

AAPA February 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Kevin McHugh, Lilly Garrett, Kris Bakowski, Polly Crumbley
Joan Baird, Tom McEnaney, Diane Strong

Advisors present: Penny Adams, Larry King, Steve Bryant, Ian Bassett, Mike Schmidt

Absent: Jerry Brinegar, Ambassador, Valerie Fagan, Citizens Group

The ZOOM meeting was called to order by Lilly at 2:06 pm. Joan Baird made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Kevin McHugh seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin stated that he had paid for the insurance and regulatory fees that were due. He also reported that approximately 75% of the membership has renewed. Lilly will be sending out another message to everyone to renew as soon as possible.

Any member can contact our Treasurer Kevin McHugh, kgmchugh@charter.net, to receive AAPA financial report.

Equipment/Leisure Services

Tom McEnaney reported that the Leisure Services Department is still looking at the tree situation behind the courts at SEC Clarke Park as well as the windscreens that need to be replaced/fixed. No timeline is given from Leisure Services to have these items resolved. He also reported that there were three lights out at Satterfield Park and he reported this to Leisure Services. He was told that there have to be four lights out before a work order can be put in to fix them. Joan Baird is going to check to see if she can find out how the work orders are processed for a chance to have them sped up. Tom also said that the squeegees are in and three are currently at SE Clarke Park and one is at Satterfield. He will also get one to Aaron Heard Community Center and they will keep this inside locked up. We will put a sign on the lock box that if the squeegee is needed they can go inside and get it.

Leisure Services had told Tom that three tennis courts at Bishop Park were going to have lines put on them when the courts were resurfaced in April. That would give us six additional courts on the west side of town. There is a lock box already at Bishop Park and it will be moved to the six courts. Joan Baird made a motion for us to purchase six new nets at approximately \$145.00 each for these new courts. Tom McEnaney seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve that motion. The nets as well as balls will be provided by AAPA at Bishop Park in the same manner they are done at Satterfield. Only AAPA members will have the combination to the lock box and will be able to access the nets and balls.

The indoor balls that we bought are in and will be distributed to Lay Park and Aaron Heard Community Center. We have an additional 96 indoor balls and some of those will be given to Herman C. Michael Park in Watkinsville, YWCO and Athens First United Methodist Church.

Our inventory on outdoor balls are 45 Franklin, 50 Core and 191 Duraballs.

Citizen's Group

Valerie Fagan, Phil Jones, Larry King, Marc Gallant and Lilly Garrett met with Mayor Kelly Girtz to bring him up to date on pickleball and the growth of pickleball in Athens. He explained that if additional courts and facilities were to be built that they would probably have to come from SPLOST funds. For any issues on a day to day basis, we should contact the City Manager for assistance.

Clinics

Marc Gallant at Jennings Mill is looking at having another clinic in the spring with the date yet to be determined.

Pickled Peach Tournament Update

Kevin and Lilly met to discuss tournament costs. It has been discussed that Marc Gallant of Jennings Mill Country Club and Michelle Milliman (AAPA Member) could co-direct the tournament but what we would pay them is still in question. Several scenarios were discussed by the board. Larry and Lilly have met with Marc and Michelle at different times to discuss the Pickled Peach Tournament. It is still to be determined as to what exactly Marc and Michelle will be doing and who pays for what. Lilly will set up another meeting with Marc and Michelle.

Communications

Polly Crumbley reported that we have gotten more members to sign up to the Facebook Group. She is monitoring the site for inappropriate posts. She stated that the rules to be a member are very broad, no

religious posts, political posts, no solicitations or vulgarity. Posts must represent an interest to the general Athens area pickleball community. There was a question from some members about whether or not we should post other people's tournaments on the Facebook Group Page. Lilly made a motion to allow post for local tournaments and Polly would approve them before they posted. Diane Strong seconded it and the board approved the motion unanimously.

It was also agreed that if there are reps for paddle companies that are paid members of AAPA they can list their information on our web page.

YWCO

Many new players are finding their way to the YWCO for afternoon play on Mondays and Wednesday, 1:00-3:30pm. The YWCO has hired one of our AAPA Members (Akemi Crane) to be there with players to help instruct them. Several other members are there as well. They have enough players now that one court is being used for beginners only and the other two are for play. If you are a member of the YWCO, Silver Sneakers or Fit and Active you can play for free. If not, there is a \$7.00 per person fee per day. Someone from the Y will be there to check people in.

YMCA

The YMCA is trying to introduce pickleball to their members. On Thursday March 17th there will be two clinics to show the members what pickleball is all about. One will be in the morning 10:00-11:30am and one at 6:00-7:30pm. Lilly asked them to have people sign up so we would know how many people to expect so will have enough people to help demonstrate the sport. It was agreed that AAPA would loan them three nets for these clinics as well as some balls. The YMCA would have to provide the paddles.

New Business

Donations

Each year AAPA makes a donation to facilities in the area that provide free pickleball play to the public. These funds are given directly to the facilities to use at their discretion. Joan Baird made a motion that two \$500.00 contributions be made to both Lay Park and Aaron Heard Community Center as well as a \$250.00 donation to Athens First United Methodist Church. Kris Bakowski seconded it and the board approved the donations unanimously.

Complimentary Membership

It was suggested that a complimentary membership be given to Michelle Milliman for all the work she has been doing on the Ultimate Challenge every week. Tom McEnaney made a motion, Joan Baird seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

Over 60 League

Kevin McHugh is heading this effort. To date about 30 people have expressed interest in playing. The first match will be on March 10th in Greensboro. A team of 12 people - 6 men and 6 women needs to be filled with a captain. To date, of the 30 people only 7 people have committed to the March 10th date. Lilly will be sending out another communication through Mailchimp for people to sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.

Check out our website: athensareapickleball.com

- Where we play, indoors and outdoors.
- *Under News*, information about a possible over 60 League Play
- Paddle exchange and Paddles representatives.
- AAPA board minutes