

## Hot Springs Village Pickleball Club Board Meeting

April 13, 2017

**Present:** Ian Tompkins, President; Randy Share, Vice-President; Marie Mason, Secretary; Nancy Harlow & Greg Allen, At-Large; Jim McPherson, Past President.

**Absent:** Calvin Doody, Treasurer.

**Welcome:** Ian Tompkins welcomed the new board members to the first board meeting of 2017.

**President's Remarks:** Ian referred the board members to the e-mail that he sent out regarding the meeting he and Greg Allen had with CEO Leslie Nalley and POA Board Member John Weidert on Monday, April 10, regarding a proposed new pickleball facility in Hot Springs Village. The meeting went well and we were given the opportunity to point out the benefits of keeping the present location as opposed to building a new facility from the ground up near the tennis center. Having the new facility at a new location would require extensive ground work adding to the cost and time to complete. Some of the advantages of expanding the current location are:

- Would not have to do as much ground movement
- Parking is already in place and additional parking could easily be added
- Additional courts could be added by expanding the current facility without extensive ground work
- There is room for expansion
- Current location can be fenced
- A building is already available for pickleball club
- More cost effective
- Could be completed in less time
- Would help fulfill the POAs focus of upgrading the West End of the Village
- This site is more visible for visitors coming into the Village

We were able to provide them with a measured depiction of what would go where at the current location as well as a thoroughly researched proposed cost. The current proposal calls for 14 courts, half of them covered, at an approximate cost of \$400k. Leslie said that they have the money for the Pickleball venue. It appears, however, that they are looking for the pickleball club members to put up some up-front money as a sign of support, possibly \$50k. The board discussed ways that this might be done and agreed that it will require an increase in pickleball POA amenity fees, possibly \$15.00/month for individual, \$25.00/month for family. If members would be willing to pay their dues 3 years in advance that would be a definite show of support. Not too much to ask for a first-rate pickleball facility.

Nancy Harlow inquired about making our club tax-deductible and will check further into this possibility. It could open up an avenue for individuals to make tax-deductible contributions.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Randy made a motion to approve the minutes for the Pickleball Club Annual Meeting held March 3, 2017 as submitted – Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's Report at this meeting. To be reviewed at next board meeting.

**New Business:**

**Survey** – Discussion regarding possibility of sending out a survey to pickleball members regarding new facility. Determined that can add to the confusion if they don't have all the facts especially costs associated with various locations and length of time for completion. May consider at a later date at a place and time when more facts can be presented.

**Fund-Raising** - Nancy to check into forming a Fund-Raising Committee.

**Web-site:** Need updated pictures on website. Also need to update new board members on the website under "Our Club." Board discussed how to get new pictures to website administrator with appropriate information and the need to keep the website current. Also, discussed adding a "Social Member" slot to the HSV Pickleball Club Membership form with the effort to encourage other people interested in expanding pickleball in the village, whether they play pickleball or not, to become social members and be involved.

**Publicity:** Sandy McPhearson is currently submitting pickleball articles to newspapers. The board discussed forming a Publicity Committee to assist her. They could submit Ladder results to The Voice weekly for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place based on points earned. People like to see their name in the paper and this could bring new players to our ladder events. The committee would also take pictures and submit them to the website administrator and occasionally to the newspaper.

**Club Events:** Open House was successful last year. Plan to participate again this year. Need to determine date – was in May last year.

**Tournaments:** Jim McPherson is preparing a proposal for the POA regarding next year's Mid-Atlantic Tournament. It would require new courts by March 2018 and would bring in players to the village and a lot of visibility for Hot Springs Village.

**Meetings:**

Pickleball Club meetings to be held in October and March each year.

Board Meetings to be held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month.

**Next board meeting date is May 11 at 4:00 p.m.**