

## **Athens Area Pickleball Association Board Meeting Minutes August 8, 2022, Lay Park**

**Members present:** Lilly Garrett, Tom McEnaney, Diane Strong, Kris Bakowski, Polly Crumbley, Ian Bassett, Larry King, Steve Bryant, Penny Adams, Kevin McHugh, USAPA Ambassador, Janelle McCain, Citizens Advisory Group Chair, Valerie Fagan

**Absent:** Mike Schmidt

Lilly Garrett called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Diane Strong made the motion to accept the previous month's minutes as written. Kevin McHugh seconded it. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

### **Financial Report**

Kevin McHugh reported that we had very little in expenses the past month. Money for the Pickled Peach Tournament is trickling in. Membership continues to increase with last month being the third month in a row we received at least 20 new members. We are approximately 425 members.

### **Leisure Services**

Tom McEnaney reported the locks were changed on all the lock boxes last month. He has asked Leisure Services to have the windscreens tied down but to date we have not seen any progress on that. There is a need for brooms at Southeast Clarke Park as well as Satterfield. These brooms have been requested in the past but brooms have still not been provided by ACC Leisure Services.

Lilly talked with Mark McCoy at Leisure Services about putting an information box up at Bishop Park and Mark gave AAPA permission to do so. Lilly has put one up at Bishop Park and there is information about joining AAPA there now.

### **Communications**

Polly Crumbley reported that there are 348 people in our Facebook Group Athens Area Pickleball. Three people have been blocked from the site for not following the rules outlined to be a member. Kris Bakowski will be added as an administrator to the site. Polly said we have a wide variety of posts and members have been sharing photos of events at the courts and helpful information.

### **Ambassador**

Janelle McCain said she is working on updating an app from USA Pickleball. The App is Places2Play and can be found in the app store. The app is used to find places to play pickleball while traveling. Janelle is updating all of the information for the venues around Athens where visitors can play. You do not have to be a USA Pickleball member to use the app. However, Janelle would like to encourage AAPA members to become USA Pickleball members as there is quite a bit of content on their website that would be helpful to players. She also explained that because our organization does not have leagues or team play that the club membership is really not warranted at this time.

### **Pickled Peach Tournament**

The contract has been signed by all parties (AAPA, Marc Gallant, Michelle Milliman) for the Pickled Peach Tournament to be held at Jennings Mill Country Club on October 22 and 23, 2022. Lilly is working with Michelle on getting the number of volunteers needed, length of time they would be needed and what days. Lilly is also going to be talking with Michelle about training for these positions. Marc and Michelle are waiting to hear back about some insurance issues and once that is resolved then a flyer will be made available for everyone to help spread the word about the tournament. Tournament registration is open now at [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com).

Sponsors are still needed for the tournament. Lilly will be getting out information to the membership as to how they can help.

### **Social Committee**

Joan Baird reported that there will be an annual Social/Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. At this time we will be voting on new board members and bringing everyone up to date on what is happening with the association. The event will be held at Joan's house where our last large gathering took place. More information will be forthcoming to the membership.

Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> will be another potluck lunch at Bishop Park under the covered Pavilion. Start time is 12 noon. Members will be asked to bring a dish to share and a chair. Lilly will be sending out an announcement to the membership.

### **Over 60 League**

Kevin McHugh reported that the last event of the season is going to be August 25<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Park. He is still needing women to fill the roster.

### **Citizens Advisory Group**

Valerie Fagan reported that Clarke Central has put on hold the painting of the pickleball lines until the fall. She is still working on support for youth pickleball and concentrating on the west side of Athens. Members were sent an email about the work being done by Willie Green to develop a youth center on the west side of Athens. There is an opportunity to play pickleball indoors at this site during the times that youth sports are not being played.

Valerie continues to meet with city officials to help develop our sport for everyone. She will be meeting with the Athens Visitors Center to share what AAPA is about and ask for assistance.

### **New Business**

All gyms are back open as well as the YWCO.

Dues will stay the same for next year (\$25.00 single, \$40.00 family). New AAPA brochures will be printed for distribution.

A nominating committee will be set up to help fill the open positions on the board. As of now, there are four voting members and two advisory members (non voting) seats available. Kris Bakowski will be heading up the nominating committee. Lilly will be sending an email out to the membership asking for volunteers for this committee. All people interested in being on the committee will need to email Kris by 5:00 p.m. August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Herman C Michael outdoor courts - Steve Bryant said there is progress being made for the outdoor courts with grading having begun. They are hoping to have the courts completed by the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.