

Hot Springs Village Pickleball Club Board Meeting

October 19, 2017

Board Members Present: Randy Share, Greg Allen, Marie Mason, Calvin Doody, Nancy Harlow, Ian Tompkins, & Jim McPhearson

Randy opened the meeting at 4:00 pm with an announcement that the POA has approved \$400k for a new Pickleball Complex. He thanked Ian, Greg and Jim for all their hard work on the New Pickleball Complex Planning Committee working with the Recreation Committee to get this approved.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Ian made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2017 board meeting as submitted, Greg seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Calvin distributed the 3rd Qtr. Treasurer's Report showing expenses of \$714.77 and income of \$190.00 for a balance of \$4,447.05 as of 9/30/2017. He also mentioned that we had to pay \$50.00 in permit fees to display signs for the Open House but that it is good for a year.

We had 16 new members join this past quarter and 3 renewals bringing our total membership to 239.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Publicity Committee:

Marie presented the scrap book that she has set up for pictures of the various pickleball events and publicity from the newspapers. She expressed what a wonderful job Joyce Betts has been doing getting publicity in the Village Voice with pictures and articles of interest about Pickleball. The board agreed and asked that we continue to try to get articles in the paper at least monthly. Marie thanked the board for their efforts in taking pictures, especially of the ladders, and submitting them to Joyce for publication and to Dan Botkin for the website.

New Pickleball Complex Planning Committee: Ian brought up concerns regarding the new complex now that the budget for it has been reduced to \$400k. Basically, the reduction is due to the fact that the new complex will not have a cover to start out which would have cost approximately \$190K. It is felt that the POA wants to wait and see how much the new complex is going to be utilized by the village as an amenity before they commit to adding a cover. It is understood, that the complex will not be able to be utilized for competitions until part of it is covered and, therefore, will not be a marketing tool to bring people to the Village until that occurs.

Fundraising Committee: Nancy stated that fundraising is at a standstill until we get a better picture of what the new complex will consist of and when that is scheduled to occur. Greg mentioned that we need to have a meeting with the whole Pickleball Club to tell them what is going on, however, the Board agreed that we need something more concrete with regards to what the new complex will look like and when it is scheduled to begin. Jim plans to meet with Recreation Director, Staci Hoover, to establish a means of what is being planned and what their timeframe is.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Newcomer's Coffee: It is felt that our presence at the monthly Newcomer's Coffee is of little benefit, however, the Pickleball Club is to host the event next February and we will be looking for volunteers to help with that.

Sign-up Genius: The board decided to re-look at this when it comes up for renewal next Spring. The general feeling is that it is not being used enough to justify the expense, possibly due to the complexity of the system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open House: Greg Allen reported that the Open House on October 14 was very successful with 50 new people attending and 21 were at the beginner's class the following Tuesday. The new Editor from The Village Voice came by for a visit and will be including an article about the Open House in the paper next week.

Beginner's Group: Greg announced that the time for this group will be changed to 4:00 pm and he will notify Dan to change it on the website.

Restructuring of Ladders: The board discussed and agreed to rename the Ladder Groups from numbers to: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Intermediate Advanced and Advanced in an effort to better describe the levels and save confusion.

Clinic for Tournament Players: Randy announced that Ken Unger (who recently won gold with his partner in the 4.5 men's doubles at Huber Springs) has offered to host a clinic on tournament strategies as doubles partners. This will be beneficial to those wanting to compete in doubles competition but also for anyone just wanting to improve their double's play. This clinic will take place on Thursday, October 26, from 4-6 pm at the DeSoto courts.

USAPA Representative: Ian and Greg agreed to take Dee Vincent's place as the primary USAPA (USA Pickleball Association) contact persons for HSV. Other Ambassador's include Christie Borne, Winnie Montgomery, Dennis and Diane Ramsdell.

Start Date for Renewal Period: Calvin asked the Board for clarification regarding the start date for renewals – Is it prorata or calendar year? Calvin says it gets complicated if someone joins and pays late in the calendar year or someone decides to renew and pay their dues early. The Board explained that the Bylaws say that if they pay in October, they are a new member for the balance of that year and the next year as well so we must abide by the bylaws.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Lights: There is a problem with the lights at the courts and Randy will contact the POA to see what can be done to fix the problem(s).

Next board meeting date is November 16 at 4:00 p.m.