

HIGHLANDS PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Cook at 4:03 p.m. All board members were present, as well as the past president. Including the Board members and the past president, 45 members were in attendance.

AGENDA:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Bob Hudson, Tom Nelson, Maureen Nelson and Neil Vroegop introduced themselves.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lonnie reported year end (12/31/2023) balance was \$3,112.00. He estimated an increase of \$7,000.00 would be added to the account balance by the end of the first week of February representing renewals of membership for 2024. This will bring our estimated balance to \$10,000.00. New member count for year end was 57.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (1) Mike announced that The Highlands has 3 ladies' teams participating in league play sponsored by The Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL). Their schedule of play is posted in our newsletter. Mike encouraged all members to please support these teams. (2) The HOA has approved HPA placing cameras on the courts. There will be a total of 4 cameras installed in the near future. (3) New courts grand opening has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 31, 2024, starting at 2:00 p.m. (4) Update on the HOA's guest policy was discussed. Mike is working with HOA Board member, Dave Rogers, regarding the HPA's existing policy on this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: Nicolette Smith reported for this committee in the absence of committee chair, JoAnn Jones. The HPA New Member party is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. The invitees are those members who joined for the years of 2022 and 2023. As of this date there have been 30 RSVPs, however, at least 50+ reservations are anticipated. Tom Harris has great games in the making, and the committee is looking forward to another successful and fun event for our new members. The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 18, 2024. This meeting will include the election of 3 Board positions for the coming term, as well as dinner.

Competition Committee: De Hamann reported for this committee and thanked the HPA Board for their support of the new ladder league. New league session will start Friday, January 19, 2024. Men's time slot is 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., followed by women's ladder at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. All 8 courts will be in use for the ladder leagues' play times. These groups will play a 6 week session. Auto sign up is available for the entire 6 weeks' session. What to do after this initial session is already in discussion.

Communication Committee: No one was in attendance for this committee's report, however, President Mike accoladed committee chair, Scott Lebow, for his outstanding work on this incredible newsletter! "Best amenity in The Highlands!"

Scheduling Committee: Gail Epperson, committee chair, announced that Patrick Callahan's term is ending and his position will need to be filled. This is a very important committee and gets lots of kudos from the HPA members. Gail asked members who are interested in serving on this committee to please give their names to her and she and the committee will consider and determine the replacement member. There are 5 members serving on this committee and the members serve a two year term. The current members are Gail Epperson, Kimberly Bowman, Laurie Grossman and Michael Wood.

Gail also reported that the lottery for the new session starting January 14, 2024, will not be necessary. All group leaders who submitted their desired times were happy with the results.....no lottery necessary. Each group leader needs to set up their event. Karen Yothment will be leader of the Women's Open and Patrick Callahan for the Men's Open. Most HPA sponsored events and open play will be assigned to the lower courts. Women's Open play 8:30 -10:00, a.m. Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday; Men's Open play 8:30-10:00 a.m. Monday/ Wednesday/Saturday. Three hours of open play daily on lower courts, Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. Sign up is required.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

Dave Epperson (Coach Dave) , Member at Large, announced that 19 new members attended his beginner's classes and congratulated Mike Cravens for his assistance with these players. These classes are available for those who wish to acquire new skills for the game of pickleball. Dave suggested after each level class is completed he would recommend each player try their new skills for a month or two in game play with those of their experience level rather than immediately going from one level class to the next level. Dave again asked any players using the loaner paddles to please return them to the proper bin. Seven beginners started class today without enough paddles available for this lesson.

Gail Epperson provided information on "reserving a pickleball court"...7 days in advance and 1-1/2 hour time is required; effective 1/14/2024 thru 4/20/2024.

Megean provided the following updates: Wind screens had to be re-ordered; ramada will be installed this coming Monday; gates will be repaired in the very near future

President Mike addressed the upcoming election in February and asked the members to step up immediately if they wish to declare themselves as a candidate and please not to wait until the last minute to do so. Three vacancies are available: President, Vice President and Member at Large.

There being no further discussions or actions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daphne Hetherington, Secretary