

**Highlands Pickleball Association  
Board Meeting/Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
February 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by outgoing President, Mike Cook at 4:06 p.m.

All Board Members were present; past [president](#) was not present. Including the Board members, 91 members were in attendance.

AGENDA:

- (1) Welcome New Members: Bayne Smith and Vicki Smith introduced themselves to the membership.
- (2) [Member](#) at Large will make parting remarks: Dave Epperson announced that 40 new beginner players attended his classes in the month of January and to this date in February. He thanked the HPA for continuing these very important introductory classes for those new members wanting to learn the game of pickleball.
- (3) Outgoing President, Mike Cook, will [make parting](#) statement: Mike specifically thanked Mike [Frere](#) for all his work and efforts in his administration position for the HPA, especially for all his efforts, time, expertise, and commitment [administrating](#) the introduction and maintenance of the Court Reserve system. Mike also addressed appreciation to Greg Peterson for his efforts in revising the HPA Bylaws, especially for his efforts in helping a smooth transition from the former means of voting for Board elections to the new approved/accepted electronic voting process. Gail Epperson and Mike Cravens were also acknowledged for their commitment, efforts, expertise and the time they devoted to the creation of the Scheduling Committee, and its huge success. The membership was also applauded and acknowledged for their continued interest in the HPA organization and their continued participation, not only on the courts, but also their attendance at the monthly meetings.
- (4) The secretary will announce the results of the Board election of the vacating positions. President, Vice President and Member at Large: Results as follows: President Tom Harris was elected, received 204 votes, write in candidate received 5 votes. Total votes cast. 209. Vice President: Helen Yarmoska was elected, received 148 votes; Ira Levy received 60 votes, [write in candidate](#) received 1 vote. Total votes cast, 209. Member at Large: Donna Hover was elected; received 137 votes; Tara Macari received 68 votes; [write in candidate](#) received 4 votes. Total votes cast: 209.
- (5) New Board Seated. Newly elected President, Tom Harris, thanked all the members for taking the time to cast their votes and especially for their effectiveness with the new electronic voting system. Newly elected Vice President, Helen Yarmoska, was late attending the meeting, as she and fellow HPA member, Amy Haugen, were playing in a tournament at Udall Park, "Give Back Tournament" sponsored by TAP. Donna Hover, newly elected Member at Large, introduced herself to the members and gave a brief synopsis of her intentions in this position. Her main objective is to be a great ambassador for this organization; making all members feel welcome to our pickleball community and letting them know their input is a very important part of the success of the HPA.
- (6) Treasurer's Report. Lonnie Leiffer stated that as of January 1, 2024, our balance was \$3,112.00. An additional \$7,400.00 was deposited into our account representing renewals and 20 new memberships from 1/1/2024 to date. The current estimated balance: \$10,000.00.

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- (7) Social Committee Report: JoAnn Jones, committee chair, informed the membership that 2 positions are available on this committee, and those who are interested in serving on this committee should contact her by email of their interest in serving on this committee as soon as possible. The committee will meet by the middle of March and review the candidates and announce the names filling the vacancies as soon thereafter as possible. JoAnn also thanked Nicolette Smith for stepping up to the plate and assuming the responsibilities of the chair during her (JoAnn's) absence due to the health issues of her husband, Chuck. The next event will be "Farewell Pizza Party", date to be determined in the near future. JoAnn also introduced current committee members, Nicolette Smith, Daphne Hetherington, Robin Levy and Tom Harris to the members in attendance.
- (8) Competition Committee Report: De Hamann spoke on behalf of this committee. She reported that the Ladder program has been very successful with players really liking the competitive nature of this new program. The committee is currently in their second session [with men's](#) league and a separate women's league. This week there will be signups for the next sessions which will be pairs/partners ladder and a separate mixed doubles ladder play. If all continues in this positive direction and continues to be well attended, they may incorporate another day of the week to run ladder play. STAY TUNED!
- (9) Scheduling Committee: Gail Epperson again announced the need to fill 2 vacancies on this committee. Anyone interested, please let Gail know and she will provide information for

submission. The new schedule coming up in April will look at repurposing "open time". Also looking at expanding the ladder play and they will need volunteers to help with organization. New software was addressed but no info update at this time. Gail and Mike Frere were asked by [Administration](#) to review the projected new system. More on this issue later.

(10) Communications Committee: Nothing to report at this time, however, again, [cudos](#) to our Editor, Scott Lebow... great publication and thank you Scott!!!

There being no further discussions or actions, the meeting was adjourned @ 4:45 p.m., and a banquet dinner followed.

Respectively Submitted,

Daphne Hetherington  
HPA Secretary