 3 groups to 2 groups. HPA Organized Mixed Doubles' hosts will be: MD 1...Bermans, and MD 2...Tom Harris and Helen Yarmoska.

Other HPA Organized groups: Men's Open Play: Mon, Wed, Fri; Women's Open Play: Tues, Thurs, Sat; Mixed Open..2:30 - 4:00 Mondays. Note: The names of these HPA sponsored groups have changed from a "drop in" status to "open play" status as drop-in is no longer...all must register to play.

3. New Court Update: Mark Oswald, HOA Community Manager, was invited to the meeting to inform us of the current status update. Mark also presented architectural renderings for the memberships' info and any questions. Mark advised us that the contract had been signed last week with an estimated start date of October 15 and an estimated completion date of November 17. All equipment, nets, screens, etc., have been ordered and a 9 x 12 ramada will be installed as well as LED lighting.

4. Introduction of the new HPA Committee. The new committee is the "Communication Committee ". This committee has been added due to idea of Gail Epperson to send out periodic publications of happenings in the HPA with "Highlands Happenings" being the subject. Scott Lebow will be the chair of this new committee. Mike Frere will also be involved. This publication/information will be a fun way of keeping us all up to date!

5. Social committee Update. JoAnn Jones, chair of this committee, informed us that this committee is working now on finalizing the specific dates of the yearly social events for 2024. As of this meeting date, the only confirmed date will be the annual meeting, scheduled 2/18/2024.

6. Interest in Referee Class. Mike presented this information as a possible addition to the current HOA classes. Pricilla Scott, local head referee in the community, would conduct these classes. These classes include 4 hours of instruction made up of 2 hours classroom sessions and 2 hours court sessions, probably available to start January or February of 2024. Mike asked anyone who is interested to let him know and he will contact Pricilla to confirm her availability.

7. Competition Committee Update: De Hamann, committee chair, had info available regarding pickleball play outside of the Highlands which she will post on Court Reserve. She also announced

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another venue outside The Highlands offering play opportunities...Oro Valley Community Center. De reminded everyone to check with their current insurance carrier to check if they are covered for membership costs, I.e., Silver Sneakers/United Healthcare . This committee will be distributing a survey to determine if the members have any interest in Inter- community play. There will be a charity pickleball event at The Gallery December 1, 2, and 3...this event is not rated. This is a charity event and about having fun!

The Highlands Pickleball committees and their members are published periodically on Facebook and are also provided on the HPA website.

8. Review of Guest Policy. Current guest policy is being revisited in September. This policy is an HOA policy and NOT an HPA policy. It will be revisited in the very near future.

Non-Agenda Items:

Mike Cook presented that new purchases will be required soon. Our current ball machine is on its way out and will need to be replaced. In addition, a second ball machine will need to be purchased for the new courts. Estimated cost of each...\$1,500.00-\$1,600.00, plus storage costs, shop vac, purchased for the new courts. Estimated cost \$3,000 -\$4,000.

Maintenance issues presented by Megean. She discussed the issue of power washing the courts is scheduled quarterly and the courts must be vacated for these cleanings.

New net for court 1 scheduled for installation, Monday, 9/18. Dates and times will be provided to Gail. She will block out this court for installation purposes.

Mike Cook mentioned the need/desire to purchase a monitor to be installed at the courts...estimated cost \$2,000. This monitor will show everything that is issued on Court Reserve. If the HOA doesn't pay for this cost, Mike will present it to the HPA and ask them to purchase.

Mike Frere has informed the HPA that it is highly probable that we will have electronic voting, and this will be available for the February meeting, voting for the President, Vice President, and Member at Large. Mike can set up thru Court Reserve and cost is minimal.

Dave Epperson, Member at Large, informed members of upcoming classes. These classes are defined as; ` beginners, advanced beginners, intermediate and advanced. There will be 4 classes in each category. Dave will be working with Jim Widdows to determine the instructors. Each member will be required to contact the instructor for invitation into these group classes.

The Ambassador Program was discussed and agreed it needs to be re-designed.

The topic of "Learn How to Be a Coach" was addressed. Jim Widdows will head this. More info when available.

Gary Berman requested an updated treasurer's report. Lonnie Leiffer, treasurer, provided the following input:

Balance at commencement of his term.....	\$10,859.00
Membership dues to date.....	\$575.00
Expenses.....	\$2517.00
Current Balance.....	\$8917.00

Rodney Raasch questioned that the Board Meeting Minutes have not been posted on the HPA website of late. Mike informed him that this issue will be corrected in the near future.

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Mike addressed the upcoming Board elections for 3 vacancies. These vacancies will be President, Vice President, and Member at Large and will be voted on at the February Annual Meeting 2024. There was discussion about President and Vice President positions not going out in the same year. This issue is being worked on with the attorney in an attempt to change this procedure.

There being no further discussions or actions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Daphne Hetherington
Secretary, Highlands Pickleball Association