

AAPA Board Meeting Lay Park May 9, 2022

Present: Lilly Garrett, Ian Bassett, Tom McEnaney, Larry King, Steve Bryant, Kris Bakowski Joan Baird, Kevin McHugh, Valerie Fagan (Citizens group)
Absent: Polly Crumbley, Diane Strong, Penny Adams, Jerry Brinegar (Ambassador)

Lilly called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Kris Bakowski made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom McEnaney seconded it and the motion carried.

Financial/Membership

Financial reports were received from Kevin. In the past few months we have purchased some balls and some nets to help accommodate our players on the new Bishop Park Pickleball courts. No other unusual expenses have been made. As of May 3, 2022 we have 341 members.

ACC Leisure Services Update

Southeast Clarke Park - The pickleball courts here are scheduled for resurfacing the week of June 6th. It will take approximately one week to complete. A request by the AAPA Board to increase the number of courts from 6 to 8 was rejected by ACC Leisure Services. They indicated that the bids to have the courts resurfaced was approved a long time ago and there was not enough money to make changes at this point. It was reported to us they would be resurfacing around the existing posts so taking out those posts and adding two more courts was not in the budget.

Bishop Park - the three upper tennis courts at Bishop Park have been resurfaced. They have been striped with tennis court lines, junior tennis lines and pickleball lines. The pickleball lines are black. Right now there are no guidelines for centering the nets in the kitchen. Tom McEnaney is going to have Leisure Services mark this in some way. Leisure Services will also be moving the lock box to the courts. Once this box has been moved, the combination will be changed for all the lock boxes and that code will be emailed to all members. Please do not share this code with non-members. Also, we would encourage everyone to put the nets away properly in the box when you leave.

Satterfield Park - The courts are not scheduled for resurfacing until the end of the next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2022. The AAPA Board requested that Leisure Services make Satterfield a dedicated pickleball area like SE Clarke Park. The AAPA Board discussed helping with the expense of this conversion but ACC Leisure Services rejected the idea. They stated that Satterfield had to remain a shared space with tennis. The board members were told that no sport would be able to take space away from another sport so that is why that space needed to remain shared.

Future of more pickleball courts for Athens Clarke County - Several members of the AAPA board met with the head of ACC Leisure Services, Ken Kilpatrick, to discuss more pickleball opportunities. Several years ago a Master Plan was designed by the city to add 12 more pickleball courts behind the existing courts at Southeast Clarke Park. That plan was put together as part of a SPLOST package proposed to the government. This plan was never approved by Athens Clarke County and therefore was not represented in the SPLOST package to the voters. The next opportunity to bring it to ACC is not until the next SPLOST referendum comes up and that is in 2030. The Board asked Kent if he could get estimates on what it would cost to add the courts at SE Clarke Park for us to determine if that is something we could help finance in the future. Lilly will be arranging a follow up meeting with him in the fall.

Citizen Group (Valerie Fagan)

Valerie has been working with the athletic director at Clarke Central for including pickleball in "Healthy Day" at Clarke Central High School on Saturday May 14th. AAPA will have 15 volunteers out there demonstrating pickleball and handing out information.

Valerie is also continuing her advocacy work with the mayor and the city manager to grow pickleball in Athens Clarke County.

Clinics

Joan Baird will be talking about clinics again with Marc Gallant at Jennings Mill when the fall rolls around.

Pickled Peach Tournament

Ian Bassett will be meeting in two weeks with Michelle Milliman and Marc Gallant on their specific roles and duties as well as their compensation package to put this tournament on. It is tentatively set for October 22 and 23 at Jennings Mill Country Club. It is now listed now on pickleballtournaments.com. However, the compensation package must be approved by the AAPA Board prior to registration opening.

Old Business

YMCA - AAPA Claude Baxley (Bax) is working for the YMCA to facilitate their evening pickleball programs.

YWCO - The YWCO will be closed for the summer beginning May 18th. AAPA member Vickie Edwards has been working with this group and is planning a fun round robin on May 16th at the YWCO to conclude their program until it starts back up in the fall.

Over 60 Pickleball group -- this group had its third event at the beginning of May. It went very well. The next event is June 4th when there will be a tournament type event with all four regions (Morgan, Putnam, Greene and Athens Clarke Counties) being represented.

Social - the social held on May 1st for APPA members was well attended. Thank to Joan and Robert Baird for sharing their pole barn for the event. Joan said her hospitality committee was looking to start quarterly luncheons again in the fall. APPA use to do this but when the COVID Pandemic caused shutdown of the courts it was stopped. Some outside locations will probably be looked at for these events since our membership has grown.

New Business

Summer Play - Lilly will be sending out an email soon with all the indoor closing dates for the summer. The outside courts will be getting more use as those that have been playing inside will be moving outdoors. AAPA urges everyone to be courteous and share court space when people are waiting for courts. All players are welcome on our public courts and everyone has a right to play. We want everyone to have a pleasant experience on the courts. We will be monitoring the courts and if need be we will post some etiquette signs for more efficient play.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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