

Hot Springs Village Pickleball Club Board Meeting

November 16, 2017

Board Members Present: Randy Share, Marie Mason, Calvin Doody, Nancy Harlow, Ian Tompkins, & Jim McPherson. Guest: Holly Harck

Randy opened the meeting at 4:00 pm welcoming everyone to the November meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Ian made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2017 board meeting as submitted, Jim seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Calvin distributed a Fiscal and Operations Log showing revenue and expenses July 7, 2017 through November 13, 2017 with a current balance of \$4,482.35. The Board expressed appreciation for his work in setting up this report giving a quick view of the club's fiscal operations. Calvin mentioned that it will also assist in setting up a budget for next year.

Calvin pointed out that Dan Botkin is returning \$5.00 per pickleball shirt sold and that has resulted in \$100.00 in club revenue so far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Pickleball Complex Planning Committee: At the recent POA meeting, it was clear that they are going forward with the new Pickleball Complex even though there are reoccurring issues with the ongoing legal battle over POA fees. The money is available and the construction is predicted to begin early in 2018. The temperature will need to be at least 55 degrees for painting but that will probably not be completed until March or April when the temperatures start to rise, so should not be a problem. The Board discussed the need for a cover but it is felt that the POA Board does not share that same desire even though the Committee has gone to great lengths to convince them of the marketing benefits to be derived from having a cover and being able to hold competitions in The Village.

There will be no POA fees for Pickleball on the Fees Schedule for 2018. Those fees will be prorated, depending upon when the new complex opens, and will be collected by the POA at that time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Food Drive: Greg Allen was absent but the Board expressed appreciation for his efforts in setting up the food drive that resulted in a great deal of food distributed to a local church food bank. Pictures and an article written by Joyce Betts should appear in next week's Voice.

Clinic for Doubles Competition: Randy stated that the Clinic conducted by Ken Unger on tournament strategy for doubles partners was very successful. About 30 people participated in the clinic and appreciation was given to Ken for his efforts in conducting the clinic. Plans are being made for other clinics like it in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mid-America Championships March 22-25, 2018: Winnie Montgomery is coordinating the Mid-America Championships scheduled to be held in March in Hot Springs. She has asked if the club would like to sponsor a court during the championships at a cost of \$500.00. Randy made a motion for the club to be a sponsor contingent upon approval by the Pickleball Club membership, Ian seconded the motion, and the motion carried. It is felt that it is good public relations for pickleball in the area and would be of benefit to growing pickleball in Hot Springs Village. Volunteers will be needed to help with the championships, referees may be needed, as well as participants.

Pickleball Club Membership Renewal Form for 2018: The Board reviewed the current form and made revisions to it for 2018. Calvin will revise the form accordingly and submit it to our Webmaster, Dan Botkin, for inclusion on the Pickleball Club website. We will be collecting the \$10.00 membership fee even though our facility will be out of commission for a while. A lot of effort has gone into planning for the new Pickleball Complex, and will be continuing throughout the process, and efforts will continue to grow our membership for 2018.

Pickleball Central Club Rewards: Catherine Winslow originally arranged with Pickleball Central to participate in their Club Rewards and details are on the website. Our members get a 5% discount when purchasing from Pickleball Central using code CRHSV, and they in turn give a 5% credit back to our club. There are some unused credits available from previous years. It was agreed that Randy would be the new contact person with Pickleball Central. Randy will talk with them to make these changes as well as explore whether or not we wish to participate in their new paddle review.

Pickleball Logo on Club's Listing at Front Gate: The Board agreed to having the Pickleball Club Logo included on the Club's Listing at the front gate entrance. This can be done at an expense of \$50.00. Randy to contact Charlie Brown to set this in motion.

Alternate Playing Courts During Closure: The Board explored options for playing courts during the time the DeSoto courts are closed for renovation. Ian will check with the Boys and Girls Club for use of their 6 tennis courts and Holly will talk to Bob Wagstaff about using some of the Tennis Center courts for a short period of time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting date to be determined.