

Highlands Pickleball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Harris @ 4:01PM. All Board Members were in attendance. Including the Board Members, 33 members were present.

AGENDA:

- (1) Welcome new members: Two new members introduced themselves: Judy Dye and Ed Dye
- (2) Update on North Star transition and scheduling software: For the HPC, Court Reserve will still be used for the next session/season (October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025). In the meantime, Mark has set up a Night Star consultant for us to work with.

(3) Reports:

Treasurer: Lonnie reported that we have 6-10 new members since the last meeting. August balance was \$9,000.00 with expenses of \$80.00. Current to date balance \$9,490.00. The HPC will be paying for the upcoming Social Committee Event, "Labor Day and Appreciation to all our "NO BIRDS".

Social Committee: Nicolette Smith announced our upcoming Labor Day event, 9/2/2024, has been very well received and at this time, we anticipate at least 65 members will be participating. The event will include breakfast burritos, fruit and sweets, all provided by the HPC. All 8 courts will be available for Open Play between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Scheduling Committee: Kimberly Bowman represented the Scheduling Committee. Fall season starts October 1, 2024 -January 15, 2025. It appears we may not need a lottery for this session. An email will be sent out on 9/6/2024, requesting groups' interest in play. The committee requests that this information be returned to this committee by 9/20/2024, for time to prepare the schedule for the next season. She asked that with the request the leader include the group members' names, number of courts and time of play. The regular HPC sponsored play will remain; i.e., Sunday a.m. mixed doubles, Women's Open, as well as Men's Open.

- (4) New Training and Skills Development Classes: Helen requested that members who are interested in these new programs to please "self rate" themselves as participation will be based on the member's rating. If you don't want to participate in these programs it is not necessary to rate yourself. The initial schedule is: beginners...Tuesday and Thursdays; 2.5 & 3.0..Mondays and Wednesdays; and 3.5+ Fridays. Col. Mike, Dave Epperson and Nicolette Smith will again be working with the beginners' groups and requested anyone willing to volunteer to help them, please contact them. The format for these classes is: drill for 1 hour and play for the last ½ hour. These groups will be led by a head coach and assistants. The 2.5 and 3.0 group will be led by Jim Widdows. Sign ups will be required for the sessions.

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(5) Ambassador Initiatives for new residents and members: Tom and Katri , Bill Pollock and Donna Hover arranged games for the new members over the summer. Tom and Katri provided lessons and helped to integrate them into play with other players of their skill level. These Ambassadors foresee the need for more Ambassadors to assist in this program. Anyone interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Donna Hover so she can schedule a court and play time for these new members.

(6) Facilities: At the current time, the HOA Maintenance team blows off our courts 5 times a week....this excludes the weekends. Lonnie committed that many of our HPC members have helped with maintenance issues and he asked that members be cognizant of whatever may be necessary to help with keeping our courts clean and safe. Please volunteer to help if you can. This issue will be revisited in the near future.

Ken Grossman has been a great help these past several months in the facilities arena. Unfortunately, due to Ken's health issues, he is not able to go forward with this task. Many thanks to Ken for all his efforts and time keeping our courts clean and safe. Wayne Yarmoska, Lonnie and Jerry Davis are working on what to do with our facilities issues. They are considering a facilities link on our HPC website to get a group together for this purpose.

(7) Members' Comments: Rich Chohon, HOA Athletics Director, attended our meeting and announced that he has put together work out programs for our pickleball, tennis and golf players. He is encouraging members to come by the fitness center and try out these programs. These work out programs emphasize the arms and shoulders. He has prepared instructions for these specific activities and will help players with these exercises. Helen is starting her new yoga class next week and will be incorporating these exercises in her instruction.

Rodney Raasch announced to our members that 3 HOA Board of Directors' positions are available for the coming term as well as 7 committee positions. He encouraged anyone interested in running for any of these positions to step up and get involved.

Tom addressed the issue of "Open Play" and stated that, in his personal views, this program went extremely successful this year. He announced our next Open Play date will be the Labor Day event on Monday, 9/2/2024.

Tom also brought up the recent issue of our name change from the Highlands Pickleball Association (HPA) to the Highlands Pickleball Club (HPC). This was implemented as we recently were made aware by our banking institution that our initial paper work stated Highlands Pickleball Club as our official name. Our name is slowly being rebranded.

There being no further comments or actions, the meeting was adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

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Respectively submitted:

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HPC Secretary