

HSV Pickleball Club Annual Meeting

March 8, 2018

President, Randy Share, opened the meeting at 6 p.m. by welcoming approximately 58 people in attendance and expressing appreciation for the good turnout. Everyone was reminded to check their name off on the attendance roster and verify their membership information, making any changes if needed. The current board members were introduced.

Secretary, Marie Mason, presented the minutes from the March 3, 2017 Annual Meeting. Warren Walters made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and posted on the website, Alex Perez seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Calvin Doody, gave the Financial Report for 2017. There was a beginning balance of \$4,560.51, Income of \$2,843.30, Expenses of \$2,361.46 and an ending balance of \$5,042.35 as of 12/31/2017. Also, we had 255 members in the pickleball club at the end of 2017. Currently, at the time of this meeting, the membership for 2018 is 200. For membership renewals, we need the membership form from the website to be filled out and to accompany the renewal payment. This allows us to make sure we have current contact information on the membership roster.

The donation money that was received from members earlier in the year to show support for the new pickleball complex has been returned to the donors.

The President explained that the POA did not require any upfront money after all for the new complex, therefore, all the money was returned. It may be that we will have a need to conduct fundraising in the future for additional items not included in the new facility but that will be addressed as the need arises.

Ladder Manager, Greg Allen, reported that there are 68 people on the ladder roster but that the 2.5 and 3.0 ladders are the only ones active at this time. He stated that he would like to meet with the ladder managers and decide what to do differently once we have 14 courts. It would be helpful if we had more people volunteer to help, especially with the new pickleball players – we need people willing to play with them.

Greg reminded the members of the current food drive that is going to Mt. Pine for Easter. The response has been good. They really appreciate our help.

Greg also reminded players that Waypoint is a good place for players to go after play and asked that we please support them.

Beginner Classes – Greg Allen and Ian Tompkins

We had two very successful Open House events this year which brought in new members. Ian does not know how much he can continue to help with that physically so they will be looking for volunteers to help conduct new member classes. A suggestion was made that we use the website for people to sign up to volunteer to help, when needed.

When we have the 14 new courts, we can dedicate specific courts to various skill levels. Pickleball Ambassador, Winnie Montgomery, stated that it helps if more advanced players are willing to help the lesser developed – it helps them to develop their skills. That is the difference between social play and tournament play. We need to encourage players to advance. A suggestion was made that a specific time be designated for “challenge play” so players can have the opportunity to play up.

Randy reminded the members that the various play groups are listed on the website. He thanked those individuals who are organizing the groups and keeping them going. He also mentioned that shirts with the HSV Pickleball logo are available through Dan Botkin, the website administrator, and for each shirt sold, \$5.00 comes back to the pickleball club.

Social Events – Christie Borne

Christi stated that there has not been too much happening lately. Kinda waiting for the new courts. She has an idea for an event for age 70+ men, called “two old goats.”

Publicity – Marie Mason & Joyce Betts

Marie set up a pickleball scrapbook of pictures from various events throughout the year and newspaper articles. The book was passed around at the annual meeting. Joyce Betts was thanked for her efforts in writing articles and getting publicity regarding pickleball in the village.

Mid-America Indoor Championships

Winnie Montgomery outlined the plans for the upcoming Mid-America Pickleball Championship coming to the Arena in Hot Springs. This is a great opportunity to promote pickleball in our community.

Gamma is the major sponsor and they are providing a sling bag for every player, all the balls, 3 pickleball nets and 9 paddles. New Balance gave \$1,000 and are offering a 25% discount. The Pickleball Club is sponsoring a court along with the POA and we will have a booth and a banner. We are in the process of training referees and could use all the help we can get. Winnie encouraged everyone to come and volunteer.

New Pickleball Complex – Randy Share

Randy met with Recreation Director Stacy Hoover and was told that we have a preferred Contractor and this is coming up for final approval at the next POA Board Meeting on March 21st. The new complex will consist of 14 new reinforced concrete courts with a nova cushion surface, 7 of them lighted. Construction would begin sometime in April and take about six weeks to complete. The current building will be updated and used as a clubhouse and will be the point of sale. It will have four part-time staffers who will check people in. Annual membership will be \$180.00 single or \$315.00 a couple but will be prorated for 2018 depending upon when the new facility opens. Also, offered is 30-days for \$54.00, or can pay \$5.00 to play all day. Guests would pay \$8.00. The hours are expected to be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the prime playing season. POA is building in an option to add a cover later if we are utilizing it fully.

Jim McPherson recognized certain individuals who were very instrumental in getting the idea of a new pickleball complex going - Bill Booth, Bill Behan, and Holly Harck. He went on to say that Ian Tompkins put in countless hours and he is responsible for bringing it home. Randy Share presented Ian with a couple of special thank-you gifts for all his hard work in helping to plan the new pickleball complex, working with POA and the Recreation Committee and meeting with contractors, all while recovering from back surgery. The shirt read: "Ask me a question about pickleball – I dare you." Those who know Ian, understand the humor in that statement.

New Board Members Peggy Farnsworth, Secretary, and F. T. Eyre, At-Large Member, were welcomed to the Board and appreciation was extended to Marie Mason and Nancy Harlow for their participation on the board during 2017. Also, appreciation was extended to Charlie John, Jody Klem and Betty Wilhite for serving on the nominating committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.