

**Athens Area Pickleball Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Lay Park**  
**September 19, 2022**

**Members Present:** Lilly Garrett, Kevin McHugh, Kris Bakowski, Diane Strong, Polly Crumbley, Tom McEnaney, Joan Baird, Larry King, Ian Bassett

**Members Absent:** Steve Bryant, Penny Adams, Mike Schmidt

**Others Present:** Janelle McCain

Lilly called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Joan Baird made a motion to approve the August minutes as written. Diane Strong seconded it. Motion carried.

**Financials/Membership**

Kevin McHugh stated there were 437 members at the end of August. We are estimating by the end of December, we could be at 500 members.

At the end of August our 11-month surplus of revenues over expenses was over \$1,900, so with one month to go in the fiscal year it looks like we are going to finish the fiscal year very strong.

Other than the tournament expenses the only other expense we have coming up is the October Annual Meeting.

**Equipment/Leisure Services**

Tom McEnaney reported that the Satterfield courts are expected to be resurfaced by spring. He is in communications with the staff to ask for that to be moved up if at all possible, as once Daylight Savings Time ends, more people will want to play at Satterfield because of the lights. The lights at Satterfield are scheduled to turn off each night around 10:30 p.m. Bishop Park court lights go out at 9:00 p.m.

**Communications**

Polly Crumbley stated that we have had quite a few more people join our Facebook group. We will try to push membership more through the Facebook group.

**Ambassador Report**

Janelle McCain said there was not a USA Pickleball meeting last month but there will be a meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. She expressed interest to have a float in this year's Athens Christmas Parade the first Thursday after Thanksgiving. This would give Athens Area Pickleball Association some publicity and more recognition. She is going to check into the logistics and report back to the board. The Christmas Parade is Thursday, December 1 in downtown Athens.

Janelle also said that she would like to see AAPA do more "local" one day tournaments that would benefit local charities. It was brought up that AAPA used to do that before COVID. Community Service work as an organization was also discussed to help bring awareness to AAPA and show that we are a partner in the community.

## **Social Committee**

Joan Baird reported that the lunch social went well at Bishop Park on September 15<sup>th</sup>. About 30-40 people were in attendance. The next social event will be the annual meeting of the membership of AAPA on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Joan's house. Meat will be provided by AAPA and everyone will be asked to bring a covered dish. Lilly will be sending out a mail chimp invite to all AAPA members asking for them to RSVP for the event. At this meeting, a vote will be taken on a slate of new board members for the upcoming year.

**Citizens Committee** -- Valerie Fagan was not present but presented a report to Lilly. She was working with Willie Green on his new facility on the west side of town that he is building. He had asked the ACC Government to help him financially to establish a youth recreation center for the west side of Athens. The ACC Government has decided not to fund this project. However, Willie Green is still continuing to build out the structure for traveling basketball and volleyball tournaments. There is potential for some indoor pickleball courts. As more information becomes available we will pass on to our membership.

## **Over 60 League**

Kevin reported that the last event of the season for this group was rained out or forfeited. The group leaders are going to get together soon to assess future play.

## **Pickled Peach Tournament**

As of September 19<sup>th</sup> there are 84 players registered for the tournament. Lilly and Kevin are scheduling a meeting with Marc Gallant and Michelle Milliman to see where we stand on expenses, what they feel is a realistic number of additional players and the possibility of cancelling the tournament.

We've incurred no related expenses other than the PayPal fees.

## **Nominating Committee**

Kris Bakowski presented a list of nominees to become new board members for the next fiscal year. Three voting board members (Bakowski, Crumbley and Baird) will be rolling off the board to become advisors. Kevin McHugh made a motion for the following slate of nominees to be submitted to the membership for approval at the annual membership meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Tom McEnaney seconded it and the board unanimously approved it. The slate of nominees to fill those three spots are Ian Bassett, Janelle McCain and Vickie Edwards. At the November board meeting, the board will then elect the officers for next year. New advisory board members were also discussed. Advisory members do not need membership approval as they are non-voting members. Those being asked to join the board as advisors are Owen Bullard, Jerry Tolbert and Pam Benson.

## **New Business**

Joan Baird met with Robin Stevens who is the director of COTA - Clarke Oconee Tennis Association. Joan would like to see how we can work with them in order to get more courts for pickleball in the area. A meeting is going to be set up with Lilly, Joan and Tom to discuss ways we can work together.

Academy Sports - Academy is adding more paddles to their pickleball inventory. One of our members, William Harbor, has arranged for a 20% discount on all pickleball items in store only during the month of October for AAPA members. **Lilly will put out a mail chimp notification to our members and how to redeem this special offer.** It is only for IN STORE purchases only on PICKLEBALL items. If you are taking advantage of this offer please thank Academy for doing this.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.