

Highlands Pickleball Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Harris @ 2:02 p.m. All Board Members were in attendance as well as the Past President. Including the Board and Past President, 27 members were in attendance.

AGENDA:

- (1) Welcome new members: No new members were in attendance.
- (2) Secretary Report: 27 members were in attendance at the March 16, 2024, meeting. A reminder was expressed of the importance of an accurate number count and please remember to sign in upon arrival, not only at meetings, but all social events. The last Social Committee event was the annual pizza party on 4/10/2024 with 120+ members in attendance. Daphne reminded the members that any paid social event must be paid at the time of the event and not charged to the member's HOA account. Payment is either in cash or check and paid at sign in on the day of the event. In addition, prior to the event "sign up" is required for each social event, either on the HPA's social website or Court Reserve; the sign up instructions will be provided in advance of the event.
- (3) Treasurer's Report: Lonnie Leiffer reported the balance as of April 30, 2024, was \$9,766.00. Two new members were added in April.
- (4) Committee Reports:
 - (a) Scheduling: Summer schedule is now in effect. New scheduling will be available the end of September, 2024. Gail reminded group leaders to please release courts in a timely manner so those players desiring court usage will have the availability to reserve these courts.
 - (b) Competition: De Hamman reported, in Gary Thalman's absence, that we are currently in the midst of Women's Ladder play for a 4 week session. This will be followed by Men's Ladder, four week session, and last ladder event of summer will be the Mixed Doubles, also a four week session. Currently, the women's ladder play is scheduled on Friday mornings at 7:30 – 9:00.
 - (c) Social: JoAnn Jones reported the next event will be July 4, 2024. This will be an early morning breakfast potluck. More info on sign ups to follow. In October 2024, date to be determined, will be our Welcome Back Snowbirds event. More info to come.
 - (d) Communications: No info; this committee will be on hold thru the summer months.
- (5) Introduction to Why/What/How Process: This Strategic Planning Group has been organized due to the HPA's growth in membership and the addition of our 4 new courts, to provide our membership a guideline of the best available decisions for our success not only now but in the future. The basic primary task this group was to articulate (1) Why the HPA exists; (2) What the desired outcomes are to insure continuing success, and (3) How to achieve this. Tom made reference to a statement made by Yogi Berra: "Be very careful if you don't know where you're going, cause you may not get there." Tom asked for comments by any interested member thru the end of June, 2024, for consideration to added success of this Strategic Planning Group. He noted that he sees the need of more in depth in every area of a successful Pickleball Organization...this includes "Court Maintenance" and needs more people to volunteer here; Expansion of committee efforts in "welcoming and ambassador" programs; the establishment of smaller groups as set out in the outline guide. He noted that nothing will be done without feedback and presentation.

Tom also presented information to the members in attendance of the HOA Amenities Policy being revisited by the HOA Board in upcoming meetings scheduled on 5/16/2024 (study session) and the actual HPA Board meeting on May 27, 2024. The current HOA policy is -0- guests, however the Board has agreed to revisit existing HOA policy and have opened it up for debate again. Tom stated the previous HPA policy of allowing a local non-resident to play two (2) times a month here at the Highlands has never been a problem or an issue even when we only had 4 courts and this is not

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a problem now with the addition of our 4 new courts. The HOA is also proposing charging a \$10.00 per player fee and only 2 times a month. Tom voiced his disagreement with this \$10.00 charge per player as it would be near impossible to police.

- (6) Member Comments: Sue Cook asked about the current info on the proposed Night Star system to replace our existing Court Reserve system. Nothing as of this meeting date has been provided. North Star was late on delivery to The Highlands, not only pickleball but other areas, including restaurant modules not seen yet. Comment was made that Saddle Brook uses North Star system, however, not for their pickleball or tennis venues. Answer...No update to date. Mike Cravens advised members that Dave Epperson has suspended beginner lessons sessions thru the summer. However, if any interest, a one on one session can be provided thru the summer. The subject of ideas for Open Play thru the summer was discussed. Referenced the success of Margaritaville and new summer time of 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Helen said the use of the "white board" method of sign up, as is being used by the Oro Valley Community Center, is being considered and will try to figure out times during the summer to implement. These games would not be timed, but played to 11. Will experiment with different ways of Open Play thru the summer session and figure out times to play.

There being no further comments or actions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Daphne Hetherington
HPA Secretary