

Highlands Pickleball Association
Board Meeting Minutes
10/25/2023

President Mike cook called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All Board members were present with the exception of Dave Epperson, Member at Large. There were 39 attendees including the Board Members and Past President

Agenda:

1. New Members: Mike welcomed any new members in attendance to stand and introduce themselves. No New Members were in attendance.
2. Courts update: Mike reported that the dates vary but being cautiously optimistic, completion by Thanksgiving. However more realistically probably December 1. Concrete will be poured next week. The ramada will not be put up for 2-3 months. The ramada will be located at the South end of tennis courts 1 & 2.
3. Update from Committee Chairs:

a. Social committee:

In the absence of JoAnn Smith, Committee Chair, committee member Nicolette Smith gave input. As of this date, events in the near future will be:

Welcome Back Party in November: date to be determined.

Annual New Members Party in January with date to be determined.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2024.

Farewell Pizza Party: date to be determined.

b. Scheduling Committee

With respect to HPA organized events, currently there are 2 courts on the schedule for mixed doubles during the week. The assessment is that we may not need these times as Gail has been releasing these courts due to lack of interest. Possibly this event will not continue on the schedule next season.

Mixed Doubles III, Sundays @ 11:30 – 1:00 has had no players sign up. As of this date, Gail said it will not be wiped out yet but possibly this event will be cancelled through the rest of this session.

c. Communications Committee

This committee has recently been established & Scott Lebow is the Chair. Scott informed the membership that the name of this new publication will be announced in the near future. Coming soon! The First official publication will be available starting in November. Scott asked for photos to be included in the Newsletter. This new publication will also be used to help those players who are looking for groups to join in, & vice versa groups looking for players to join their groups. More info to follow in the November edition.

d. Competition Committee

Gary Thalman committee chair, informed the members of our new competitive groups playing through Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL). Last year the Highlands was represented in the League with 1 group. We now have added 2 more groups for this league program. Gary presented several ideas for effective use of our soon to be 8 courts availability; with emphasis on the ability to let everyone who wants to play, the opportunity to do so. He suggested the creation of Ladder Leagues within the Highlands as well as Team Play, 2 men/2 women, to allow everyone the opportunity to play some sort of “competitive” play within The Highlands.

Mike informed the members that we will use this format in the future for the Agenda:

- 1) Welcoming intro New Members
- 2) Treasurer’s Report
- 3) President’s Report
- 4) Update from all committees

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5) Non Agenda items from members

Treasurer's Report

Lonnie reported balance is slightly over \$9,000.

Member count as of this date; 322.

HPA annual dues will be billed in the near future for 2024 & will be deducted from the member's HOA account, for those that have authorized the deduction.

Lonnie reported the following expenditures will be necessary with new courts addition:

Pickleballs 200 more, tubes, pickleball caddies, pickleball bags for balls and Shop vac. These expenses total an estimated amount of \$5,000.00.

Mike discussed the "League" usage of our courts. We now have 3 ladies' teams established by the Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) HPA will guarantee the league usage of our courts: 3 days a week for these APPL needs. The league schedule starts Jan 15 through March 15 2024. Dates not set aside for APPL will be dedicated to open time for member's use.

Non-Agenda Items

Gail reiterated the following:

Court stacking: This issue needs clarification.

Ball machine usage: No firm rules for scheduling the usage of ball machine. This subject open for discussion, feedback on website

Gail went through the following info re: HPA Website

- 1) HPA related documents & info.
- 2) Mixed doubles on Sunday (currently 2 active groups) Only one partner needs to sign up for the partnership.
- 3) Mike added the Prime time hours for Play:
Early Winter: 8:30-2:30
High Season: 8:30-4:00
Summer: 7:30-9:00
- 4) Ball Machine usage
No ball machine usage unless 4 people during prime time. Reserve within 24 hours of usage.

Gail announced a survey by the Scheduling Committee will include the usage of the ball machine. This survey should be out in the near future.

Regarding the existing HPA By Laws; need to be reviewed and updated with specific attention to the following: a) Adding 5th member to the Board; b) Use of electronic voting

Discussion from the floor included the following re: Use of courts competitive play

Rodney Raasch made statement of concern about the degree of competition play & not to turn the Highlands Pickleball into just competition.

Lee King suggested that the usage of all 8 courts should be assessed before we use the courts for competition purposes.

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Sue Cook voiced a concern about different levels of play for all people having the ability to play.

Gary Kvasnica suggested more “open courts” allowing anyone the opportunity to play. He suggested an open time, show up time between 8-11 for this type of play.

Gail responded to Gary’s suggestion above that this is a Closed Community which changes things for a “drop in situation”. This issue will be an item on the survey coming next week.

The following was an agenda item that was moved to the end of the meeting due to a video presentation on the subject matter.

Mike Cravens presented a video on AED stressing the #1 action is to call 911. 3 steps to follow:

- 1) Call 911
- 2) Chest compression
- 3) Use of an AED machine

FIRST RESPONDER: WE ARE! note: Protected by the State of Arizona. The AED machine has now been installed at the existing four courts ramada.

MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO DO SOMETHING!!!

Mike asked for non-agenda items from members—none were presented.

Mike asked the membership to consider running for the Board for the 3 vacancies coming up for the 2024-2026 term. These positions are: President, Vice President, & Member at Large.

There being no further discussions or actions, the meeting was adjourned 5:56PM

Respectfully Submitted
Daphne Hetherington
Secretary