

Hot Springs Village Pickleball Club Board Meeting

December 14, 2017

Board Members Present: Randy Share, Marie Mason, Calvin Doody, Ian Tompkins, & Jim McPherson.
Guests: Jim Betts, Charlie John.

Randy opened the meeting at 3:30 pm welcoming everyone to the December meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2017 board meeting as submitted, Ian seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Calvin distributed an Interim Report for the 4th Qtr. 2017 showing Income of \$320.00 and expenses of \$281.70 with a current balance of \$4,485.35. Total pickleball club membership is 254. The report also contained a proposed budget for 2018 by category which will be decided upon at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Pickleball Complex Planning Committee: Jim Betts reported that Request for Proposals (RFPs) went out from the POA to 15 contractors with a deadline of January 8, 2018. Jim stated that he had talked with Staci Hoover prior to the RFPs going out with various comments and concerns that should be considered in the proposals. Site visits by the contractors should begin in the near future. Randy made a motion for Jim Betts to be our representative to oversee the contract work and to be the Pickleball Club liaison with the POA Recreation Department to oversee bids and bid clarification and contract awards, Jim McPherson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mid-America Championships: Randy stated that the letters that went out to the membership asking for approval for the Pickleball Club to sponsor a court at the Mid-America Indoor Pickleball Championships in Hot Springs in March showed 82% in favor. The POA agreed to sponsor a court as well. The cost to the club will be \$500 which means we will be acknowledged before each match on the court and we will be able to set up a booth in the vendor area to promote the Club and Hot Springs Village. Sandy McPherson is taking care of the publicity for this event but will coordinate with Joyce Betts. Winnie Montgomery is coordinating the event this year.

Clinic for Doubles Competition: Randy stated that the Clinic conducted by Ken Unger on tournament strategy for doubles partners was very successful. Ken is willing to conduct other clinics like it in the future at Village Church of Christ to help players prepare for the Mid-America Championships.

2018 Pickleball Club Dues: The form for Club Membership and/or renewal has been revised and Randy is to send out a notice reminding club members to renew their membership before January 31, 2018 and also reminding them that they should download the membership form from the pickleball club website.

Pickleball Central Club Rewards: Randy advised that the new Omni paddle arrived from Pickleball Central and will be in the clubhouse for people to demo. We also have 65 in club rewards.

Alternate Play Sites: Ian has checked with the Boys and Girls Club regarding use of their courts as an alternate play site when our construction begins. Susan asked that he check back with her after the 1st of January. Calvin mentioned that individuals can play at the YMCA in Hot Springs for \$5.00 if they have a Silver Sneakers membership. The new center is opening soon at Balboa Baptist Church and we can also play at Village Church of Christ on certain days. Holly was checking with Bob Wagstaff to see if we could share space at the Tennis Center but haven't heard back regarding that request. Jessieville School may allow us to use their practice gym. We have used their facility for competition events in the past. The Coronado Center is being used for basketball, table tennis and badminton so that may be a possibility.

Pickleball Logo at the Front Gate: The Board decided to hold off on this for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraising for New Cover: Charlie was filling in for Nancy Harlow and said that the Fundraising Committee had a meeting and discussed what it would take for a new cover since this is not included in the POA bid as part of the new complex. They found that a cover would cost approximately \$250k and that just isn't feasible.

Escrow Funds: Since the POA is not asking for a contribution from the Pickleball Club for the new complex, the Board discussed what to do with the monies in escrow. It was decided to send out an e-mail stating that we will refund your money if you would like or if you are willing to wait and see, there may be things not covered by the POA that we might need but would ask the donors for approval before spending the money in any way other than what was originally intended. Jim M. made a motion to approve the suggestions that Charlie had outlined for the e-mail.

Nominating Committee: It was agreed that Charlie would contact all the Board members to see who wants to remain in service on the Board for another term and he would set-up a nominating committee to determine if there are individuals that would like to fill any of the positions – vacant or otherwise.

Annual Meeting: It was decided that the annual meeting would be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Plans for the annual meeting will be finalized at the board meeting in February.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting date February 23, 2018