

HSV Pickleball Club Annual Meeting

March 3, 2017

President, Jim McPherson opened the meeting at 6 o'clock by welcoming approximately 60 members in attendance and expressing appreciation for the good turnout. Secretary, Holly Harck, was unable to attend, therefore, Vice-President, Randy Share read the minutes of the January 20, 2017 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Warren Walters, seconded by Dan Botkin, and accepted by all members present. Winnie Montgomery was recognized as an Ambassador along with others mentioned in the minutes.

Treasurer, Mary Heflin, gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have a balance of \$5,115.55 in the account after expenditures of \$414.96 that includes the \$400 paid for 6 months rental for the Pickleball Clubhouse. We have 179 paid members so far for 2017, down from the 252 club members reported at the last meeting because of the grace period from 2016. This includes eight new members: Harry and Linda Thomas (social members), Sandra Melchor, Trent Cole, Steve and Cindy Secora, Jimmy and Joyce Betts. Mary mentioned that if you know people who play pickleball at the church only or are interested in helping us to grow the sport of pickleball in the Village even though they may not play, encourage them to join our club as **social members** and participate in our outreach programs and social events. A motion was made by F.T. Eyre to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ian Tompkins and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Greg Allen reported that we have 4 pickleball ladders going with 90 people signed up.

Beginners: Ian Tompkins stated that there are 20 people learning the sport and having fun on Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. Lots of them are moving up into social open play. They are learning something every time they play.

2.5 Ladder: Charlie John reported that there are 26 players in this ladder and normally have about 4 courts going on Monday morning.

3.0 Ladder: Diana Podawiltz reported there are 20 players on the roster but only about 12 playing regularly at this time. Several are out on disability but hoping to return soon.

3.5 Ladder: Greg reported there are anywhere from 6 to 12 players participating in this ladder.

Couples Social Play: Linda Shay reported that they had 3 courts going last week. They have a lot of fun playing and go out to dinner afterwards. She encouraged others to join them.

Social Leagues: Play on Wed and Friday, Saturday ladies league, Cosy Clegg organizes a group on Tuesday and Grace Wiesen organizes a group on Monday night.

New Players Clinic: Ian Tompkins reported that they did a clinic last year at the Boys and Girls Club. They were mostly very young children so it was hard to keep their attention and maintain control but the kids really had fun. Phil Rinke, Greg Allen and Twilla Tompkins assisted with the clinic and Christie Borne gave helpful advice on how to discipline appropriately. We are planning to do the clinic again this year.

Jim said that our committees and ladders are a vital part of the pickleball club and we appreciate all who help.

Announcements:

The lock code has changed and will be sent out via e-mail to all paid members.

Jim McPherson reported that at the Village Values meeting last week, it was announced that the POA has moved pickleball ahead of the pool in priority for the village. Roundtable meetings are scheduled to be held by the POA on March 8 and 23rd regarding the new pickleball courts. We have filled the number of participants allowed to speak for the March 8th roundtable but need additional ones for March 23rd. Diana Podawiltz reminded everyone that they must sign up separately for each of the two roundtable meetings. Participants gathered after the meeting to talk about strategy for these meetings. Norm Elliott mentioned that the tennis players are talking about the pickleball proposals and they are planning to show up at the roundtable meetings. A show of interest from the pickleball club is important at these meetings.

Bill Behan and Holly Harck are our representatives on the Recreation Committee. Bill has been on the recreation committee for the past 4 years. There is an opening and pickleball member Bill Mason volunteered to apply to the POA for this position.

Social Events:

Christie Borne reported that the strip poker event that was scheduled for March 4 was cancelled.

Regarding the "Battle of the Sexes" social event, she apologized if anyone was offended and explained that it was not intended to be a private party or to exclude anyone but rather was created to "try it and see if it worked" scenario. Gather up purses and scarfs for the next event for the men to use.

Recreation Expo:

Kent Kuch was not present at the meeting but appreciation was expressed for all his efforts to introduce pickleball at the Recreation Expo. 21 people signed up for pickleball at the Expo.

Pickleball Website:

Jim thanked Dan Botkin for all his efforts setting up and maintaining the pickleball website.

Dan said that he would like to update the pictures on the website but need approval before pictures can be posted. A "release" form was passed around for signatures to help expedite this process. Dan said that before a picture goes on the website he lets the person know that their picture is going on the website and make sure they approve before it is posted so this uniform release form will be a big help.

Club Room- Ian Tompkins

We have the club room rented and we have permission to use it as we want. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up the room and man it. We will enter from the outside side door. We plan to have information for beginners and product, lesson and ladder contact information. Vendors can bring in their paddles and arrange for people to try them out. We currently have 2 tables and 5 chairs and will be serving coffee. Hope to have a small refrigerator, T-V/DVD, bulletin board, loaner paddles and additional furniture. Donations are welcomed. Plans are in the works for a "Pickleball Club" sign to put up outside the door but that must be approved by the POA. We are hoping it can be big enough to be seen from DeSoto.

New Courts- Jim McPherson

Pickleball has been moved to the top of the list for new amenities for HSV but exactly what and where is still being hammered out – not yet set in stone. At present, the POA is looking at installing 12 concrete courts, with ability to add covers, in the vicinity of the Coronado Center near the Tennis Center in four different locations. Estimated cost is \$60k per court but included in this cost is the dirt work, parking, sidewalks, restrooms, water fountains, magnetic card readers and seating. Questions came from the audience regarding north/south positioning, check for wind tunnels, and court separators so balls do not interfere. Also concern that residents may complain about noise but this area has always been designated as a recreational area so residents know that ahead of moving there. POA justification for this location is so everything could run through the tennis center including collection of daily fees for visitors and non-members.

Jim said that we are constantly trying to remind the POA what is in it for them, especially how Pickleball can be an attraction for new residents to HSV as well as added income.

Suggest that everyone that is planning to speak on behalf of pickleball at the roundtable meetings should get together ahead of time and prepare a unified platform.

Awards - Discussion regarding awards for George Johnson and Dee Vincent continued from last meeting and suggestions were made for a virtual award posted on the website, trophy, plaque, bench at club in memory, pavers etc. after which Greg Allen made a motion that we would set up a Dee Vincent award (with her approval) and that George Johnson is to be the 1st recipient of the Dee Vincent award. Christie Borne seconded the motion and it was approved with no opposition. The award will be posted on the website.

Mid-America Pickleball Tournament – March 24-27

Jim stated that Darrell Riffel made a \$500 donation and he and Sandy matched it for a \$1,000 HSV Pickleball Club Sponsorship for the Mid-America Pickleball Tournament.

Open Discussion

Members feel that the money paid to the POA for pickleball should go to pickleball and not to the general fund.

The Annual Open House event has been successful and fun in the past and we are planning to do it again this year.

Twillia Tompkins reported that it has been discovered that the holes in the nets were caused by the blowers being used and not a result of vandals.

Jim said that the board has worked hard to increase membership this year. He asked to determine what the membership was this time last year so a true comparison could be made.

Appreciation was shown to outgoing board members Rick Gautier, Dave Walsh, Mary Heflin, Holly Harck and Christie Borne. Vice-President Randy Share also applauded Jim McPherson for all his hard work as President.

New Board Members Ian Tompkins, President; Randy Share, Vice-President; Marie Mason, Secretary; Calvin Doody, Treasurer, Nancy Harlow and Greg Allen, At-Large; and Jim McPherson, Past President were all introduced and welcomed to the Board to be effective April 1, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m., pictures taken and refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Mason, incoming Secretary

